

RADIO AND TELEVISION ENGINEERING AND FACILITIES

1973 has witnessed the beginning of a great expansion in the potential outreach of the broadcast ministries of Faith Center. As this is being written, the remodelling of the building for the new television production center of Faith Broadcasting Network is nearing completion and installation of equipment is commencing. The extensive modifications to the 15,000 square foot former hardware store on east Broadway in Glendale will provide three production studios with associated control rooms, offices, videotape and film facilities. Space will also be provided for set construction and storage. A tremendous amount of expensive equipment will be required to put this facility into full operation for production of high quality Christian programming for the Faith Broadcasting Network. This will include additional videotape recorders, color cameras, and related auxiliary equipment.

Rebuilding of the program origination equipment at the Sunset Ridge transmitter site of KHOF-TV has been completed with resulting improvement in the on-air look. A two-way radio system has been installed between Glendale and Sunset Ridge to facilitate program coordination and provide communication with the transmitter operators with resultant savings in telephone expense.

A microwave link has been established through a repeater located on Frazier Mountain near Gorman to relay programs from KHOF-FM to be re-broadcast by KIFM in Bakersfield. A major project involving KIFM in 1974 will be moving the transmitter to a new site east of Bakersfield with an increase to maximum power resulting in a much greater coverage for that station.

Application has been made to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to make a five-fold increase in the power of WHCT-TV Channel 18 in Hartford. Negotiations have been completed with RCA for purchase of a new 60KW transmitter to accomplish this increase.

The outreach of the Faith Broadcasting Network into the San Francisco Bay area is nearing reality as construction of the Channel 38 station approaches completion. The major components of the new CCA 55KW transmitter are already installed, the antenna of the former Channel 38 station was purchased still in place on the tower, and assembly of the studio and control equipment is being completed here in Glendale for shipment soon to San Francisco.

So, exciting things are happening every day toward providing added millions with the opportunity of knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the engineering staff whose continuing dedication and long hours of work makes it possible for these facilities to be constructed and maintained and to the members and friends of Faith Center who support this outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

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