

## How I Became a New Mother in My 50's

By Laurie Snyman



To think about bringing another son or daughter into our family was never considered. My only daughter has been married for several years. We certainly had no clue about it when we invited a young man home for Thanksgiving dinner. He was very thin and appeared like he could use a good home-cooked meal!

Carlot was in his 30's, from Haiti and studying music at Michigan State University. Although he had suffered an accident in childhood and only had one arm, he was a professional trumpeter, playing concerts all over the US. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit to our home and I asked him to accompany me to some churches on weekends to play music where I was speaking. His music was inspiring and appreciated by all who heard him, and I was touched by his childhood story. It was of incredible hardship, the murder of his mother and the abandonment of his father, but his resilience and faith in God brought him through. God had performed miracles in his young life, and Carlot has donated much of his time to help handicapped children learn music.

Carlot miraculously came to this country only one week before the great Haitian earthquake that took down the buildings of his school AND the students in those buildings. As he shared his story, my heart was full of love for him. His story was so fascinating and such a picture of God's love that I wrote a book about him, *From Trauma to Triumph, The Carlot Dorve Story*, available on Amazon.

We helped him get his driver's license and made sure he had a car. He started to call me "mother friend", as the word 'mother' was reserved for our daughter. But, when they were together at a family dinner one night and each kept calling

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# From the President...

## The Holy Spirit is our BEST Fundraiser!



Over the years, we have been told countless stories of how the Holy Spirit has woken people in the early morning hours and impressed them to contribute to Strong Tower Radio. We know it is only through the blessing of the Lord that this ministry continues to broadcast the 3 Angels' Messages to Michigan and beyond.

We air the straight truth which you won't hear on many other Christian stations. We are blessed to be protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. While we have the privilege to speak freely, the enemy tries in a multitude of ways to shut us down from equipment failures to financial lows,

where funding seems to dry up. Our transmitter for WAVC, Mio, is failing, but praise the Lord our new transmitter has arrived. We should be able to install it soon. A major transmitter component at WUPJ, in Escanaba, has failed which costs \$5,000 to replace!

We have seen it time and time again, when donations have fallen off, the Lord has opened a new opportunity to us. This appears to be the case once again. I cannot go into a lot of details, but it appears the Lord may be opening an opportunity for us to enter a large metro area in lower Michigan. While a new station is always exciting, keeping stations in good repair and on the air is the challenge we continually face. Stations are broadcasting truth 24/7 and need real dollars to stay on the air!

Covenant Partners are the life blood for this ministry and if you're a Covenant Partner, thank you for supporting us. If not, please ask the Holy Spirit what He would have you do. Does your church support Strong Tower Radio in their monthly budget? If not, I would encourage them to give, especially if there are new members who have come into your church from Strong Tower Radio. This is God's work, partner with us as we continue to share the 3 Angels' Messages to Michigan and beyond.

*By David Bolduc*



### **The Resurrection Program Success**

Strong Tower Radio produced many programs featuring Christ's last days on Earth this year. The total hours aired exceeded 40. It was a team effort to God's glory.

## STR Changed Lives Mio Station Reaches Detroit!



In 2013 at camp meeting, George Corliss switched on 93.9 Mio. After listening to the Mio Station, Carol Cowell walked into the Houghton Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church! I invited her to camp meeting 2015, and she decided to be baptized that summer.

Carol couldn't keep Strong Tower Radio to herself! She invited her friends and family to listen to Strong Tower Radio, and every year she invited them to come to camp meeting.

Last summer Carol's mother, Elaine Hunter, came to camp meeting for the first time. There Elaine heard the testimony of Bill Omell, one of Carol's friends, who had already decided to be baptized because of Strong Tower Radio. Elaine studied the Bible with Jane Gibbs, and Pastor Roldan baptized Elaine on March 2, 2019 at the Detroit Oakwood Church. Welcome to the STR family!

*By Diane Kobor*



## STR Pastor's Perspective

Strong Tower Radio reminds me of a huge net which connects us to each other, even if STR is not yet available where we live. Carol heard STR in Mio, and this led her to join our church. She shared STR with her friend Bill, who also decided to get baptized. Bill is a close friend of Carol's mom, Elaine. When Elaine saw Carol and Bill getting baptized, she responded very enthusiastically to Carol's appeal to get baptized too!

Thus, one Sabbath in 2016, at the Detroit Oakwood Church, Elaine approached me, and her first words were "Pastor, when can I get baptized?" But this journey did not begin on that day, it began on the day STR went live in Mio, and its influence reached all the way down to Detroit! Blessings.

*By Pastor Ariel Roldan*



## Family Focused

Christian motherhood and fatherhood are under attack. STR will honor motherhood in May and fatherhood in June this year. Listen on STR!

# Give All to the Master

I was recently re-reading the story where Jesus, His disciples and His mother attended a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. I noticed some very interesting details! It appears that Mary was already at the wedding feast when Jesus and His disciples accepted the invitation. When Mary saw there was a lack of wine, she immediately brought it to Jesus' attention. He gently reminded her that His time had not yet come for His life mission to be completely revealed. She accepted that but also hoped He would leave a hint as to what His mission would



be, so she told the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” John 2:5 NKJV. Jesus told the servants to fill the pots with water. Verse 7 says, “... they filled them to the brim”.

Notice, Mary didn't leave anything lacking when she gave the directions to the servants and the servants didn't leave anything lacking since they filled the pots up to the brim. Jesus saw the servants' obedience and His mother's faith along with the need of those at the feast, so He blessed them and asked the servants to do one more thing, draw from the pots and take it to the master of the feast.

Again, in perfect obedience, the servants drew from the pots and gave the drink to the master, who immediately stopped everything to determine the reason why the excellent new wine had just been brought out instead of bringing it out at the beginning of the feast. I'm sure the servants were soon the focus of every conversation at the feast asking how the water had been turned into wine.

If God can turn the tables and use humble servants to tell of His goodness, when only minutes before they were humbly doing their best to fill water pots, what does He want to do with us, if we will only allow Him? Do big things for God; give Him your will and see where He opens new doors for you!

*By David Bolduc*



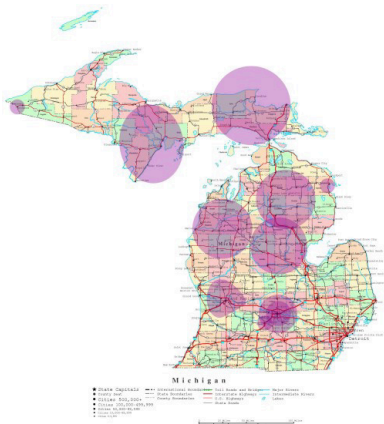
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me, I felt I heard God speak to me. “You have listened to people in your counseling practice bemoan they never felt they belonged in their family, because they were adopted, or a step child, or a half-brother/sister, or from their parent’s first family and not the newer family after a remarriage.” I told my husband that I might tell Carlot if he wanted to call me ‘mother’, I would be comfortable with that. My husband was not. He said, “Are you trying to replace Carlot’s mother? He loved her, and you can’t be her substitute.” But my mind was made up. I said to Carlot, “I would never try to replace your mother, but if you wish, you may call me ‘mother’. He answered immediately, “Yes mother, I would love to call you Mother!”

My husband is much more cautious, and he thought it would be crazy at our age to adopt a young man into our family. Unbeknownst to me, the Lord was working on my husband. Several weeks later, at a Men of Faith Conference, the speaker recommended men take on the responsibility of mentoring young men for God, saying, “If God is calling you to do that, answer His call.” My husband only told me about this recently and said, “I knew right away, that God was telling me we needed to have Carlot in our family.”

Carlot was in England filming a commercial for the Paralympics. I received his long-distance call on his birthday. “Mother,” he said, “I heard from Pastor Snyman today.” I said with surprise, “Oh, really, what did he call you about?” Carlot continued, “He called and said, ‘Happy birthday, Son.’” I took a breath in shock and I choked back tears. I asked quietly, “What did you say back?” Carlot said, “I said, ‘Thanks, Dad.’” That is how Carlot became a part of our family. And what a joy he has been to our lives these last 5 years. We have grown to love him as our own and wonder how we did without him all these years!! Motherhood is so sweet for me.



**Illustration to the left-** A new map of the conservative broadcast coverage map of Strong Tower Radio. Help us grow!

# Camp Meeting Circuit

Just like the circuit-riding preachers, Strong Tower Radio, will be visiting several camp meetings in our listening area. Strong Tower Radio will have a booth again at the Cedar Lake Michigan Camp Meeting. We will also conduct volunteer training workshops such as

'Audio Screening', 'How to Record Sermons for Broadcast', and 'How to Edit for Radio'. There will be more, so stay tuned.

We are working with the Lake Region Conference to have a presence again this year. Finally, Strong Tower Radio has a presence at the Camp Sagola Camp Meeting each year. Something to look forward to!



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## Listeners' Letters (e-mails & calls)



"Thank you for all you did when I got baptized and for the wonderful radio! I use it every day. Here are the stamps Sandy wanted for her birthday." (Listener got a radio because his pastor wrote an article how STR listening led to his baptism. Our Sandy asked that her birthday gifts be given to the station in money and postage stamps.)

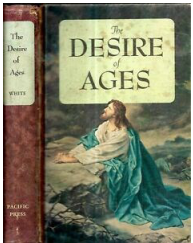
*Bill in Grayling*



"Please pray for my grandson, his mother, father and me... Thank you in advance."

Posted on StrongTowerRadio.org

*Ruth in Oslo, Norway*

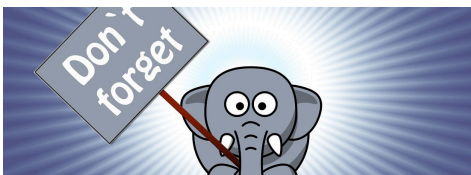


"Heard your offer for the books *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* during the '8-days That Changed the World' program. I am a new member and my church suggested I get these books."

*Listener in the Gladwin area*

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## Don't Forget Strong Tower Radio Giving



Remember Strong Tower Radio in your regular giving. The Covenant Partner program has a recurring feature that let's you give automatically and never forget!

# Covenant Partners

**Strong Tower Radio Covenant Partner**, Bernard Boyk, testifies “Strong Tower Radio is such a blessing to me, it’s the only station I listen to. I send letters to my family and friends to encourage them to listen to Strong Tower Radio also.”

## ‘The Why’

- 1) Knowing you are supporting the broadcast in your area and across the state of Michigan and beyond
- 2) The blessing of hearing the STR programing locally yourself and while traveling across half of Michigan
- 3) Knowing you are cooperating and coordinating with the Holy Spirit
- 4) The satisfaction of supporting the spread of the gospel

For every \$10 investment made, you give us the ability to reach 100 people with the “Everlasting Gospel” for an entire year! Currently, about five million people reside within our broadcast footprint. Your gift ensures - **24 hours a day, 7 days a week airing throughout the year!** There is no better financial investment you can make at this time in earth’s history.

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5/12, 13 & 15- Garden Guy

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