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Reflections on Mary, Motherhood, & Us



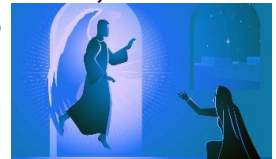
Pastor Robert Benson

Mother's Day falls in early May and is a time when our nation's hearts turn with gratitude to their mothers who bore them.



When I think of Biblical mothers, Mary (the mother of Jesus) stands out!! What the Bible says about her is little, but it is enough to appreciate her qualifications, perseverance, and God's selection of her to be the mother of, to birth and raise, "the Savior of the world."

The mention of Mary by name is first made in **Matt 1**, then again in **Luke 1:28** "And the angel came in unto her, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Her Son's mission as "Jesus" was to "save His people from their sins." Mary homeschooled Jesus, (keeping Him out of rabbinical schools), and by age 12, Jesus understood His role in life. He was to be "the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."



Have you ever thought about the responsibility that rested upon the shoulders of the mother of the Messiah? One of the songs I enjoy is "Mary, Did You Know." The lyrics say, "This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you." Yes, Mary had the unique role of raising the One who was to deliver her **and** the world from the penalty of sin.

"Training up a child in the way he should go" begins at birth.

*Train up a child
IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO
AND WHEN HE IS OLD
he will not depart from it*
PROVERBS 22:6

Ps 22:9 "But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb [and] made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts." "Learning to trust" is the foundation of "faith," which would be watered

by Mary teaching Jesus the Word ("faith comes by hearing...the Word of God").



David Bolduc

President's Perspective

I recently learned of a new wireless internet connection for broadcasters through ATT that is much cheaper than we typically pay other Internet providers. I had planned on running it through some tests but had to put it into operation when our Internet link to WGCP (Cadillac) failed. We have had many technical problems with equipment in the past several weeks, which have taken a lot of time to resolve.

A few updates...

Bridgman: We just received word that the tower strengthening engineering study has been completed. Our next step is to locate a crew that can do the necessary work.

Greenville: We have started the process of having a structural analysis done on the tower. Once we get word that we have passed the study, we will submit a modification to our construction permit with the FCC, which should take about 60 days to process.

Owosso: I have been working closely with the antenna manufacturer to minimize the space used on this tower. I am trying to keep the costs down, but the space comes at a premium because the only tower location available is typically reserved for cellular carriers.

Port Sanilac: The FCC is still processing the modification to our construction permit.

South Haven and Tower Hill: We are working with the tower owners and the antenna company to finalize some last-minute details.

Strong Tower Radio (STR) thanks you for all your prayers and financial support of this ministry. Another way to help support us is, when you return your donations in our 'Business Reply Mail' envelopes included with our newsletter, please put a 1st class postage stamp on that envelope. If you do, it is an extra gift to Strong Tower Radio, and because of that gift since 2020 we average \$13 a month return from the post office for those envelopes; now we're up to \$30 a month!! Also, if you can save the envelopes you don't use & return them to either your church or us, we'd really appreciate that, too. STR strives to be financially responsible and frugal with your donations.





Kam Ferguson

Changing Lives: The Multiplication Factor (Grand Haven station) part II

To the seller's surprise, the FCC approved the antenna relocation application in a record 21 days, granting it on December 9! For a taller tower, the new transmission power line was ordered and delivered in just a few days, uncommon since the Covid-19 pandemic and related supplier issues.

"Someone is definitely looking out for us," the seller commented, and we reminded him that we continue to pray for God's guidance and provision as we work to obtain this signal.



God has already begun rewarding the seller's obedience to God's Word. [see **Romans 2**] The rent at the new tower is a fraction of the city of Grand Haven's tower rent and has a better lease term. Broadcast coverage is better, since it is a few miles inland, with more populated areas covered. The Holy Spirit is drawing the seller through providential circumstances leading forward. Let us "praise the Lord for His goodness, and His wonderful works to the children of men!" [**Ps 107: 8,15,21,31** 4x verbatim!]

The antenna and transmission equipment were installed on the new tower by Christmas week, and it looked like STR could be back on the air by the first of 2023. Wow, Lord, that's amazing!! Yet it



didn't happen that way. An additional tuner was needed on the tower, and weather and harmonic interference issues prevented the signal from broadcasting until March 9,

2023! And though broadcasting, as of this writing, it isn't yet at full power (6000 Watts).

We persist in praying for this vital station that can reach another 500,000 coastal Michigan residents with Present Truth. Why all the prayer? First of all, we need the mindset of prayer. Second, we're in a battle, remember? Light versus darkness. A few weeks ago, we were given a glimpse of the high stakes in this war.



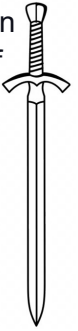
Two months before STR initially broadcasted on WMPA, a manager of an organization in the WMPA listening area was traveling across mid-Michigan.

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The Word plays many roles: by which we are born again through this incorruptible seed; by which we live even more so than by mere "bread alone." The Word is "living and sharper than any two-edged sword...a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"; being "washed by the water of the Word" (by the power of the Holy Spirit, study of the Word leads to conviction, conversion, and sanctification). The capstone for this "faith" that is spring fed by the "water of the Word" and the ministry of the Holy Spirit is this: "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world."

Did Mary, and do moms today, realize that when they breastfeed their little ones and/or spend time bonding with them, they are teaching them to trust? When they prayerfully strive (by God's grace) to "train their child in the way he should go," when they teach them the Word of God (**Deut. 6:5-9**) through morning and evening worship and at opportune times throughout the day, that by doing so, they are raising a generation of "overcomers"?



God Desires Us To Be Partakers of the Divine Nature "exceedingly great and precious promises, that by these, they may become partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world." **2 Peter 1:4**

Yes, we owe a debt of gratitude to Mary for her faithfulness and another to those Christian mothers who have helped nurture faith through (and in) God's Word that, by God's grace, will fit us for Heaven.

Thanks Mom



Changed Lives: The Multiplication Factor (Continued from page 3)

While scanning the radio dial, this manager tuned to an STR



signal when a message from a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in the WMPA listening area was broadcasting!! Strong Tower Radio provided the pastor's contact information at the close of the message, and the manager called the pastor and invited him to be part of a faith-building program at this

organization (not a church). The pastor prayed about it, contacted the manager, and interviewed with the organization, providing a sample of his Bible study work and his study approach. Several days later, the manager contacted the pastor and stated, "We wanted you to be part of the program, now we'd like you to lead it!"

The pastor accepted the offer, (clearly, the Holy Spirit's provision), and the weekly class initially drew 8-10



people, as it had with prior leadership. Word quickly spread, however, and now

into the study's ninth month, this class draws

50 people who are learning the everlasting gospel, learning



Revelation as never before, asking many questions, and learning the answers from God's Word **with power**. Students state that "they look forward to the study more than to attending church," as "they are fed God's Word," unlike at their church, "the pastor just tells stories from his life and current events."

Satan wants to keep these precious souls in darkness and many more like them who crave God's Word in the Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Holland regions. Thank you, all who have joined in this battle with the weapons of prayer and finances to acquire this extremely strategic Grand Haven signal!

Your giving is already changing lives for eternity, as God takes the impact upon one listener and multiplies it to 50!

You can still be part of purchasing this station, yet don't delay; we're at less than

\$50,000 needed to fund this station purchase completely! Mark your gift "Grand Haven" and join the many being blessed as they see the Holy Spirit working mightily to change lives today!

Don't Delay

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CURRENT EVENTS

Here's to give you a perspective of the most extensive Strong Tower Radio (STR) bookmark distribution that's ever happened!



By Tom

Each summer, the Youth Rush gives away about 7000 STR bookmarks with their book distribution. Now the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists working with Streams of Light are distributing the Great Controversy, and they've ordered 100,000 STR/BibleStudyOffer.com bookmarks that started to be distributed on April 15th to Southeast Michigan!!

Our Strong Tower Radio Today and Feature programs keep us busy bringing interesting features every week. We did an on-location virtual tour of the Holland Museum with the director and a sneak preview of the annual May 22nd Warren Seventh-day Adventist Mental Health Fair with the leadership. We also drove to Central Lake to interview Melissa Clayton for Gardening with the Family. We interviewed Dr. Cindy Tutche and Pastor EJ Wolfe on the "Involving Youth in Ministry" conference.

We return for the Holland Tulip Festival's wooden shoe performance practice, the Kalamazoo Bell Ringer's 40th annual concert, and the Grand Haven Adventist Community Service Center tour. On June 2nd, we will travel to the endangered Karns Blue Butterfly breeding grounds near Baldwin, Michigan, to learn more about them.

The Northview Seventh-day Adventist School is recording their Three Angels' Messages program in our studio for future broadcast. In addition, our spring nature programs with Dr. Atkins and wildlife biologists continue generating favorable feedback. Strong Tower Radio's *Relationship CPR* host, Ron Price, is doing a late September Michigan speaking tour. If you would like to schedule him at your church, school, organization, or business, email him, Ron@RonPrice.com for more information.

Finally, the next Strong Tower Radio Inspiration & Praise Variety Hour program will be on June 3rd, 6 pm, at the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs. Join us; they're more enjoyable in person!!



The Voice Behind You

When God speaks, do we believe Him? God speaks to us daily through His Word, the Bible. There's another form of communication that develops as we spend time in God's Word, written in **Isa 30:21** "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This *is* the way, walk in it,' Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left." [to leave the narrow way that leads to eternal life]



Kam Ferguson

God wants to work in our lives in even the simplest matters. I was changing the oil in my car, and for the first time, I couldn't loosen the drain plug. I then remembered that I'd had some work done on the car and had the oil changed in the process. Someone else had overtightened the bolt. Irritation welled up in me as I thought of the delay this was creating.



I had broken my breaker bar last year removing a tire; now I'd have to purchase another one – for a simple task!

The thought interrupted my irritation "Will you give this to Me?" The Holy Spirit was calling to my heart and mind.

I told Him I didn't like this problem, then stated that I trusted Him to resolve it. Using the new breaker bar and a different angle the next day, I loosened the bolt without stripping the head. Thank you Jesus!

We make decisions like this daily, more and more, as we recognize the Holy Spirit's voice in our conscience, working to transform our thinking, feeling, and expression patterns.

Many of you keep making the decision to support STR with prayers and finances that sustain this ministry. We praise God that you're listening to the voice behind you, impressing you to give.

Lives are being changed!



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STR Engagements:

5/6	Kam Ferguson	Wyoming Roger's Heights Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/13	11:00 a.m. David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/13	11:00 a.m. Kam Ferguson	Gaylord Seventh-day Adventist Church
5/14	All Day Happy Mothers' Day!	
5/27	10:00 a.m. Kam Ferguson	Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, Berrien Springs (Mission Focus)
5/29	All Day Memorial Day	

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