

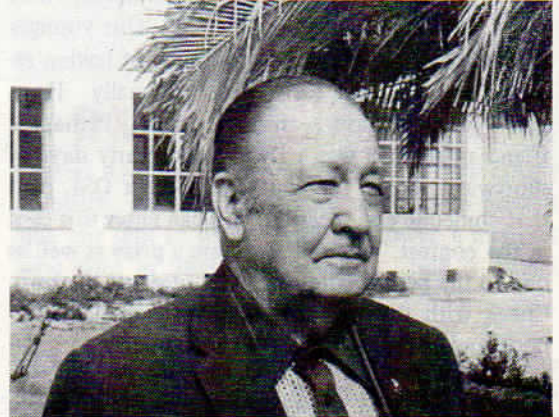


HCJB CELEBRATES 43 YEARS OF BROADCASTING



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AS IT WAS THEN - CHRISTMAS DAY 1931

by Dr. C. W. Jones

Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, had a rather rough time getting off the ground and into the air some 43 years ago.

Our first transmitter boasted only 250 watts, at its best. After being custom built by our English engineer, Eric Williams, in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., it had suffered many severe bumps and falls in shipping to Ecuador. We were amazed that there were only a few dents in the panels when we finally unpacked it.

That was in August of 1931. Up in the Andes Mountains, at over 9,000 feet above sea level and right on the equator, sea level circuits have a tendency to go crazy -- tubes burn out, condensers spark furiously, transformers get too hot, etc., etc. In later years our engineers learned how to counteract these problems.

We put up two 50 foot telephone poles for antenna towers and strung a T-line wire or dipole antenna

between them. It took us until Christmas Eve to get any kind of stability in the transmitter for testing. There were only six radio receivers in all of Quito at that time!

Then one of those blue mercury power rectifier tubes blew out just before Christmas, our on the air target date. In all Ecuador there was only one man who could help us -- Carlos Córdovez in Riobamba. Carlos was an early world-known amateur operator who also broadcast a few programs a week under the name Radio Prado. So we raced down the 120 miles to Riobamba to beg a blue tube from him and got back to Quito just in time to put our fledgling transmitter into operation by Christmas afternoon.

Our studio was our living room. We had cut a hole through its mud-brick wall to make an outside control room -- some class! We had a wonderful carbon microphone hung inside a big packing box which we draped in red velvet for acoustic control. A bare light bulb hung overhead.

The transmitter building had been a large sheep

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HCJB QSL CONTEST

In connection with HCJB's 43rd anniversary, ANDEX announces a new contest. HCJB has sent out thousands of QSL cards during the past 43 years. We would like to find out who has, or can locate, the oldest HCJB QSL card. We are offering three prizes for the three oldest verifications entered in this contest, but only one prize to a person.

Some of our older members may have received QSL cards from HCJB back in the early years of our broadcasting. If you still have one of these cards, be sure to enter our contest. Our younger members do not have the possibility of having received one of these early cards personally. However, you still have a chance to win. Perhaps a friend or relative was a DXer in the early days of shortwave radio. If you can locate a QSL card that someone else received, you can enter this card in the contest. We will send you a prize as well as one to the person who originally received the card. Check with the old-time DXers in your neighborhood and perhaps you'll both be winners.

Please don't send any QSL cards with your entry in this contest. All we need to know at this time is the date of the reception on the QSL card that you wish to enter and the name of the person to whom the card was issued. If you are a winner, then we will need to see the actual card or a photostatic copy before the prizes are awarded. The deadline for entries in this contest is March 31, 1975. Winners will be announced as soon after that date as possible. Start your search for old QSL cards from HCJB right away and get your entry in early!



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IT'S HERE AGAIN...

and it will soon be gone, but something very important may be missed. It often is. Will you take the next 30 seconds and decide whether you want to miss it?

Perhaps by now you have guessed that we are speaking of Christmas, for once again in the swift rush of time we are in the midst of the Christmas Season. But in the rush and busyness of the season we may miss the most important, the central meaning of Christmas. We may be prone to think of it in terms of gifts, cards, candies, nuts and the like, but is this really Christmas? May we share with you what is to us the best and deepest meaning of Christmas?

It is found in the name the prophet used centuries ago in reference to Christ, "Emmanuel", which means, "God with us." This is to us the best definition of Christmas. In this meaning lies the hope of the world. "God with us" is the reason for the "good tidings of great joy." "God with us" is the basis for the offer of eternal life for "whosoever will." "God with us" is the ground for the "peace that passes understanding" individually, nationally and internationally. That God has entered history's picture, has taken upon Himself humanity, has endured the cross, has met and defeated death with the resurrection and is alive and with us today is the richest concept of Christmas. How wonderful!

It may seem strange to us, but Christ was actually born to die that we might live. He is the One who came to earth that we might go to heaven. He came to give us life, life rich and full. His own words speak this truth: "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). He did not come to take happiness and joy from us but to give it to us without measure.

Let us not, then, at this Christmas Season be satisfied with merely the outward expressions of Christmas, but let us seek to penetrate to the heart of what Christmas really means....that it is God's most precious gift to the world, the gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

He is your gift. Have you received Him? Do you know Him personally? With your heart? If not, may we encourage you in Christian love to read and act upon the following Scripture verse: "For

HCJB MISSIONARY STAFF IN QUITO



During the past 43 years HCJB has grown until we now have a staff of nearly 200 missionaries stationed in Ecuador. There is never a time when all of our people are together in one place, but the picture shows a good number of them.

In a recent meeting held in Quito there were staff members from 15 different countries -- Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Great Britain, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Panama, Paraguay, Sweden and the United States. HCJB has a truly international staff!

As Ben Cummings commented in the March issue of ANDEX: "It will interest you to know we have a very small staff dedicated to English programming. Most of those whom you hear on the HCJB programs actually work full-time at some other job. Some are serving as engineers, nurses, secretaries, administrators, teachers, pastors, housewives or any number of other activities."

There are also several hundred national workers involved in a vital way in the ministries of "The Voice of the Andes." Many of them fill important roles in every phase of the work.

All of us here at HCJB join our efforts in our desire to serve you, our listeners, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

DXing HIGHLIGHTS

Several ANDEX members have sent us their DXing highlight, and this month we are glad to present this one sent to us by Carol Isenhower, a teenager who lives in Sheffield, Alabama. She is An dex member No. 377.

"I have not been a DXer long. Today I had the strangest experience of all. The antenna to my 5 band AC/DC radio was broken. I was desperate because I knew this meant the end to some of my DXing, and I could not bring my stations in very well or clear. I thought of the times that I had had listening to the radio and all the stations I would miss.

"Then, suddenly, there it was! I noticed mama's old curtain rod lying in a box. It was brass. I took it apart in a few minutes and had made an antenna to replace the broken one. I took the small part of the rod and put it in the place where the part was broken.

"I received two more surprises: first was that it worked and now I could pick up even more stations than before; and second was that I could also pick up some FM stations I was unable to get even when the original antenna was in place where I had put the curtain rod.

"The only stations I could get without the rod were HCJB and Radio Nederland, when the weather was good. But now I receive many stations, including Deutsche-Welle, AFRTS, Spain, Rome, Voice of America, marine stations, hams and others. So this ends the story of mama's old curtain rod and how it saved my radio reception."

DXer OF THE MONTH



Pat Trevor - ANDEX No. 1019

From Scotland comes Mr. Pat Trevor who has been selected as "DXer of the Month" for December, 1974. Pat lives in Glasgow where he is at present employed by the Scottish Television as an announcer/producer.

Pat has a background of many years in radio, television and the theater. Beginning in 1951 he worked for 12 years in broadcasting and the theater in South Africa. In 1962 he moved to southeast Africa where he worked as a producer for the Rhodesia and Zambia Television. Here he specialized in presenting "face-to-face" interviews, children's and variety programs and newscasting. From 1966 to 1969 he worked with Scottish Television as newscaster and announcer. This was followed by four years in Sydney, Australia, as an actor/director. Pat also served as director and reader on current affairs programs with the Australian Broadcasting Commission. During this period he also worked for two years as Director and Program Officer with Radio Australia on their overseas service. Pat specialized in half-hour variety programs, quizzes, and many specialized programs on subjects such as "Flying Saucers." Many "in depth" interviews with internationally-known personalities were featured during these broadcasts. It was during this time with Radio Australia that Pat became interested in DXing and shortwave listening. In 1973 Pat returned to Scotland and resumed his work as an announcer with Scottish Television after a four year absence.

For his shortwave receiver, Pat uses the popular Barlow-Wadley XCR-30 with just the built-in whip antenna or an external antenna consisting of 50 feet of copper wire. In the picture Pat can be seen with pen in hand as he examines his HCJB program schedule to decide which program he wants to listen to next. He finds time for two to three hours of general shortwave listening each day, but the hours are a bit irregular due to his shift work at the television studios.

In addition to his DXing, Pat finds interest in oil painting, stereo music and filming. He enjoys travel of all kinds and to all places just as long as it is not by air. He has completed several full-length plays which have been performed in Scotland, South Africa and Australia. A full-length musical is at present in the hands of a London agent, and a radio play for the BBC is in preparation. With such a busy schedule, we are glad he finds time for a few hours of DXing!

One of his desires is to visit Brazil, and we hope that when this trip becomes a reality he will be able to include a stop in Quito. The nearest he has been to South America was a passage through the Panama Canal last year.

Our congratulations to Pat Trevor, "DXer of the Month" for December!

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shed -- dirt floor, tin roof, and only two sides of adobe walls. We cemented the floor, closed in the other two side walls, whitewashed the whole deal, and HCJB became a living reality! The President of Ecuador came out to throw the switch.

It had taken since 1928 to find a country that would let us put up our dream of a non-commercial, non-political station for cultural, educational and religious programming. The Republic of Ecuador granted us a 25 year contract (renewed later for an equal period), even though there were no other broadcast stations around at that time. There are some 225 stations in Ecuador now!

I used to moonlight our second transmitter, an RCA 100 watt unit obtained later, as HC1JB on amateur bands between our regular programs back in 1932 to 1935. As always, we found the ham operators and DXers to be a great bunch of friendly souls all around the world.