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DXer OF THE MONTH



Robert B. Webber touring the world

About a year ago an interesting article appeared in the Sunday edition of a newspaper published in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, entitled, "Shortwave Tours Hasten Recovery!" It gave an interesting account of how a \$200 investment helped Robert Webber recover from his fourth heart attack. His purchase of a Realistic DX-160 shortwave receiver enabled him to travel around the world many times over while actually recuperating in his Pompano Beach, Florida, bedroom. This article undoubtedly aroused interest in shortwave listening among many people in the southern part of Florida. It mentioned many of the interesting aspects of shortwave radio.

Robert Webber is our DXer of the Month for June, 1976. He is a retired construction superintendent who became interested in DXing during the first week of December, 1974. He heard HCJB during his first few days of listening and has frequently been in our audience since then. He joined ANDEX soon after hearing about the club

and is member No. 1311. He is also a member of the American Shortwave Listeners Club.

Since Robert is retired it is possible for him to spend from two to five hours a day with his shortwave hobby. His first receiver was the DX-160 which gave him many hours of happy listening. More recently he has added a second receiver, a Drake SPR-4. For an antenna he uses a 50-foot copper wire hung between two awnings of his Florida home. Other equipment includes a cassette recorder and a larger reel-to-reel tape machine.

In addition to listening, Robert keeps accurate logs of the reception from many stations around the world. He serves as a monitor and carries on a large amount of correspondence with these broadcasters. As a result he has accumulated a large collection of QSL cards and pennants. He does most of his listening during the late afternoons and evenings. If conditions are good he may continue his world travels until the early morning hours. Robert enjoys other hobbies including woodworking and building ship models.

Robert has found shortwave radio to be a much more interesting way to occupy his time during his recent illness than watching reruns on TV. He even finds much of the propaganda on the shortwave bands to be entertaining. In addition he enjoys the newscasts, plays, operas, concerts, string quartets and bits of local color that he picks up. News of the crash in Saigon of a U.S. plane carrying Vietnamese orphans reached most Americans at their breakfast tables or on their way to work. Robert had already heard the news at 4:00 A.M. on a broadcast from Radio Australia.

Our congratulations to Robert B. Webber. We are glad that shortwave listening played such an important part in his recovery from sickness and trust it will also help to prevent any further illness.

HCJB 1976 QSL CARDS



Calderón girls making bread birds

Many towns in Ecuador are famous for a particular craft that is almost synonymous with the name of the town. Montecristi, on the Pacific coast, is known as the producer of some of the finest Panama hats. San Antonio is famous for its wood-carvers. In the same way, Calderón has earned a reputation for the beautiful dolls and other objects made from bread dough.

Calderón is a town located on the Pan-American Highway, just a few miles to the north of Quito. Many tourists visit the small shops where the dolls are made and sold. It is interesting to watch the girls as they make these dolls. Only a few girls work in each shop and the dolls are made entirely by hand.

The dolls are made from a bread dough consisting mainly of flour and water. Other ingredients are added but the shop owners are reluctant to reveal the complete formula. One element that is not used is yeast. The girls sit at small tables and form the dough into the proper shape by rolling, squeezing and cutting it. The bright colors are obtained

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by working a bit of enamel into the dough. The girls are very adept at attaching tiny bits of dough to the dolls, using a little flour and water as paste. Pieces of varying colors are added until the dolls are completed. Usually, two or three girls will be working on a large number of similar dolls, making a simple assembly line.

Once the dolls have been formed, the next process is to bake them in a crude wood-heated oven. The final step, after they have cooled, is to give each one a coating of clear varnish. This gives them a bright shiny finish and protects them from damage. The completed dolls are remarkably durable and will last for a long time.

The variety of dolls is almost limitless. They are made in all sizes. Some of the smallest can be worn as rings. Matching sets of rings and earrings are very popular. Many small objects, including animals, birds and figures, are made as Christmas tree decorations. Some of the larger objects are frames for pictures or mirrors. These are usually made on a plywood base cut to the proper shape. Safety pins, clips or loops of string are often embedded in the dough before baking which provides a way for mounting the finished product.

These bread-dough dolls are being featured on the QSL cards offered by HCJB during 1976. If you haven't received any of these cards yet, we know you'll want to get the entire set of four. They will give you a good idea of the variety and beauty of the work done by the Indian women in Calderón.

WHY ME?

Why did this happen to me? Here is one of the most common questions of the day. Perhaps you are asking it this very moment. Maybe sickness has come into your life with its suffering and expenses. Or again, it could be that death has struck your family circle with its own peculiar sorrow. Perhaps an accident has upset your most cherished plans. Possibly your fondest dreams have been shattered by tragedy, debt or unemployment. For some reason or other you are despondent, worried, nervous or ill. You wonder if life is worth living. You ask yourself, "Why did God let this happen to me?"

It is a good question to ask. You could adopt the attitude of bold defiance and grimly determine to fight against your trials. Or you could just

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give up with the fatalistic attitude that your troubles are unavoidable anyway. But the best policy is to ask yourself quietly and calmly, "Why did God allow this to come into my life?"

Your first temptation might be to reason that God is punishing you for some sin you have committed. While this could be true, it is obviously not the principal reason for your distress. If God's main purpose were punishment, he could have taken your life away altogether. Instead of that he has purposely extended your life so that your question might be answered.

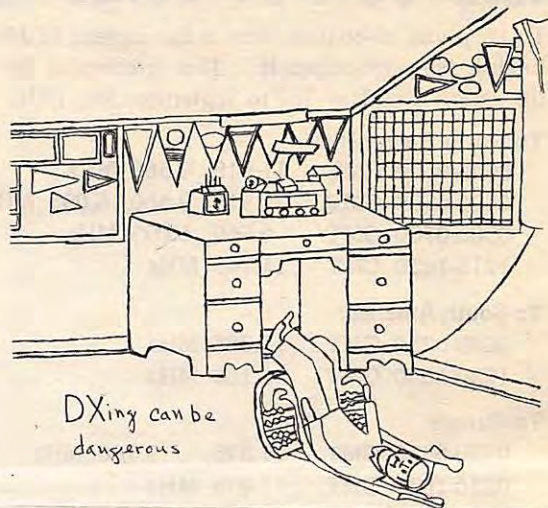
The answer is that God wants to speak to you. He has four purposes for you in these trials. First of all, he wants you to feel your need for help. Secondly, he wants you to realize your inability to help yourself. Again, he wants you to abandon all hope of obtaining relief from your friends. Finally, he wants you to cast yourself on him and ask him to save you. If you had died before now you would have been lost throughout all eternity. Your sins would never have been forgiven and you would have been barred from Heaven forever.

God does not want you to perish. In order to forgive your sins he sent his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross of Calvary. Christ died for ungodly sinners so that they might be forgiven. Three days after his burial the Savior rose again. Later he went back to Heaven where he is at this moment, waiting to save you.

Here is the message which God is trying to make you understand. If you will acknowledge your sins and receive the Son of God as your Lord and Savior, he will forgive your sins and give you eternal life. "How earnestly I tell you this - anyone who believes in me already has eternal life! Yes, I am the Bread of Life!" (John 6:47,48).

The great question which you must face is whether or not you will accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. If you refuse him, you will only go out to face further sorrow and disappointment in this life, and everlasting punishment in the next. If you receive him, by faith, you will be given strength to bear every trial and testing on earth, and will be guaranteed unending joy in Heaven.

Whatever your problem may be, make it a steppingstone to Christ. No matter how severe your troubles right now, they would be well worth it if they were the means of bringing you to Christ. Why not decide for him right this minute?



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WHY I LISTEN TO NEWS

by Brian A. Rogers

When I bought my first good communications receiver several years ago, I was delighted with its performance. I was thrilled when I heard identifications from stations in Egypt, Israel, Australia, Japan and other countries that had previously been only pages in an atlas.

Even more exciting were those first few QSL cards that I found in my mailbox and soon had proudly displayed on the wall of my shack. As the weeks passed my number of countries verified continued to climb. Soon I sent off a list of them hoping in return to receive a certificate for twenty-five countries verified.

One day, much to my surprise, I discovered that I was not listening for new stations or new countries quite as much as I had when my set was brand-new. I found myself listening to only a half-dozen or so stations, especially those which begin their transmissions to my area with an English language newscast. International news became fascinating to me. I found myself intrigued by stories of diplomatic missions and cultural exchanges, governments that toppled and exchange rates that soared. It became apparent to me that, oftener than we think, an event occurring in one country can have an effect on people living in another.

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HCJB SUMMER SCHEDULE

To keep you up-to-date, here is the current HCJB English language schedule. This is effective for the period from May 2nd to September 5th, 1976.

To North America:

- 0040-0300 GMT 11.915, 9.560 MHz
- 0300-0500 GMT 11.915, 9.560, 6.095 MHz
- 0500-0700 GMT 9.560, 6.095 MHz
- 1215-1630 GMT 11.745 MHz

To South America:

- 0040-0230 GMT 11.885 MHz
- 1230-1630 GMT 15.160 MHz

To Europe:

- 0700-0830 GMT 11.875, 9.760 MHz
- 0830-1030 GMT 11.875 MHz
- 1730-1800 GMT 17.755, 15.310 MHz
- 1900-2030 GMT 17.755, 15.300 MHz

To South Pacific:

- 0500-0700 GMT 11.915 MHz
- 0700-1045 GMT 9.745, 6.130 MHz

(Frequencies are subject to change as conditions indicate.)

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Most shortwave broadcasting countries have programs which feature news of things which happen within their borders. It's fun to follow these events on a regular basis. The campaign leading to a parliamentary election, or a scientific discovery which will benefit a nation's people, are examples of only two things one might hear on shortwave radio. I learn things about other countries and their people that I would never have discovered in any other way.

The shortwave services from most countries are outstanding. The stations I listen to are only the ones I personally prefer, mainly because they put good, strong signals into my area during the evening hours. Among these are Great Britain's BBC, Radio Canada International and Radio Nederland, which transmits to North America from their relay station on Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles.

Radio Canada's service begins at 2300 GMT on 6,085 kHz with a program called, The World at Six. This is followed thirty minutes later by something called, As It Happens, which features telephone interviews with people who can offer in-depth views of the news of the day. At midnight GMT one can hear the World News, News

about Britain and Radio Newsreel from the BBC. Several frequencies are used but 6,175 kHz usually gives me good service. Transmission on this frequency comes from the BBC's relay at Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. Last, but far from least, I listen to Radio Nederland. Their strong signal is found on 6,165 kHz at 0200 GMT.

Only shortwave radio can follow world events with such depth and speed. This is my reason for listening, but I am sure there are as many other reasons as there are listeners.

(For those who like to follow world news on their shortwave receivers, HCJB includes frequent newscasts in the daily broadcast schedule. - Ed.)

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PUZZLE SOLUTION No. 5

N U V F P E Q L D M L O B Y M A J F K M P C X Z R V Q A J
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How many DX terms did you find in our puzzle last month? The answers are indicated on the solution above. If you worked hard you should have been able to find the following twenty-five words or terms.

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