

# ELWA RADIO NEWS BULLETIN

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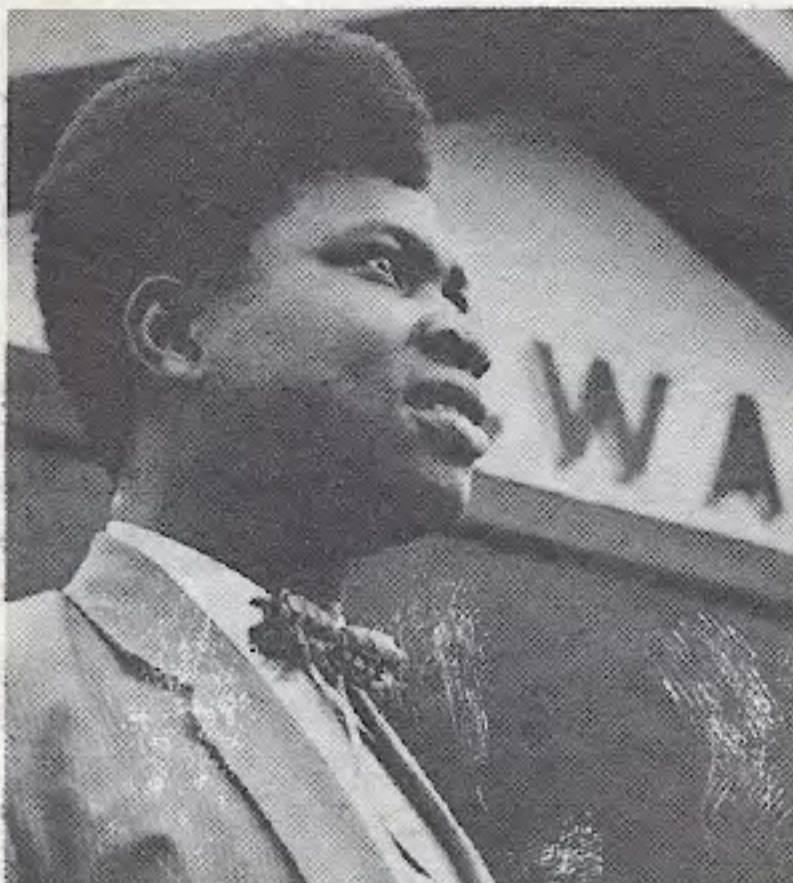
## THREE NATIONALITIES CONVERGE ON ELWA

During one two-week period, young men from three neighboring countries converged on ELWA at the same time.

Amos Lavally (right), a fourth-year physics student from Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone, volunteered his services to ELWA during his 3½-month summer vacation. He recorded the reading of the New Testament Mende, and set a strong example of Christian living and witness before the staff. Amos was saved through Bible-reading notes from Scripture Union, and has been active in camp work as well as a leader of evangelical students on his school campus. He plans to go into the ministry.

Elie Tomepka (center) is an evangelist with the French Baptist Mission (Mission Biblique du Tabernacle du Paris) in Ivory Coast. With his wife and three other workers, he came to record programs in the Yakuba language (known in Liberia as Gio).

The third visitor, P. J. Blackson, (left) appeared unannounced, reaching us before his letter of introduction and inquiry. A Ghanaian from the city of Kumasi, Mr. Blackson stated that he had been converted in 1955 on his initial hearing of Howard O. Jones' evangelistic broadcast. His pur-



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IVORY COAST

For years, ELWA listeners in Monrovia have dropped their song-request letters, unstamped, into the slot of a specially-provided box at the Christian Literature Crusade Bookstore. Recently, however, the Bureau of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones installed something new to the public: mail collection boxes on street corners of the city. In due time, ELWA received a complaint from the Director of Audits. He explained that "quite a few" people were depositing letters without postage, and that "most of these letters" were addressed to ELWA.

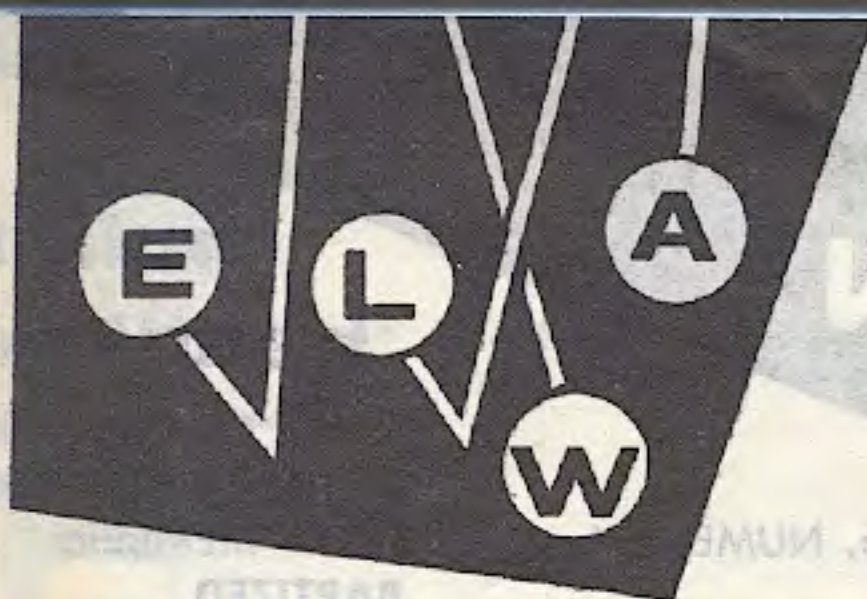
The situation was alleviated with spot announcements.



SIERRA LEONE

pose in visiting ELWA was to get help in the matters of church organization and teaching of believers.

Other "working guests" were Dick Peace, Paul Birch and Chris Smith, young men from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. These gentlemen spent three weeks at Radio Village, helping in the technical and program departments. From Monrovia, they went to South Africa for evangelistic meetings.



## NEWS ITEMS

### LIBERIAN TEEN-AGERS ENTERTAINED

The beginning of the school term brings an annual exodus of young people of prominent Monrovia families who study in England and the United States. ELWA families who have children in the same age group make it a practice to entertain these young people at a farewell dinner.

This year's guest of honor at the de la Haye home was President and Mrs. Tubman's 15-year-old daughter Wilhelmina, known as Coo-coo to her friends (foreground of picture).

The 30 young people were shown the Billy Graham film, "The Heart is a Rebel", and each was presented with a letter of counsel and a packet of appropriate literature.



### BIBLE ADVENTURES

The cast for the "Bible Adventures" broadcast await director's cue for recording the program in Brisbane, Australia. Below, Liberian children (son and daughter of ELWA staff member Joseph Gbadyu) listen.

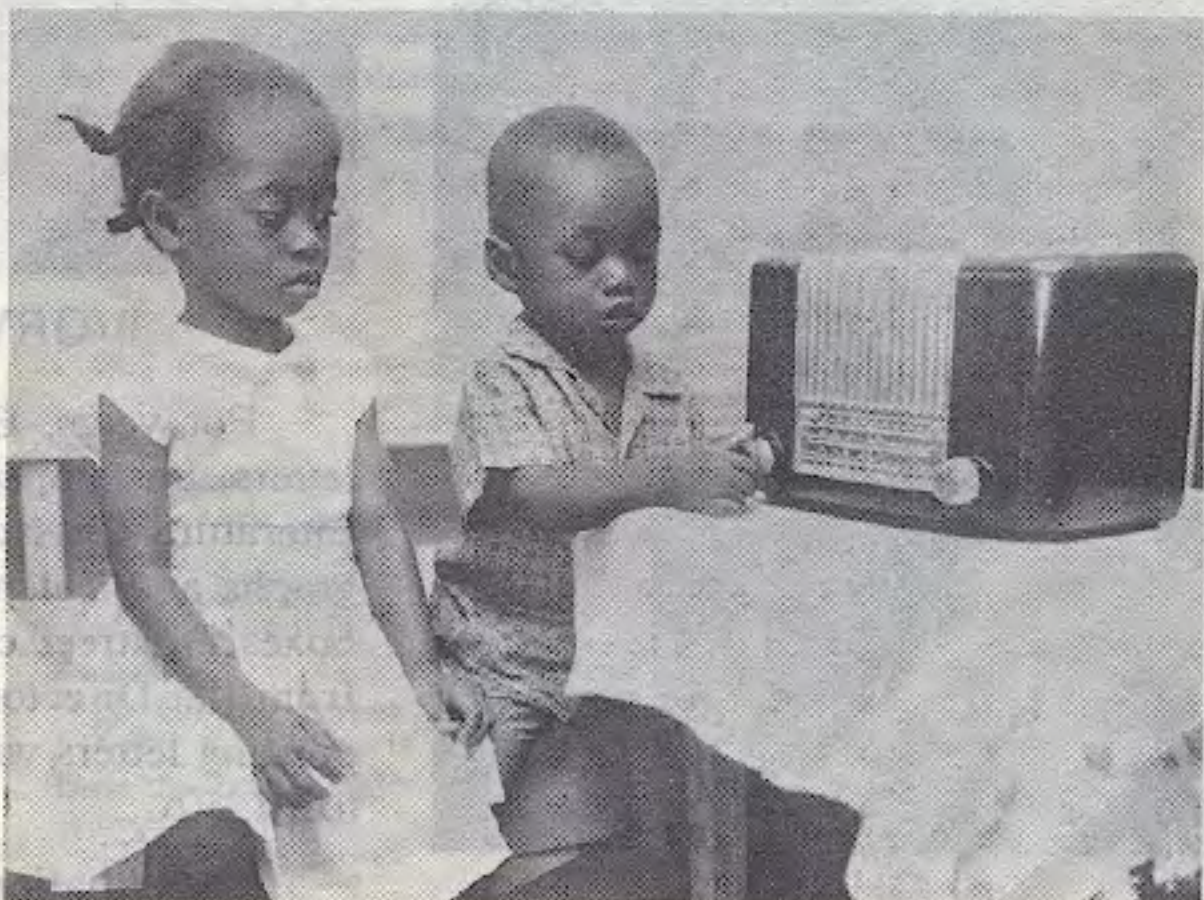
"Bible Adventures" is produced by Bible TV and Sound Productions, headed by Wally Guilford (extreme right of picture). Under the slogan, "Broadcasting the Truth to Youth", the group is heard over a 13-station radio network in Australia as well as a Brisbane TV station.

The program is broadcast over ELWA on both medium and short-wave. A recent letter from a school principal in Zorzor district, Liberia, said, "The stories are designed for children, but are spiritually digging into the hearts of elderly persons."

### ON-THE-JOB TRAINING INCREASED

The imperative need for more training for Liberian staff members has resulted in an expansion of ELWA's "Radio Workshop". Once-a-week classes now cover radio theory and control board technique, taught by Stan Brookman and programming, taught by Mrs. Arnold Lueders. Al Snyder teaches announcing twice a week. Three to five weekly sessions are needed, but full work and school schedules make it impossible at present.

- For the third straight month, letter response has topped the 10,000 mark.
- North American broadcasts have been temporarily discontinued because of unfavorable reception conditions (caused by reduced sun spot activity).





### BAPTISM OF STAFF MEMBERS

Four Liberian staff members received water baptism recently after completing a course of instruction under Rev. Perry Draper and undergoing an oral examination from the Board of Elders of Radio Village. They were: Wilmot Jimmy, Luke Kollie, James Sondah and Dunn David Sampson. The ceremony took place in the lagoon at ELWA's beach, immediately following the morning church service. The evening service that night featured testimonies by those who had been baptized.

The need for a pastor for Radio Village has not yet been met, but the staff has recently experienced the equivalent of a Spiritual Life Conference, unplanned by man, but provided for by God through visiting speakers. Especially blessed were the ministries of 84-year-old Dr. Charles F. McKoy of Pasadena, California; and two evangelists who had just returned from the "revival area" of Uganda: Ernest Wilson of Philadelphia and Arthur Cash of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

● "Aunt Bertha" of the "Children's Bible Hour" was surprised one day to see a Nigerian walking into her Grand Rapids, Michigan, office. The young man explained that he had heard her program over ELWA in Nigeria, and had decided that when he went to the United States on scholarship, he would visit the CBH.

The following letters have come from French speaking listeners and have been translated into English by Max Weber, head of the French Department.

—from a Spanish soldier in the Spanish Sahara:

*You will forgive me if my French is not as academic as it would be desirable. Nevertheless I greatly desire to write. Your broadcasts have been of great blessing to me in this desert where I am now.*

—from a contractor in the public works department of Dahomey Republic:

*Kindly send me the book, "God Runs My Business". You may be sure that your broadcasts not only bring comfort to the sick soul but also bring back to life the drowned soul.*

—from a girl of 18 in French Polynesia:

*I am a young Tahitian, a teacher at the Sunday School of my parish. This is one of the reasons why I ask you to help me. I need someone to teach me, enlighten me, and explain to me the sentence, 'How can I love God'.*

—from a prisoner in the Cameroons (this correspondent grew up in a Christian home. His father wanted him to be a minister, but he refused. He went out into the world and then, one day, got mixed up in a fight and killed somebody. Now he is in prison for life, but it is there that he found the Lord and is now a real soul-winner):

*Your letter and hymnbook have come to hand. I would like to have answered immediately, but it is strictly forbidden to have paper and crayons. Finally today I have decided that I would die or then God would give me the means to send this letter to you.*

*I will only give you a few details:*

1. *I am back in prison, out of the hospital, because my health is better.*

2. *Yesterday I had the great joy to inscribe in my booklet the name of the 26th convert since I have come out of the hospital. I am so happy that I have even wept of joy yesterday when this last man came to me. The thought has come to my mind that now I will not be empty-handed before my Lord. What a joy! But only, the unfortunate thing is that I cannot teach them freely as I used to do. From time to time here they chase us and seek to bring us into trouble. Indeed some of the surveyors think that I teach politics.*

*Since I cannot write as I used to in other prisons, and I am afraid my correspondence will be discovered, I will ask you, if you write to me, please don't mention this letter. But write simply at the top of your answer, these words: "Pax Christi". By them, I will know, dear Pastor, that you have received my letter.*

# PRAISE AND PRAYER



## PRAISE:

- For improved operation because of new Ampex tape recorders.
- For new staff members in the French Department: Mr. and Mrs. Yves Perrier from Paris.
- For the resumption of some evangelical programs on state-owned broadcasting facilities in Angola (prayer requested in last News Bulletin).
- For restoration of health to Herschel Ries, and the return of the family to the field. (Prayer also requested in last News Bulletin.)
- For the safe return from furlough of Station Manager Dick Reed and family.
- For the response of supporters of the Back to the Bible broadcast in America, for funds for the ELWA hospital.

## PRAYER:

- For cleansing and continued deepening of spiritual life of the staff.
- For physical and emotional strength to meet the pressures of the work.
- For wisdom and guidance for Dr. Bob Schindler in plans for the new hospital.
- For Muslim listeners to Fula broadcasts beamed to the West African Republic of Guinea. In the absence of resident workers, tapes have become the only full-time missionaries.

## SECOND GENERATION, SIM

Daughters of two Sudan Interior Mission families have been led to serve the Lord at ELWA.

Mrs. Bob McCarron is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Darroch. Before his retirement because of ill health, her father was S.I.M. home director for North America.

The McCarrons both teach at ELWA Academy, where Bob is principal.

Another new staff member, Mrs. David Mayes, was formerly Carol Davison of New Zealand. She spent 9 years in Ethiopia as a child, when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie A. Davison, were missionaries there. Mr. Davison is now serving as Home Director (of the S.I.M.) in New Zealand, and . . . in the course of a trip to New York for General Council meetings, he and his wife and younger daughter visited Carol in her new home at ELWA.

Carol Mayes is in charge of the ELWA Nursery School, and edits tapes in the Program Department. Her husband David is a radio technician and builder.



## ANSWER TO PRAYER

The arrival of a used Multilith 1250 printing press brought great rejoicing to the Counselling and Program Departments. Such equipment has been much needed for keeping French and English program schedules up to date . . . for printing follow-up letters and also, small tracts. The print shop will be located in the new wing at the back of the studio building. Next needs: supplies and personnel.

## SUDAN INTERIOR MISSION

ELWA is a radio project of the Sudan Interior Mission. Addresses of the Mission are as follows:

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New York 23, N. Y.

**England**  
84 Beulah Hill  
London S.E. 19

**Australia**  
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Kew, E.4, Victoria

**New Zealand**  
Institute Place  
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Auckland, C. I.

**ELWA Home Representative**  
Rev. A. G. Thiessen  
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Wayzata, Minnesota  
USA

### Staff Members on Furlough

Lois Williams (Oregon)  
Dale and Dorothy Graber  
(South Dakota)  
Jim and Eleanor Pelley  
(Massachusetts)  
David and Mary Naff  
(Arkansas)  
Bill and Betty Thompson  
(Chicago, Illinois)  
Rose and David Jackson  
(South Australia and  
New South Wales)

