

# WRGN RADIOGRAM

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## WRGN Selects 'Friends of The Year'



**WRGN Friends Of The Year** were named at the station's Christmas party. Lawrence and Iva Killian, of Dallas, were presented with a plaque naming them as 1990 Friends. The Killians are faithful supporters and workers at WRGN and also minister in the community at area nursing homes. They are shown here with Burl and Shirley Updyke.

### Here at the studios...

The Christmas decorations are down at the studios. We left them up as long as we thought permissible. The day arrived, however, when we removed all the wonderful Christmas cards you sent us, approximately 170. Sharon Hontz wrapped a cylinder with yarn and each card is held securely in place and easily viewed and reread whenever we want to be reminded of your faithfulness to us. The Christmas, door decoration at the

studios, a lovely, handmade, live wreath of greens, was a gift from Kay and Johnny Hardisky of Sweet Valley.

The Friends of WRGN will meet on Monday, January 21 at the home of good friends of the station, Cathy and Pat Gibson of Exeter. Everyone's invited to attend.

A brand new mother called the studios to say, "I had a baby boy,

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## Here at the studios... *continued*

Benjamin Luke, born January 2, 1991." We were thrilled to hear the good news and broadcast it immediately so the WRGN's family of listeners could rest assured that Benjamin had arrived and both Mom and baby were fine. Grandma Vivian Jayne, of Nicholson, breathed a sigh of relief and thankfulness to God.

Keep Dave Antonik, of Wilkes Barre, in your prayers. Dave, a faithful listener, called to say the station has changed his life. He struggles with long-time habits he wants to be free from.

The studios no longer smell of fresh baked cookies. All those cookies, over 350 dozen, were delivered to the prisoners at Dallas Correctional Institution. We have received many letters of thanks from the inmates and praise God for your desire to express love in making and donating them.

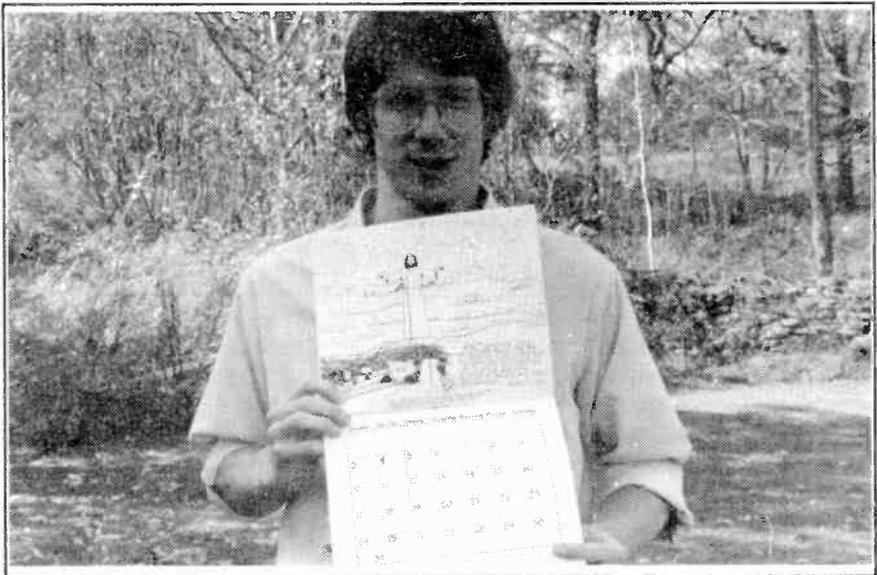
Pray with us for Dave Mar-

tin of Courtdale, who lost his wife recently. Dave believes the Word when it tells the grieving to minister to others and this he's been doing. He spent two afternoons folding printed material at the studios and visits many who are hurting. Pray, too, for Lawrence Killian of Dallas, who is battling with painful shingles.

Congressman George C. Hasay presented the station with a gift of a Pennsylvania flag. We will be flying it when weather improves.

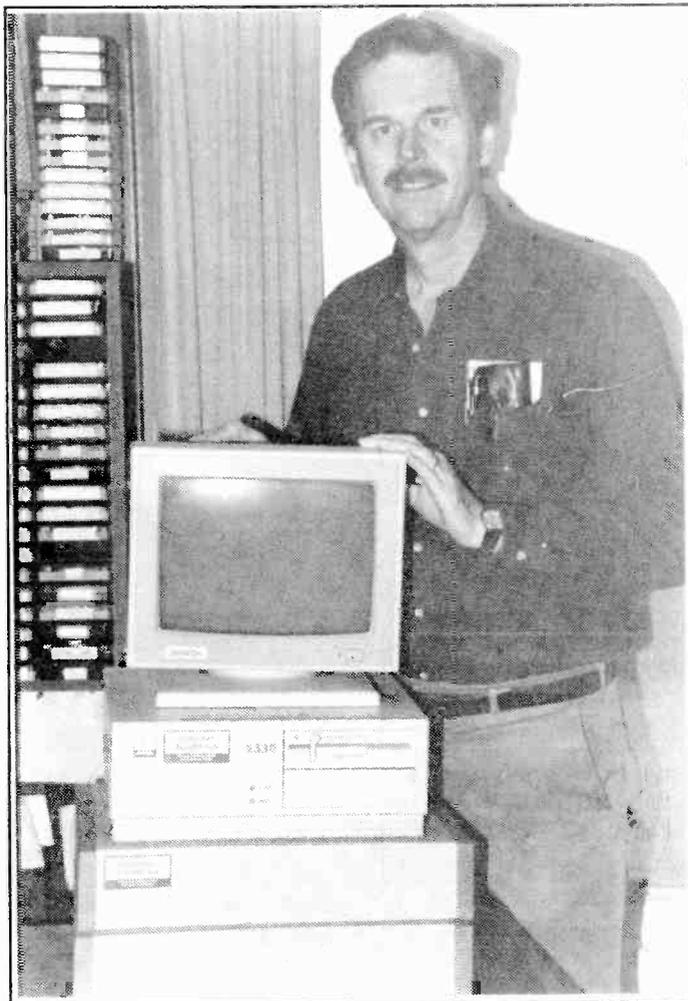
Our good friend and yours, Ellen Lex of Berwick, went to be with the Lord on December 22, but not until, with the aid of an antenna, she was able to hear her favorite station at the Berwick Nursing Home and her beloved Bible Quiz. All Bible Quizzer miss the cheerful, encouraging voice of Ellen Lex.

WRGN studios is an exciting place. See you there!



Local artists contributing to WRGN's 1991 calendar project did it in glory to God. The Scripture Verse Calendar project, coordinated by artist, Sue Hand, was a success. John O'Connell of Shavertown, chose WRGN's tower as his subject, a view of it from RT 118. John says he's comforted by the sight of the tower that radiates Good News over N.E. PA. John displays the illustration he did.

## Automation Works Hard At WRGN



**This compact computer installation at WRGN, The Good News Automation System, does a mighty big job. Developer Burl Updyke is pictured.**

Some listeners are aware of WRGN's automation system, designed, programmed, and built by station manager, Burl Updyke. After approximately four and one half years of its operation, WRGN is thankful for its effectiveness in permitting the station to operate 24 hours daily in a most cost effective

manner.

The Good News Automation system is put into operation 18 hours per day at WRGN, 5 days a week and 48 hours over the weekend. Total operation time over the week is 138 hours.

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## Over 300 Dozen Gifts Of Love



Piles of cookies were collected in the studios, contributed by the listeners of WRGN. Prisoners at Dallas Correctional Institution were recipients of this labor of love. Shown are Shirley Updyke and Sharon Hontz.

### Automation

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weeks have passed since automation was set to work at WRGN. An operator employed for those hours would have cost the station at the least, \$552.00 per week. Over the four plus years, the total monies saved is \$129,168. "How's that for a great return on an investment?" marvels WRGN manager.

Much time was donated by Burl Updyke and Donald Hoover of Hunlock Creek, who assisted with the engineering of the computer oper-

ated system. It took only an approximate \$5000 investment in the development and installation, to set it into operation at WRGN.

As further ministry of WRGN, The Good News Automation System has been made available to other Christian radio stations across the country at a minimal cost of less than \$5000. Other systems of comparable capabilities range from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Good News Automation systems are now in operation at KVRs, Lawton OK., WTGN, Lima, OH., WGRC, Lewisburg, PA, WJLY, Ramsey, IL, WCHR, Trenton, NJ.



*from us  
to you ...*

In this time of turmoil for our beloved country, America, and turmoil, too, for the Middle East, a greater awareness of the need to pray is being felt by our leaders, government officials and people everywhere.

Prayer doesn't so often change the outward circumstances of our situations as much as it transforms the way we view those circumstances and situations. Often it is our spirits and our attitudes that need changing.

In these fearful days, it helps to know and understand God. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

God is in control and He wants us on His side. Praise Him we are on the side that has overcome. Christ is the final conqueror. Today we may rejoice in the good hope that is promised by One who is the perfect

comforter.

Pray for our country and its leaders, pray for Christians and the opportunities that these frightful days will give them to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus.

Pray and pray for WRGN. Praise God for the current up-to-date newscasting of U.S. Radio News and for WRGN programmers in presenting world situations from a Christian perspective and in light of prophecy.

We praise God for the great privilege He's given us as Christian broadcasters. With joy and hope and peace, it thrills our souls to be able to broadcast the truth that sets men free.

Free To Tell You The Truth,

*Burl & Shirley Updyke*

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### Ministry To Others

December 21 was an encouraging day for Heidi Jo Allen of Sweet Valley. Shirl gave her phone number over the air asking WRGN listeners to call her. She was delighted as, indeed, you called and called and called. She wrote to say, "Thanks WRGNers for making my Christmas better." Heidi, a young woman, is a quadraplegic. Her phone number is 477-3421.

Harold Gaskill, an inmate in the Dallas Correctional Institution, requests our prayers. He wrote, "Although my time here is a short term, nothing can repair the damage that has already been done to my life and my family's lives." Keep in prayer, Harold, wife Patti, and children, Phillip, Brian, Stephanie, Holly Jo, and Alex.

## Young Visitor



WRGN's youngest visitor yet, is four day old, Justin Scott, son of Scott and Darlene Pearson of Hunlock Creek. Darlene is V.P. of WRGN Friends organization. Justin is already a steady listener of WRGN.

## *Please pray with us*

**PRAISE:** God for the necessary funds needed for the construction of the Tunkhannock translator through the generosity of WRGN listeners. We have reached half of the goal, \$3000. Keep praying for the remainder of the funds.

**PRAY:** The time draws near when WRGN will receive the go-ahead from the FCC on the construction of a missionary station in the West Indies on the island of St. Croix. March 1991 is the latest possible date given to us while in conversation with the FCC.

**PRAY: URGENT PRAYER REQUESTED!** WRGN's request for erecting an antenna on Recovery Hill, St. Croix, is being ignored and action

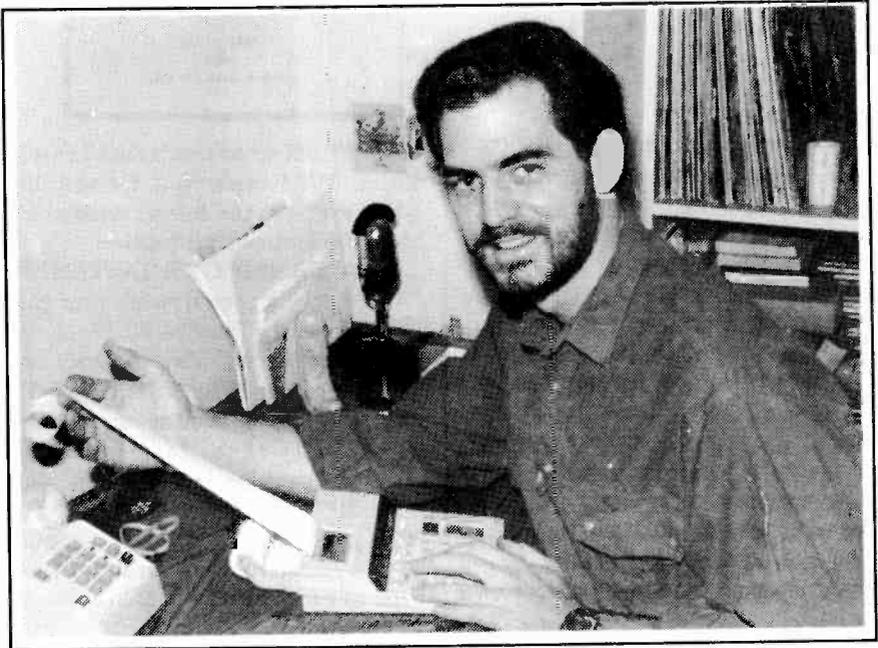
withheld for reasons unknown to us. Pray that the government of St. Croix will move on this request and give it their approval. The location approval is crucial to the proposed missionary radio station there.

**PRAY:** for missionaries willing to serve as operators of the West Indies station; for wisdom in making possible contacts.

**PRAY:** for the \$45,000 needed to construct a missionary station in St. Croix. Approval of the station could be received by March 1991. Funds are needed by that date also.

**PRAISE:** for WRGN's manager's perseverance in the many station projects and for the burden the  
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## We're Adding Up Six Dollar Gifts Here . . .



**Tim Madeira, is adding up \$6.00 gifts being received at WRGN. 1000 WRGN listeners have been challenged to give \$6.00 each. \$6000 is needed in the construction of WRGN's expansion project, a translator for Tunkhannock. At the time of this writing, over 200 have contributed thus far, pledging about \$3000.**

### *Please pray with us* *continued*

Lord has laid on his heart for missionary radio. "It just won't go away."

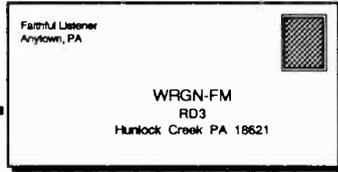
**PRAY:** for the people in St. Croix; for broken homes which are rampant there; for single parent families; for children being deserted by parents on drugs; for the drug problems there; for pastors ministering; for the apparent empathy among believers; for the opportunity we have to reach the masses with the Good News via Christian radio.

**PRAY:** the Updykes and Tim Madeira will be traveling this month to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington, D.C. Remember staff member, Sharon

Hontz, who will be manning the station for two days. Pray, too, for Sharon's busy daily schedule at the station. We thank God for her.

**PRAISE:** God for prayer; praise Him for knowing our needs before we do; praise Him for knowing ALL; for loving all; and for keeping what's best for us in His highest regard. We praise Him for prayer because the more time we spend in prayer, the better we come to know God Himself and the more we see things from His perspective. Pray, pray, pray — *"And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."* Eph. 6:18.

we get letters...



**FROM DALTON:** "God bless you all. The ministry of WRGN continues to be a daily part of my life."

**COMING FROM SLATINGTON:** "We are thankful for WRGN. We listen pretty much all day, every day. Please accept our monthly pledge."

**ELYSBURG LISTENER:** " I found your station by accident one Sunday evening recently. Enclosed is a gift to help with expenses."

**WRITING FROM WHITE HAVEN:** "We are challenged and are contributing to the construction of the Tunkhannock translator. We're happy to see a Christian radio station grow and are glad we can be a small part of WRGN's growth."

**FROM KINGSTON:** "May the Lord richly bless all who are involved in sharing the Gospel with others. Praise God for what he has done and will continue to do."

**PIKES CREEK RESIDENT:** "Thanks for making me feel that you really care! I love you all so much. I

have WRGN on so much that I rarely watch TV. I can't wait for the day when we have the money needed for the Tunkhannock translator.

**A NANTICOKE LISTENER:** " We're praying you'll reach your goal of a thousand gifts of \$6.00. We thank God for the good Christian music and sound Bible teaching heard on WRGN and pray God will bless and expand the ministry of the radio station in this New year."

**HUNLOCK CREEK WRITER:** "WRGN is a great blessing for all of us from morning until the next morning. We're thankful for all of you at the station. Even your voices, so cheerful, radiate good news."

**COMING FROM KINGSLEY:** " I praise the Lord for Christian radio, WRGN. Only God knows how many times it has made an impact in my life, and on my steady walk with the Lord...Praise His name!"

