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Director's Report
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We are a grassroots agency, the voice of our people - your voice - into our own communities and communities around the world. We are about the common person, not about celebrities: the person we interview, the listener, the viewer as well as the person who sends in their support. We are very grateful for the prayer and financial support from churches and individuals. Here are some snapshot views of our ministries during 2004:

Our projects in Canada have grown in 2004, focusing on inviting Canadians into relationship with Jesus Christ.



During the year, 21 churches in 3 provinces invited **Connecting Points with Kids** to create an outreach or a faith-building event in their community. About 1500 CPK story CDs were sold or sponsored, passing on life-giving values to the next generation and introducing people to Jesus.

Also, 6 schools invited the team to teach life values to students. Teachers invite CPK into school classrooms because, as one said, *"My students lack values. Please do a story that talks about honesty and bullying."*

We are grateful for regular volunteers, Kathryn Balzer, Bill Janzen and Art Wiebe who generously work with our FLN staff, J Janzen and Lorie Barkman to bring these life-giving events to others.

www.cpk.ca



This year **GodTalk** was once again thought-provoking, entertaining and controversial. A listener filed a complaint against the program for "fostering hate-mongering" after a comment aired that explored atheism as sin. This led to intriguing conversations with CJOB management. Now in its 7th season, **GodTalk** is one of the top-rated shows in its timeslot.

We were thankful to be able to partner for 6 years with co-host Chris Wells who has now gone on to graduate studies. In fall we welcomed Gerry Bowler, Univ. of Manitoba prof, as the new co-host with David Balzer.

David says, "After a program I'll sometimes email audio links to 150 pastors and friends across the country. As I continue to learn and struggle on how to address our culture's questions about God, here's a resource I can share. I love doing that!"

One listener said, *"I was beginning to think all religious people were narrow-minded. You guys are a breath of fresh air!"*

www.godtalkradio.ca



We have had the unprecedented opportunity of bringing to public schools and First Nation Reserves motivational high school

assemblies of Christian music with the challenge to make positive life choices. This is an emerging ministry in its first year and we ask you to pray for wisdom as we respond to this new challenge.

V2Live director, Marshall Zacharias, says, "I've been surprised that the Reserve schools said we could talk about Jesus. There's a sense of hopelessness among their youth.... Our musicians felt overwhelmed by the needs as we conversed, prayed and interacted with them."

Randy Froom, director of Café 75, a drop-in center in Morris, noted, "I was really impressed; very professional and excellent. But the biggest impact was that it was very real.... They really connected. At the end they invited a response to Jesus and 5 students responded! That's never happened before."

www.v2live.ca



In our music mentoring program, we launched 2 young artists this year, Amanda Falk and Kevin Mills, recording CDs as well as organizing events in which they ministered in churches and schools. Also, **Avante Records** took on a number of commercial recording jobs, making use of our excellent studios to help support FLN. Young hearts have been touched by the original songs of our artists who have taken the opportunity to respond in mentoring others via email and phone calls.

A 16-year-old girl dying of cancer said to Amanda Falk, "Your song 'Small' said exactly how I feel but haven't been able to express. Your song is my song."

www.avantereconds.com

CONNECTING POINTS

Our English interview

program airs on 10 stations in 4 provinces and 3 states.

A listener wrote, "Keep airing these true stories. You have no idea how needed they are. My daughter was abused by a youth sponsor and not yet recovering."

An Ontario chaplain says, "**Connecting Points** is a great show. It's proof that you should never stop praying because you never know when God's miracle will happen!"

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In response to the Arabic TV and radio

programs, we've mailed 1000s of CDs, letters, Bibles and magazines to **Arabic-speaking** people all over the world, especially to countries closed to Christianity.

Emmanuel made 2 visits to Sudan and spoke in rallies of Arabic-speaking people in the USA. In addition to recording regular radio and TV programs, Samir and Lewiza Youssef, who work jointly with MBMSI and FLN, were invited to speak in the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and Egypt. In Egypt in September, they baptized 47 people, many of whom are viewers of our TV programs.

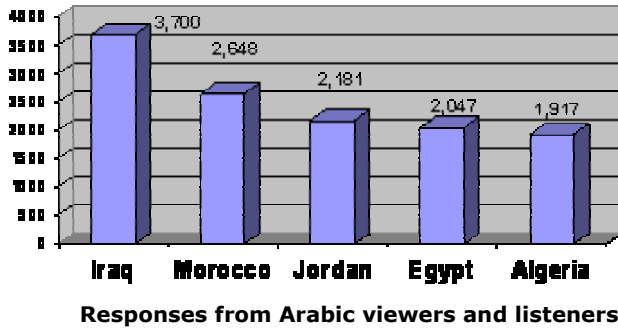
Some messages from our viewers and listeners:

"Yes, I would like to become a Christian and I want you to pray for my soul. I love your TV program." (Libya)

"God touched me through your programs and healed family problems." (Egypt)

"After reading all your emails I prayed the prayer you sent me. I have a wonderful peace!" (Morocco)

"I am a 19-year-old guy. After watching your program, I want to be a Christian but my family could kill me if they knew." (Saudi Arabia)



www.inarabic.org



БИБЛИЯ И СОВРЕМЕННОСТЬ

In **Russia**
and
Ukraine,

our team has really grown! Jointly with HCJB Radio and Radio Christian Russia we support workers in 10 studios across 9 time zones: about 43 people. Besides Russian and Ukrainian, programs are produced in Tartar and in various regional languages in the Chechnya area. Leonid Sergienko travels and mentors these fledgling producers.

Dmitri in Kazan who launched the Tartar programs says, *"I thank God that Leonid Sergienko is our director. He has a big heart and his advice is very helpful."*

This year we helped to open 2 new studios in Smolensk and Tambov. Leonid commented, *"It's really great to have this new studio in central Russia (Tambov), in what is known here as a spiritual desert."*

"Our producers are now also recording programs in the Chechen language. I'm glad to be safe after travel there....On every corner were police with guns."

A new youth program, "The Teen Zone" was launched in Ukraine. The children's TV program, **Ella's Backyard**, aired on 13 stations.

One Russian teenager wrote, *"Thank you for the most wonderful radio program. You teach what the goal of life is. Now I want to really read the Bible. Can you send me one?"*



Responding to a demand for **Low German** programs, we launched 2 new programs: one for children and one for women, both produced by Helen Funk. Our aim

is to speak hope into hungry hearts. High praise has come from stations and listeners in South America, including HCJB Radio that commented, *"These are just what we need for our listeners!"*

A radio station manager in Aylmer, Ontario commented, *"There's a lot of excitement here for both the children's and the women's programs and they can hardly wait to have more!"*

From Bolivia, *"A whole truckload of Mennonite men drove up excited to tell us their wives listened to and really liked the new program for women."*

Jacob Funk, producer of our regular High and Low German programs, visited his listeners in Bolivia and Paraguay this year. A listener wrote, *"Today I heard Jacob Funk's program. Oh, what a blessing! When he preaches, a person is often brought to tears."*

"Never stop airing these programs," writes a Canadian listener. *"The music and messages feed my soul and give much encouragement!"*



The **Spanish** ministry keeps growing!

Ernesto Pinto spoke at events in 8 countries this year, addressing family and relational issues. We're thankful for Canadian church members and pastors who joined him in pastors' retreats in Honduras and Guatemala. Hundreds of people have prayed to give their lives to Jesus.

In new initiatives this year, we mailed out the CD, *¿Dónde estás Papá?*, (Where are you, Dad?) to 158 new secular stations in Latin America. In an attempt to deal with the great number of counselling

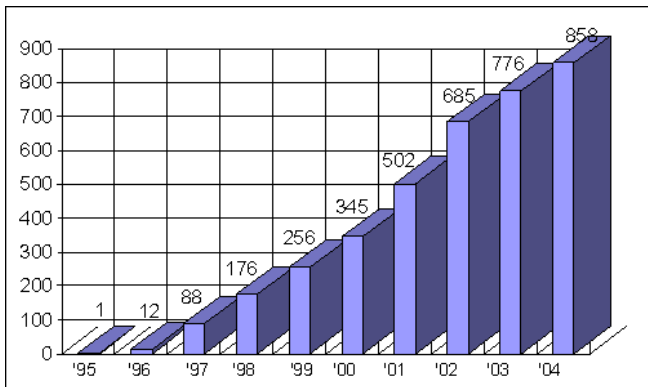
calls, we added an "ask Ernesto" section to the **Encuentro** web site which was visited by 18,121 unique visitors who made a total of 26,646 visits.

A station in Argentina writes, "We have so much response to your programs on alcoholism and family relations that our mayor asked us to advise the city government on these issues!"

From Colombia: "I gave my life to God after hearing your programs. In your programs, I feel I hear Jesus."

From Nicaragua: "I've been a journalist for 22 years and I can tell you there's nothing better out there than your program!"

www.encuentro.ca

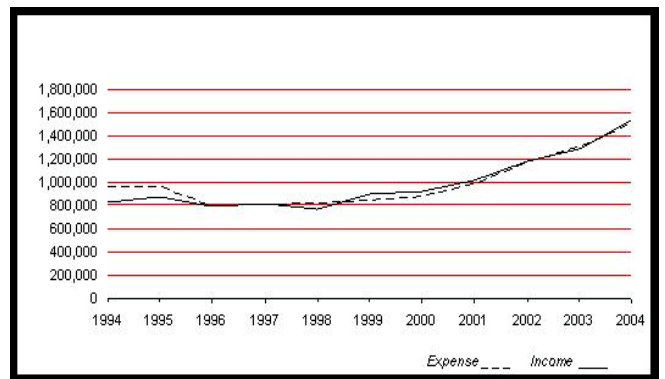


Number of stations that air Encuentro, 1994-2004

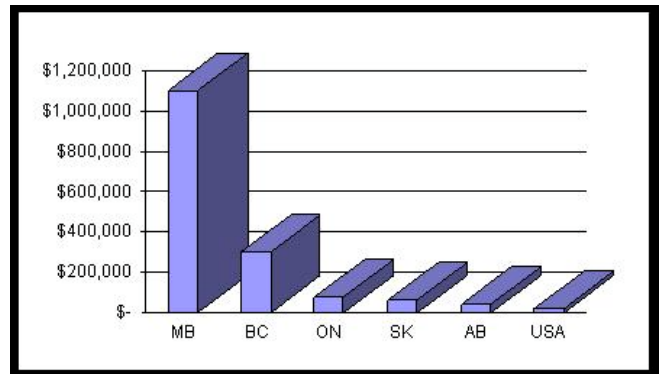
We thank God and we thank you, our faithful supporters, that we have ended the year 2004 in the black. These charts show some statistics for your interest.

We look forward to your continued support and enthusiasm as we move ahead with new projects this year.

Thank you!



FLN Income/Expense 10-year trajectory



Income per province



FLN is a multi-cultural team of creative communicators. We produce radio/TV programs aired around the globe and we partner with community and church groups in live events.

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