

3ABN Australia Newsletter – Spring 2020

What a year this has been around the world! I praise God that we have Him to trust at times like these. But there are still many people who need to hear about Jesus and be given the opportunity to follow Him.

Departmental Report – Production/IT

What a year 2020 has been! Some say that they're looking forward to it being over. All I can say is that God has been good to us over the past few months. Though we've had to cancel some productions due to the pandemic, and run on a skeleton crew, we've still been able to continue to record *Let God Speak* and *3ABN Now* programs, our two weekly series.

Early on we didn't know if we would be able to continue as normal. Many of our volunteer camera operators are retired and in the "high risk" group, so we couldn't roster them anymore. Studio A, where we had been recording *3ABN Now*, is too small for social distancing for both crew and those on set. With *Let God Speak* we had a desk that was too small at the best of times, but definitely would not allow 1.5m between people. On top of that, a number of our volunteer participants on the program travel from afar, and there was concern that this travel would not be considered "essential".

For each of these problems, God had a solution. We were already in the process of removing the stage from our larger studio (Studio B) where *Let God Speak* is recorded, allowing us to be further away from the LED video wall that we use (being too close causes issues with picture quality). This also allowed us to spread out more in front of the LED video wall, so much so that social distancing was now possible! We moved *3ABN NOW* production into Studio B, and zoomed the cameras out enough not to require an operator. Small tables were made so that we could retire the desk from *Let God Speak*, giving us more time to design and build a larger desk. Through consultation with the NSW Police, we found that those who volunteer on *Let God Speak* are classed as workers, and thus

their travel is considered "essential." Praise God!

We now have a number of new programs in the pipeline that we plan to record in our studio, including our *3ABN Australia Homecoming 2020*. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us through the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

James Hope
Production/IT Coordinator



Congratulations!

James and Diane Hope became the proud parents of baby Elijah Reuben Hope on the 7th July

Testimonies from Our Viewers and Listeners

"Thankyou for the wonderful programs. It is great to have Christian programs on TV by 3ABN and great to have some Australian shows as well as the usual American programs. We and our son enjoy the children's program *A Day With The King*. We pray that God will use 3ABN Australia to reach more people so that many can be prepared for Jesus soon return. God bless."—Email from SA

"I enjoy all the shows, but especially the interviews with different people on Sunday night. During COVID-19 lockdown I haven't been able to go to church, and have been watching 3ABN a lot over the weekends. I am most grateful for the messages on 3ABN."—Phone call.

New Products – postage not included

To view our online store go to our website and click the *Shop* button. Orders can be placed online (Australia only) or by phone (02) 4973 3456.

NEW Depression: You're Not Alone

This powerful booklet contains a firsthand account from a victim of severe depression. Her observations of the causes, symptoms, and treatment for depression are both insightful and backed solidly by God's Word! It's a must-read for anyone suffering from depression, and it's perfect for sharing!



(BPD) **\$3.00**

NEW Gardens of Fun Coloring and Activity Book

Illustrated by Tammy Larson

This 24 page colouring and activity book promotes staying healthy God's way. Great for giveaways and for classrooms too.



(CBGOF) **\$2.50**

(CBGOF-P) Pack of 20 **\$20.00**

Virtual 3ABN Australia Homecoming 2020 Preparing for Eternity

Airing on 3ABN International over a weekend in late November or early December.

Guest speakers: Adrian Raethel, Geoff Youlden, Justin and Charissa Torossian, Mike Browning, Sven Östring, Lyle Southwell, Peter Watts, Blair Lemke, David McKibben, Danny Milenkov, Marty Thomson, and Abel Iorgulescu.

A Word From the Assistant to the General Manager

What a year this has been around the world! For many years we have received requests to have 3ABN available in the Pacific islands. However, satellite time is expensive. Also, most people in the islands can't afford the equipment and Internet allowances are expensive. How could we get the signal out there?

For quite a while, Moses Primo has been working on a solution and it is now almost ready. It is called *INTERLESS*. With this device you don't need the Internet OR a satellite dish to watch 3ABN programs. All you need is a TV and power. The system contains a 2TB hard drive filled with 3ABN programming. With this box connected to a TV, people can watch nearly 4,000 hours of 3ABN programming! If they have access to the Internet, not only can they download new programs, but they can also view live broadcasts from every major Seventh-day Adventist TV channel around the world.

Can you see the possibilities for this—not only in the islands, but also in countries like Australia? They can be used in hospital wards, nursing homes (where no SDA TV is available), in caravans, and on holidays. They can even be used anywhere to run an evangelistic series. There are so many possibilities with *INTERLESS!*

The 3ABN Australia Committee decided to step out in faith and order 1,000 of these units. We need people like you to support this initiative so that people in the islands can have access to these small boxes. People here in Australia can also buy them for themselves or family members. We ask that you help us purchase these boxes so we can make them available to as many people as we can. We want to finish the work and go home. Jesus is waiting for us to do that. Why not help us during this most incredible time in this world's history? When the Holy Spirit calls on you to step out in faith with us, please act and help us to spread the Gospel—both through satellite and this new *INTERLESS* box.

We are not yet sure of the final cost, but expect them to be under \$400.00. That's less than the equipment and installation of a satellite system! It isn't affected by the weather like a satellite dish is, and there are no monthly costs like the Internet. Thank you for your support of 3ABN and *INTERLESS*.



Rosemary Malkiewicz