

Behind the Scenes

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“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays.”

Ezekiel 34:16a

Nuts and Bolts

By Charlie Oliver

A short introduction because my topic this month is a little different. I really like to talk about Jesus, especially how and where we encounter Him and how He uses you and me to reach and impact one another. In this piece, in response to the many questions I get about how the ministry does what it does, we're going to talk about Better Life's Nuts and Bolts. The questions I received are valid and important! You are partners in this ministry, and knowing what you're supporting is critical! So today I'm going to take you on a short journey through the more technical side of the Better Life ministry, hopefully in a way that won't put you to sleep. If you find this valuable or still have questions, please let me know! I'd like to do this at least a few times a year, perhaps even quarterly, since things move forward quickly in the broadcast world!

First, a brief and incomplete history of Better Life Television which began back in 1990 with a dream culminating with a single tower located in Rogue River, Oregon. The idea was simple, though not easy to implement: to receive the 3ABN signal via satellite and share it "Over the Air" (OTA) into our community. Why? Because Satellite TV is expensive. Providing our entire community a way to tune into 3ABN for free via an inexpensive TV antenna and to be blessed by the programming. As is often the case when working for God, things spiraled out of control quickly, in a very good way!

Now in 2023, Better Life Television operates fifteen stations in Oregon, Northern California, and Reno, Nevada. The ministry operates a management facility with its own production studio in Grants Pass, Oregon, on the campus of the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church, where we produce six programs with more in development. Better Life also has a strong and growing Internet presence, sending messages of Christ-centered hope well beyond our physical region.

Today I want to talk specifically about Better Life's broadcast technologies, sharing a few examples of what your generosity and God's grace have allowed us to accomplish over the last few years. This has been critical for the health of the ministry, as much of our equipment was reaching End of Life (EOL), and maintenance issues and costs were spiraling.

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Important June Dates

June 1 is National Say Something Nice Day. There's a saying "People may not remember what you do, but they'll certainly remember how you made them feel" This holiday is about lifting up your co-workers, family members, acquaintances, and even foes, with genuinely kind words.

June 5, National Veggie Burger Day, this fairly new holiday was first celebrated in 2017 to encourage everyone to eat a veggie burger. Packed with flavor, protein, and nutrients, they show up at backyard barbecues, tailgate parties, and on the menus of high-class restaurants. Grill them, fry them, or bake them. Celebrate this flavorful day with your own custom creation.



Inspirational Musings

By Jeanette Stark

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good."

Do you know this to be true in your life? Sin has made its way into our lives and the lives of those around us and we can't fix it. We can't move through it like we should; we can't think about it like we should, we feel hopeless and helpless and so often we simply give up and sit down in the middle of that mess.

I had an individual basically "call me out" because I had lost my patience and become upset with them. They knew my claim to being a Christian and they felt they knew how a Christian should act; maybe they were right.

It's hard knowing we live in the spotlight, but we do. What we know, and the world has yet to embrace is this, Christian's fall. Christian's fail. We miss the mark over and over again. But the difference is we ask for forgiveness, we get back up and we try again. It's okay to keep trying.

C.S. Lewis went on to say, "A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of the wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness — they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means — the only complete realist."

That is beautiful!

1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

"Temptation", or a variation of the word, is used three times in that one text.

The Greek for temptation and tempted can also mean testing and tested. But please take note of these three things in that verse:

- 1) God is faithful.
- 2) He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able.
- 3) He will always make a way that you may be able to endure it.

So, no matter how bad you struggle, and there are many, remember this: Jesus is right there with you. He loves you in ways you cannot begin to comprehend. Hang on to that promise and hang on to His hand and never take your eyes off of Him. -JS

Upward to the Son

by Marcia Mollenkopf - Reader Submission

A lonely eagle soars on the thermal currents,
 In tune with nature, this majestic one.
 But should he sense that he might be in danger
 He turns into the wind, up toward the sun.
 I cannot soar amid the sky like eagles,
 But when I'm feeling troubled there is One
 Who stills my heart and gives me calm assurance
 As my prayers fly upward to the Son.



Turtle Prayers

We recently held our yearly Donor Appreciation Dinner. It's our way of thanking those who support Better Life with their time and resources. As part of the evening's festivities, we invited people to write the name of someone they want to accept Jesus as their Savior. We ended up with approximately 75 turtles, and some had multiple names. Would you join us this year as we pray for each name on our prayer board? Let's see God work and the Holy Spirit moves on the lives of these friends and family members. It is an honor to pray for others. Jesus is coming soon, but He delays so everyone will have a chance to know Him. 2 Peter 3:9

Reaching the World

Emails, Letters & Phone Calls

Dear Better Life TV,
 I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to listen to your programme "Women in the Word."
 I am a young woman and I find listening to other women talking about Christ very inspiring, seeing as I am new to the walk and currently lacking role models in the faith. This programme has provided me with a sense of guidance I appreciate.
 -via email

Simple Truths Sabbath School presentations are done so well and it's wonderful to learn from the panel. I watch about 4 different presentations which really help teach the lessons.
 -via email

Did you envision that when you donate to Better Life that you are actively partnering with us to share the Good News? When you make the donation you are mentoring a young woman who doesn't have Christian role models. You are helping a Sabbath School teacher prepare to teach others with confidence. We thank you so much for helping us take the message of Jesus around the world so that the work can be completed and He can return to take us home.

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Redding California (K33HH-D): new transmitter
 Medford, Oregon (K23EX-D): new transmitter and antenna
 Cave Junction, Oregon (K16NK-D): new antenna
 Grants Pass, Oregon (KBLN, K36NF-D): new transmitters and antennas (two of each)
 Eugene, Oregon (KAMK-LD): new transmitter and antenna
 Roseburg, Oregon (K14GG-D): new transmitter and antenna

That short list represents hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the upgrades and replacements are transformational in the ministry's ability to broadcast effectively in each station's community. But it doesn't end there.

We also deployed new IP transmission technologies throughout our broadcast area. This investment of nearly \$50,000 increases system stability while standardizing our entire feed system, whereas previously, we used different systems each for OTA, cable, and satellite connections. And, very important to many of you, this allows us to return to DirecTV!

On the studio side, we've upgraded our playout machines, which we use to program our channels, another investment of \$50,000. Along with being able to retire/re-task the old EOL systems, our new standardized setup provides redundancy functionality, meaning we no longer suffer extended off-air periods when a system needs to be taken down for maintenance or suffers a failure.

Finally, we are nearing the completion of our new LED wall that represents an investment of over \$100,000. This new technology completely transforms our recording studio, allowing for a level of creativity and customization unimaginable just a few years ago, opening the door to more varied types of programming not possible with dedicated sets. We can't wait to use it!

All these projects and more are the results of your faithful partnership and support, both of which remain critical moving forward. We still have more towers to upgrade, and the FCC updated Emergency Broadcast (EAS) requirements represent another coming equipment investment of over \$50,000 to be completed this year. We're also looking to increase our investment in streaming and social media technologies, expanding our footprint ever further, and changing our production methods to better suit online viewer habits.

Friends, we don't do technology for the sake of technology. Each project, each upgrade or replacement is in line with our mission and purpose: which is to grow the family of God by effectively sharing Jesus with people throughout our broadcast area; to provide the conduit, the pathway, to connect viewers to a support community of churches and believers where they will continue to grow closer to Jesus Christ. So thank you as we share the awesome news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with Better Life Television! -CO

Thanks for taking the time to read what's on our mind, but we want to know what's on yours? Do you have a miracle to share? Possibly a poem, photo or family recipe? Would you like to give someone a pat on the back or share an inspiring story? We cannot guarantee all submissions will be printed, but we'll try. Our mailing address is: PO Box 766, Grants Pass, OR 97528, or email us at newsletter@betterlifetv.tv



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Ch. 36

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Better Life TV Program Schedule

June 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight	It's Coming	Coming Out	Country Wisdom	Bible Answers	Gospel Outreach		Praise!
12:30 AM	Secret Life of the Desert	Women in the Word	The Incredible Journey	Earth's Final Conflict	Maranatha Mission Stories		Your Favorite by Request
1:00 AM	From Sickness to Health	3ABN Homecoming	Sacrary/Salvation&Our Savior		Revelation's Ancient Discoveries	Doug Batchelor	Daniel All Access
1:30 AM	David Klinedinst	Boots 'N Bibles	Stories of Faith	Women in the Word	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Revelation Now
2:00 AM	Digital Disconnect	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Nature Music	Receiving the Word	Adventist World Radio	Secret Life of the Desert	2:00 AM
2:30 AM	Evolution Impossible	Stories of Faith	The Whole Message	White Horse Media	Worship Hour Special Series	Multitude of Counselors	2:30 AM
3:00 AM	The Seventh Day	When We Talk	Better Life on Tour	Nature Music	Ultimate Prescription	Revelation Insights	3:00 AM
3:30 AM	The Carter Report	Impact Canvasback	Fountain View Music	GP Worship Hour	NEWSTART Now!	Amazing Facts Presents	4:00 AM
4:00 AM	Amazing Adventures	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Amazing Facts Presents	Authentic	Gospel Outreach	4:30 AM
4:30 AM	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	Exercise Variety	Animal Encounters	Nature Music	5:00 AM
5:00 AM	Your Favorites by Request	Bible Answers		3ABN Today	3ABN Today	Exercise Variety	5:30 AM
5:30 AM	It's In The Bible	Authentic	Secret Life of the Desert	3ABN Today		3ABN Today	6:00 AM
6:00 AM	GP Worship Hour	Variety	Variety	Ken Cox Ministries	ASI Conventions	Bible Answers	6:30 AM
6:30 AM	Simple Truths Sabbath School	The Carter Report	Worship Hour Special Series	Shelly Quinn Presents	Nature Music	Catching the Light	7:00 AM
7:00 AM	Ken Cox Ministries	Adventist World Radio	Ken Cox Ministries	It's In the Bible	Variety	Stories of Faith	7:30 AM
7:30 AM	Boots 'N Bibles	Off the Grid	Maranatha Mission Stories	The Seventh Day	God's Last Message to the World	Pioneer Media	8:00 AM
8:00 AM	Exercise Variety	Abundant Living	Cook :30	Variety	Ken Cox Ministries	9:00 AM	8:30 AM
8:30 AM	Better Life Today	Heaven's Point of View	Body & Spirit	Fountainview Music	Ken Cox Ministries	9:30 AM	9:00 AM
9:00 AM	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	Unshackled Purpose/Intimate Clarity	Help! I'm a Parent	Ken Cox Ministries	Simple Truths Sabbath School	9:30 AM
9:30 AM	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	3ABN Today	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	10:00 AM
10:00 AM	Catching The Light	The Whole Message	Variety Hour	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	10:00 AM
10:30 AM	Journey 'n Journals	The Whole Message	Evolution Impossible	Lineage	Jesus for Asia Now	Behold the Lamb Presents	10:30 AM
11:00 AM	Receiving the Word	Bible Buzz/Sing Along	The Incomparable Jesus	Better Life Today	Amazing Facts Presents	Revelation's Ancient Discoveries	11:00 AM
11:30 AM	Women in the Word	Creation Case	Kids Time	Action 4 Life	Body & Spirit	Raw Questions/Relevant Answers	11:30 AM
Noon	Better Life Classics	Nature Music	Kids Time Praise	Receiving the Word	Journey 'n Journals	Exercise Variety	Noon
12:30 PM	Worship Hour Special Series	Catching the Light	Secrets Unsealed	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	12:30 PM
1:00 PM	Authentic	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Country Wisdom	3ABN Today	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Good News for Muslims	Summer Camp Meeting	Gospel Outreach	Ken Cox Ministries	Variety Hour	Variety Hour	1:30 PM
2:00 PM	Strategies for Strongholds	Stories of Faith	Behold the Lamb Presents	Ken Cox Ministries	White Horse Media	The Whole Message	2:00 PM
2:30 PM	Lineage	The Seventh Day	Evolution Impossible	Ken Cox Ministries	White Horse Media	The Whole Message	2:30 PM
3:00 PM	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Kids Time	Ken Cox Ministries	Kids Time	Kids Time Praise	3:00 PM
3:30 PM	Better Life on Tour	Nature Music	Kids Time Praise	Ken Cox Ministries	Kids Time Praise	Secret Life of the Desert	3:30 PM
4:00 PM	Celebrating Life in Recovery	Mark Finley Presents	Secrets Unsealed	Ken Cox Ministries	Bible Answers	It Is Written	4:00 PM
4:30 PM	It's Coming	Women in the Word	Evolution Impossible	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed Presents	4:30 PM
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