THE SACRED NAME BROADCASTER

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When we think of the origins of this ministry, we constantly remember the question that was asked in Numbers 23:23, “What has El wrought?” Beginning in 1966, the editor has been doing the Work of Yahweh, fulfilling the Great Commission. Have you taken an active role in holding up his hands?

19 WMLK—The International Shortwave Radio Voice of the Assemblies of Yahweh

The voice of a messenger from Almighty Yahweh will again be flying through the air. That radio signal is going forth powerfully and penetrating into a growing number of countries of the world. The voice of warning is heard in many different places where literature and other mediums of outreach cannot go. But now, Yahweh receives the glory all over the earth! Are you preparing yourself for the culmination of the age?

"The earth bears fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear; then the full grain in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts forth the sickle, because the harvest is come." (Mark 4:28-29).

The scene depicted by this month’s cover shows a scene rarely seen in modern times—the shocked sheaves of a wheat harvest.

It is with the hope of an abundant harvest that one prepares the soil and plants the precious seed. Sometimes this is a difficult decision, whether to save the grain for bread, or to plant the seeds—hoping for a harvest, providing food for next year.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goes forth and weeps bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5-6).

Sowing the spiritual seeds of Truth is also sown with a great hope of a positive response of the reader. Will the seeds of Truth soon in your heart grow to produce a hundredfold harvest?
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Great Commission

This article has been designed to sketch out the history of the Assemblies of Yahweh and the progress of this ministry over the past years. It is our hope that all of the readers will enjoy and appreciate these memories with us.

It was in January 1966—a Sabbatical year—when the great door swung open before the author to reach out and present the sound doctrines that our Heavenly Father Yahweh had opened up to him to share with the people of the world, via radio. At the time, there was no local Assembly here at Bethel. The Meyer family held weekly worship services in our home every Sabbath. We would sing, read the Bible, and pray together, after which the author would explain various doctrines to our children so they would come to understand the message of the Bible more clearly.

When the door of radio was opened before him, he immediately began making preparations to present an enlightened exposition of the sound doctrines of the Sacred Scriptures. It has been the opinion of the author that, although the sound doctrines may sound strange to the listeners at first because they are so different, nevertheless, if a sincere person researches them with an open mind, he will soon believe the Truth. After some preparation, Mrs. Meyer took her place at the tape recorder, and I began the broadcast. However, a snow storm was raging here in eastern Pennsylvania. The wind would rise to gusts of such high velocity that the windows of the old farmhouse loudly shook and rattled. We were afraid that the sound would be picked up on the tape recording, so we moved our operations to the kitchen, which had fewer windows. I sat behind the kitchen table, and Mrs. Meyer placed the tape recorder at the other end of the table. We began production of the first tape for
the Sacred Name Broadcast.

However, after auditioning the first taped message, I decided to remake it, because it didn’t reflect exactly what I wanted to convey to the radio audience. After recording a second tape and timing it to make certain that the length was correct (we must keep a 15-minute tape to less than 14 minutes and 30 seconds), we sent this tape to the radio station.

Breathlessly, we awaited the first airing of the Sacred Name Broadcast at noon on the Sabbath day of February 5, 1966. Radio station WBMD could be heard faintly (but clearly) in our area. By turning the volume up on high, we were able to hear quite well the very first radio broadcast. How wonderful it sounded to hear the Name of Yahweh going out over the air! How we rejoiced that the end of the age was now drawing ever nearer, since this message of Truth was going out to the people of the world.

After broadcasting on Sabbath at noon for several weeks, letters began arriving in the mail from interested people who had heard the radio broadcast. They were requesting literature which would assist them in proving the Sacred Name. Since we did not have any literature of our own at the time, we made use of several items of Sacred Name literature that were available among Sacred Name believers with whom we were acquainted. However, a plan we devised was to publish our own literature as soon as possible by making available transcripts of the radio messages.

We learned that our income tax refund would be something over $100 for the year 1965. We, therefore, ordered a spirit duplicator to use in publishing our own literature. Since I was typing out the radio sermons every week, I would then edit them for more proper publication-type expression, and, then, Mrs. Meyer would type them on the masters and print them. In this way, we were soon able to offer literature to the listeners, and these transcripts of the radio broadcasts immediately became quite popular. They actually served as the precursor for The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine which we began publishing two years later.

The brethren, who had gathered in Missouri to observe the Feast of Tabernacles in 1965, were scattered in different areas of the country. They were acquainted with others who also had a love for the Sacred Scriptures. Consequently, the news that the Sacred Name Broadcast was on the air each week circulated among these Bible believers. People began sending in support, which encouraged us greatly.

From the very beginning of this ministry, the finances were always conducted through a separate bank account. After several months, a balance began to accumulate. We had been receiving letters from people around the country who had a sincere desire to see the Sacred Name Broadcast grow and expand. Consequently, they began urging that the Sacred Name Broadcast be aired on a powerful Midwestern radio station, so they could also hear the messages.

I assigned Mrs. Meyer the responsibility of calling several Midwestern radio stations that I could receive here in the east on our own radio. Some indicated that they had no available air time, but several others expressed an interest in placing the broadcast on their station. One, in particular, told Mrs. Meyer to
send a demo tape, and she sent out the tape that same day. We waited anxiously to hear from the station. Several days later, on Passover Day 1966, the telephone call came from the station manager informing us that the broadcast was acceptable for airing on their station. He told us to continue sending the tapes and, also, to send a check to cover the air time. The cost of the broadcast was specified, and the station manager informed me that he would send the contract right out for my signature. 

This occurred in April 1966. We had previously made our plans to visit Sister Florence Waggy (who sponsored the broadcast in Baltimore) during the weekend within the Passover week. The contract arrived in the mail just before we departed. I opened the letter and read the contract, and, then, I returned it to the envelope and laid it on my desk. The cold hard facts of the contract came like a blow! The original contract called for about $3,500—money which we didn't have. In 1966, $3,500 represented quite a bit more value than it would today. I decided we would pray about this long, forward step before signing this contract, and we then departed for Baltimore.

On the way, I sincerely asked Almighty Yahweh to give me a definite sign if we should move forward and take on the additional radio time by faith. As events developed, He gave me a sign—“Go ahead.” So, consequently, I prayed to Almighty Yahweh that He would have mercy upon this fledgling outreach for the glory of His Name. I asked Yahweh (in the manner of Gideon) that, if it was His Will that I should sign the new contract on KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa, when I arrived home and expand the Sacred Name Broadcast network to a second station, I would do so. My only request was that a generous contribution would be in the mail waiting for us when we arrived home so we would know that Yahweh would provide to pay for the costs of the contract.

Late Sunday afternoon we arrived back in Bethel. I went to the mailbox and pulled out several days’ mail. Several magazines, perhaps a bill or two appeared, but what astonished me was a letter with a generous check enclosed! The letter specifically urged me to please try to get some air time on a Midwestern station, and the party would pledge to continue to help support this outreach endeavor faithfully. Certainly, this had to be a sign from Yahweh! Consequently, I went immediately to the house and confidently signed the contract, mailing it the following day to radio station KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa, which then became our second station. Yahweh provided thereafter without fail!

As we informed those who were supporting the ministry and interested people that the Sacred Name Broadcast could now be heard on a powerful Midwestern station, more support continued to be received. Actually, the first radio broadcast on KXEL brought in response, and the second one brought in even more tangible response, for which we praise Almighty Yahweh. Surely the fruits demonstrated that it was the Will of Almighty Yahweh that we take the station, and His signs He gave were accurate.

During the summer months, I worked diligently at producing a top-quality radio broadcast, and Mrs. Meyer produced the transcripts of the radio broadcast each week on the spirit duplicator. On the first day of each week, I would write letters and
answer correspondence and get literature prepared to mail to people who expressed an interest. Almighty Yahweh supplied the needs of the ministry, and, again, somewhat of a balance began to accumulate in the bank account after all the bills had been paid.

Again, I assigned Mrs. Meyer to contact various radio stations, which I was acquainted with, that might be interested in airing the radio broadcast. She succeeded in finding another radio station that was very powerful. The management accepted our request to purchase radio time and sent us a contract. Again, with some trepidation, I signed the contract, but Almighty Yahweh continued to supply the needs for this radio station outreach expansion.

The radio station was XELO, Ciudad Juarez, a Mexican station that covered the Rocky Mountain states, including both east and west of the mountains. Soon after inaugurating the radio broadcast on the XELO station, mail response began coming in. People from all over the central United States heard the radio broadcast, and some began contributing to the ministry.

Soon after the radio broadcast on XELO began to be aired, I received a letter from a town located in the southern California desert. It was sent in by an elderly lady who told me that one evening, as she was dialing her radio to find an interesting religious broadcast, she heard the Name Yahweh! Although she was of a Gentile background, she had been married to a Jewish gentleman (who had died sometime previously). He had told her that people are calling the Almighty G-d or L-rd, which is wrong, because His Name in the Hebrew Scriptures is Yahweh. He predicted that, sometime before the Messiah returns, there would be someone preaching the Sacred Name in sound doctrine. When she heard my voice using the Sacred Name, her tuning was arrested. She sought to get the station more plainly and clearly. She was able to hear our name and address that I gave at the end of the broadcast, and she copied it down hastily. She wrote a letter and sent it to us immediately, and we rejoiced to receive it. She later told me she never again heard the radio broadcast over that station, although she tried many times to pick up the signal. It must have been the hand of Almighty Yahweh beaming the signal directly to her radio so that she would hear it and communicate with us. This lady became a very staunch and dedicated member of the Assemblies of Yahweh. She was an elderly lady who later passed away and was laid to rest beside her husband to await the resurrection and the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah. But to the very end of her life, her faith and dedication to Yahweh’s Truth never wavered.

It was just about this time that a steady listener in Baltimore...
requested to be baptized into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. She was communicating regularly and faithfully supporting the ministry. I made arrangements to travel to Baltimore one weekend and counsel her for baptism. As usual, I took our family along on the trip. This event took place about the time that the first broadcast was being aired on radio station XELO. The follower was immersed on that journey and continued faithful for some time.

During the early years of producing the Sacred Name Broadcast radio program, I continued with my regular job to supply the livelihood for my family. Almighty Yahweh had given me a good job that was not too difficult. I worked for a poultry-processing company and was able to work five days a week beginning Sunday evening, completing my week of labor on Friday morning. This allowed me to spend some time during the week at my typewriter to assist my wife in typing manuscripts, on occasion, and to answer the increasing volume of letters that were being sent from many parts of the country. I recall, several years ago, that a moderator of the Assemblies of Yahweh services, during a holy day convocation, mentioned how, several times over the years, that the employees of the Assemblies of Yahweh did not receive their paychecks on time because of the low income. However, I remarked to the audience that I personally didn’t receive a paycheck for more than four years after I began the ministry. It was my conviction that I should first volunteer my time for Almighty Yahweh. I wanted to show the people the fruit that could be developed. I loved to sacrifice for the outreach ministry. It has always been my belief that one should first give before they receive, and, so, I voluntarily gave of my time and effort to inaugurate this ministry (to prime the pump). It has always been a work of sacrifice, since I could have put in a similar amount of extra time on my secular job and made much more money. Over and above my tithes, frequently, I would put in as much as 50 percent of my own wages into the ministry so that the needs could be supplied. However, it is the belief of Mrs. Meyer that some of our children resented sacrificing so much, sometimes even the things people customarily take for granted. But, I will never regret my sacrifice.

I had made up my mind that I would trust Almighty Yahweh

"You've got to prime the pump. You must have faith and believe. You've got to give of yourself before you're worthy to receive."

"Well, that's what I worked on when I began the ministry. I told my wife, "We'll prime the pump. We won't take anything out and we'll put our money into the ministry." And that's how the first four years went by, and went by quickly. The only time I took money out of the organization was when I went on my first journey in 1969 to the West coast and I had to leave some money at home so that my family could have some money for food and continued working on my job at the poultry dressing plant. I used a lot of my money, sometimes as much as 50% of my paycheck and put it into the work, but I don't regret any of that. I'm still unworthy. Everything that I have comes from Yahweh and belongs to Yahweh, so I give great honor and great praise to Yahweh our Elohim tonight for this ministry and for all the people that are here. I know my wife supported me every step of the way and some of my children also. So I give great praise to Almighty Yahweh and I encourage you to help me keep priming the pump and we'll keep working for Yahweh until Yahshua returns, I hope. May Yahweh bless you."

—DIRECTING ELDER JACOB O. MEYER (OBM)
and Yahshua the Messiah to supply the needs. Yahshua sent out His disciples without money in their purses, with only a meager supply of clothing. Almighty Yahweh, in His great power, did supply the needs, but not wants! I determined to do the same as Yahweh’s disciple. The Scriptures tell us that we shall freely give, because we have freely received (Matthew 10:8). We have always been a giving people.

However, over the years, income has fluctuated in cycles, like almost everything else seems to do. Although only about 10 percent or so of those who receive The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine contribute toward paying for their subscription, we, nevertheless, praise Yahweh that we are able to send this publication to people who express interest. We hope that it is benefitting you. Even when income is low, we continue to publish in the hope that people will accept the truth of Yahweh’s Word.

But we could do so much more if we had more faithful contributions. We sometimes speculate that by adding only another tenth of The Sacred Name Broadcaster to our list of supporters, 1,500 people giving $10 per contribution, per month, would mean $15,000 more; at $20 monthly, $30,000 in contributions per month would be added.

But, then again, we were speculating that if 1,000 readers of The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine, who were benefitting from reading these messages, would send in $1,000 per year (the tithe from a $10,000 wage), that would mean $1 million! What great things could we do with $1 million? We could contract more radio and television time and do more publishing, sending forth the message of Truth of Almighty Yahweh to the farthest reaches of the earth in a very short time.

If even only half (50 percent) of those people who subscribe to The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine would send in the cost of a subscription of $12 to $15 each per year, that would mean the equivalent of almost two months income for us at the current rate.

Recently, I had the occasion to visit a professional office. The individual I met in that office mentioned that he was receiving The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine and the other literature that we publish. He remarked that this literature is the most clear, concise, and candid teaching of Bible Truth that he has ever read. Logically, he said, you’re on the right track with harmonizing the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, a method he had never before considered, but which presented such great possibilities to him. He made the statement that the Assemblies of Yahweh publications have offered to the world a vast amount of knowledge and understanding which has never before been published by any other religious organization.

We know the observations by this individual are indeed true! Nevertheless, we also know that there are too many people like the nine lepers that Yahshua cleansed and healed, who went away without even thanking Him after having received the great blessings of good health. See Luke 17:12-19. It was only one who returned (10 percent of those whose lives He had touched in that healing experience). It is much the same situation today, as few people offer thanks to Almighty Yahweh for the gift of knowledge that will give them salvation and spiritual healing, so that others also might...
have an opportunity to hear this glorious Truth.

Perhaps you would like to contribute to this ministry because you have received much good from it. All you have to do is write a check, or obtain a money order (we prefer checks and money orders rather than cash, which might be stolen in the mails). Insert the check or money order into an envelope and mail it to: The Sacred Name Broadcast, PO Box C, Bethel PA 19507.

We know that Yahweh will bless you for your interest, and you will receive much more knowledge and understanding.

It is the hope of the editor that you are enjoying this article, which is designed to serve as a recapitulation of the origins and roots of this ministry. Those who have not been involved in this ministry for a substantial length of time will obtain somewhat of an overview in regard to how this ministry began. It is now approaching a half century since this ministry began.

By the end of 1966, the Sacred Name Broadcast was aired on three stations with a 15-minute broadcast once every week. We produced the tapes in our home here at Bethel. The response that was generated by these radio broadcasts was growing encouragingly. We were publishing the transcripts of the radio messages on a weekly basis and sending them out to an expanding mailing list.

In addition, I wrote a monthly newsletter to those who supported the ministry, wherein I gave a regular report of the progress of the ministry from month to month. It was most encouraging to note that a growing number of people were being called to support the ministry with their tithes and offerings. I did the work of Yahweh without receiving any compensation for it, since I had a full-time job with the poultry processing company. Our family even offered to Almighty Yahweh a special sacrifice of as much as 50 percent of my income, on occasion.

At the start of this ministry, I sought to write a personal response to everyone who sent correspondence to us. Usually, by the end of the week, about seven to a dozen, or more, new inquirer letters had been received. I developed a format which I laboriously copied on the typewriter, copy after copy, so that each individual would receive a personal response. Over the years, with the growth of the ministry, I have not been able to write as many personal letters as I would like, but I try to sign quite a number of letters personally to show my appreciation to those who take time to write. Among these letters are the welcoming letter for the new supporters of the ministry, responses from radio station WMLK broadcasts, and letters to people who have requested prayer.

Personal contact also began to rise in response to our diligent efforts. There was a small group of believers in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, who needed a shepherd, and, consequently, I agreed to go to Shamokin on a monthly basis, which I continued for a number of years. This small congregation of people really enjoyed the Assemblies of Yahweh worship services and appreciated the effort which we made to bring the message of Yahweh to this area. They gathered in the home of two dear True Worshipers in the Faith, Paul and Agnes Kwiatkowski, and I and my family would spend a Sabbath afternoon with them each month.

As people began to study the articles proving the veracity of the Sacred Name doctrine, they
began to develop questions both on the Sacred Name doctrine and, also, on the other doctrines of the Bible. Consequently, I would try to send a personal answer to the questions that were received. We found ourselves communicating with numerous people all over the United States, and about this time in the late 1960s, we began to correspond with people living in foreign countries who expressed interest. This rising growth was quite encouraging, since, when the ministry began, there were very few believers in the Sacred Name.

In the fall of 1967, we placed the Sacred Name Broadcast on yet another station, which was located in Michigan. Several people, who were supporting the ministry, sponsored the radio broadcast there.

During this time, I would visit homes and conduct personal Bible studies for people who expressed an interest. A family from Baltimore wrote and expressed their sincere interest in the Faith. After visiting them to ascertain their degree of interest, I learned that they had begun studying the Bible quite sincerely. After several more visits, they requested immersion into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. During the month of August 1967, they journeyed to Bethel. Several sincere people, who had been supporting the Work, also came to this meeting held in our home. The husband and wife were immersed into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah on a Sabbath afternoon. Their faith sustained them in the battles of life throughout the years. The lady passed away in recent years with the confession of her faith still viable on her lips at the end.

The year 1968 began quite auspiciously. It was a year marking great progress for the ministry. Early in the year, a
local family, who had come to believe the Sacred Name, visited us, and, after a discussion, we arrived at the decision to begin local Assembly worship here at Bethel. A small dwelling was purchased, and part of it was converted into a meeting hall. I can remember purchasing chairs at a local thrift store and helping to paint and otherwise improve the property. Each member of this fledgling Assembly worked diligently to prepare for the dedication.

It was on New Year's Day, 1968, at the beginning of a Sabbath, that the Bethel Assembly came into existence with inaugural dedication services. In attendance that first evening were about 18 of us. The following day, on the Sabbath, we were joined by several others making a grand total of 25 in attendance. Surely this was a time of great rejoicing for all of us! Throughout the year 1968, the Bethel Assembly continued to grow to an attendance of about 30.

Around the time of the Feast of Tabernacles 1967, I received a letter from an individual living in Pittsburgh. This individual had come upon some of our literature and liked what she read. She told me that a small group of people had come to believe the Sacred Name in the Pittsburgh area, and she requested I come to preach to them and, if possible, begin an outreach work there. Around the turn of the year (1967-1968), I traveled to Pittsburgh, where a group of about a dozen people assembled for Sabbath services. They were very receptive to the message. Thereafter, I would travel to Pittsburgh on a monthly basis for a number of years, and the group continued to grow under the blessings of Yahweh and the efforts of the editor.

We soon, thereafter, acquired
time on a radio station in the Pittsburgh area, and the broadcast brought us into contact with a number of other people who expressed an interest in the Faith of Yahshua the Messiah. Several new people began attending services. We rejoiced with this growth, and the ministry continued to progress.

It was about this time that we began to periodically conduct Bible studies in New York City. We rented a room to conduct the Bible studies, and a few people assembled to hear the Word of Yahweh. As time went along, that Bible study was moved to New Jersey for a number of different reasons, and the congregation continues viable and zealous to this very day.

It was during the year 1968 that a suggestion arrived urging that we should staple together a full month’s transcripts of the radio sermons and send them out in one envelope to people on our mailing list. I commented in reply that, if we were going to take a step of such magnitude, we would create a real, full-fledged magazine, with an editorial and, perhaps, an article or two, along with the radio log. However, since I continued my full-time employment at my secular job to support my family and was doing the radio broadcast, answering letters, and doing other incidentals of the ministry, I would find it difficult to anticipate adding yet more responsibility. However, one of the newly baptized sisters living in Baltimore was a good typist, and she volunteered to do the typing of some of the masters. Consequently, with her help and the faithful dedication of Mrs. Meyer, we joyfully planned this new publication.

Upon hearing the announcement, this giant step of progress excited many of the people affiliated with this ministry. Some offered to help, and others offered to contribute extra offerings so that we could boldly walk through yet another open door.

Consequently, The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine came into being. The title fit “like a glove,” because broadcasting has the secondary connotation of sowing seed. We were broadcasting on the radio, sowing the seed of Yahweh’s Word to those who would receive it. I had some practical experience in publishing, having previously been assistant editor and publisher of a Sacred Name journal in the northwestern United States.

How well I recall the inauguration of The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine! When I arrived home from work early in the morning, Mrs. Meyer had already printed the back covers. I sat down at the typewriter and individually addressed between 130 to 135 covers with the names and addresses of people who had been communicating with us. Then, I laid down to get some much-needed sleep, since I worked at night.

Upon awakening in the afternoon, Mrs. Meyer was just completing the printing of the final page. She immediately put a copy together and brought it to me for my inspection. How we rejoiced together before Almighty Yahweh! The Meyer family assembled the magazines in the evening hours, and we prepared to mail them the following day.

Since that humble beginning, The Sacred Name Broadcaster has grown considerably in size, quality, and scope of outreach. The magazine you hold in your hand is now in the 53rd year of publication. Although the first issues were quite primitive, because we did all the work on simple machinery, we found that the strong meat we published encouraged many readers. Currently, The Sacred Name Broadcaster is sent to subscribers in about half the countries of the world.

Originally, we planned to
publish the new magazine every month. But, with the heavy schedule, we initially published only every other month. Simultaneously, we were also publishing a monthly newsletter to inform the brethren of the progress of the ministry. Later on, we inaugurated the publication of another magazine, which we called The Narrow Way, intended for the membership. We published these magazines in the alternate months.

However, in March 1973, we began monthly publishing of The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine. Through occasional trials, tribulations, turmoil, and through many good times, we were able to maintain our schedule on a monthly basis up to the present time, for which we thank and praise Almighty Yahweh!

Consequently, the ministry was continuing to grow. I was preaching a weekly sermon in the Assembly here at Bethel and sometimes traveling to other places to conduct services in the afternoon on the Sabbath. The Sabbath sermons were taped and dubbed on cassette tape to send to interested people very early in the ministry. On the first day of the week, I would do the Work of Yahweh—produce radio broadcasts, answer letters, and handle the other requirements of the ministry. Also, during the week, I would be able to devote some additional time at the typewriter. All this time, Mrs. Meyer served as my sound technician for recording the radio broadcasts and Sabbath sermons, and she also served as the regular typist for publishing the transcripts of the radio messages and, later on, The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine. The children would help out by inserting the newsletters into the envelopes and assembling magazines. Mrs. Meyer assembled my correspondence and proofread my letters, preparing the literature to send out.

Even during that very busy time in 1967, our sixth son (eighth child), Nathaniel Aaron, was born, but still we continued sacrificially working for Almighty Yahweh.

Two very significant events seemed to lend impetus to the progress of the ministry near the time of its inception. In late 1966, the Jerusalem Bible was released and the Name of Yahweh appeared in headlines in many newspapers. We still have some of those clippings in the files. Almighty Yahweh supported the preaching of His Name with the evidence that appeared in the popular media.

Another significant event, with far-reaching ramifications, was the sudden eruption of war in the Middle East. I was sitting at my typewriter on a Monday morning in June 1967 when the announcer broke into a radio broadcast and reported that the Israelis and Arabs were at war. The eyes of the world were focused on this exciting prophetic conflict, which ended at the close of the sixth day of the week. And, the warring nations kept the seventh-day Sabbath! It was exciting to see the Jewish nation re-

claim the entire Land of Israel after centuries of exile and almost being decimated in the Holocaust.

As 1968 passed by, the Assembly at Bethel continued to grow, and it was about that time that attendance reached more than 30 people on the Sabbath.

The support for the ministry also continued to grow. This was why we could expand in many ways. I think that during the first years of the radio ministry, the income increased at a rate of about 50 percent per year, which was absolutely phenomenal! Almighty Yahweh continued to bless miraculously, and people came into the Assemblies of Yahweh and made their commit-
ment to our Father in heaven and to Yahshua the Messiah, our Redeemer.

When we think of the origins of this ministry, we constantly remember the question that was asked in Numbers 23:23, “What has El wrought?” What great and mighty works Almighty Yahweh has brought to pass in this dynamic, end-time ministry!

The origins of this ministry have indeed been humble, but always led by the hand of Yahshua the Messiah, under the guidance of the Most High Father, Yahweh Elohim. Almighty Yahweh has blessed abundantly throughout the years. From its inception, the ministry has continually grown, all praises to Yahweh. We hope that you are enjoying this article, written to recapitulate the history of this dynamic, end-time ministry and that you will develop an affinity for the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh who keep His commandments and love all of Yahweh’s children.

The year 1969 began with the anticipation of great events to come. I recall several telephone calls we received that came in on the common new year day (January 1, 1969). These calls
were quite encouraging, as the people who telephoned explained how thankful they were for the ministry that we had begun at Bethel. They greatly enjoyed the radio messages and the publications we were sending them.

Soon afterward, some of the brethren who were supporting, and closely affiliated with, the ministry urged that an organization should be chartered. We made plans for an organizational meeting to be held in March of 1969. I recall that it was on the Sabbath when quite a number of people gathered here at Bethel for that special meeting. While preaching the sermon for the Sabbath services, I discussed the nature of the proposed new organization—the name it should be called and the purposes for which it was being founded. I also explained how it should be our purpose to keep the organization pure, sin-free, and clean, functioning only in harmony with Yahweh's Word.

Consequently, it was our decision that we should begin to charter such a unique organization. An attorney attended the evening organizational meeting (after the Sabbath had ended), and he immediately began work on writing the charter and getting it approved by the courts of Berks County. We believed that this new organization was the first “organized” Body of the Messiah, since the one constituted by Yahshua Himself disintegrated following the death of the Apostles.

It was at this time that the Assemblies of Yahweh Statement of Doctrine was written. Originally, it was my conviction that we should simply state that Assemblies of Yahweh will always stand completely and without reservation strictly on what the Bible teaches and that this statement should serve as our statement of doctrine. However, someone remarked that all (or most) of the different churches make a similar statement. Consequently, people will ask, “What do you find the Bible to contain?” Consequently, I began writing a Statement of Doctrine.

In the month of April 1969, the brethren gathered together to observe the memorial of the suffering and death of Yahshua the Messiah and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We spent the first part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Pittsburgh, but returned to Bethel for the last half of the Feast. I brought along with me the initial draft of the Statement of Doctrine, and we studied through it for our Bible studies at that sacred season.

Upon returning home, I learned that my grandfather, Joseph Gibble Meyer (1882-1969), had passed away. Since my grandmother (his wife) had died in 1928 (before the author was born), my grandfather had resided in the home of my parents. Consequently, he was very close to the entire family.

However, I learned that he would be laid to rest on the last high holy day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I tried to persuade the family members in charge of making the arrangements to postpone the funeral by one day. They refused; consequently, I and my family could not compromise our conscience and be at the burial. We went to the funeral home late on the afternoon before the last holy day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and viewed my grandfather’s remains. Then, we returned home and prepared ourselves to worship Almighty Yahweh on His annual holy day.

The services on that annual holy day were quite inspiring for me. Brethren from many different locations joined us in worship that day. It was truly encouraging to see the growing interest in this fledgling ministry, but, the next step in the growth of the ministry was about to occur.

During the late winter, several people had written requesting that I visit them. These were people who had heard the radio broadcast and had become interested. They wished to discuss the Scriptures and some wanted to be counseled for baptism. Therefore, in several issues of the Newsletter, during the winter of 1968-69, I had mentioned that I was planning a trip for springtime and would be visiting people who had an interest in
discussing the Word of Yahweh, or in being baptized. We received visit requests from all around the country.

Several of those who were supporting the ministry sent in generous contributions to help pay for the journey. I used my own personal vehicle, a Ford station wagon in excellent mechanical condition, for the entire trip. I installed all new tires on the vehicle and serviced it carefully in anticipation of a trip to the West Coast and back again. Since I was still working full-time for the poultry processing company, I tendered my resignation, giving them the option of accepting the resignation, or viewing it as only a leave of absence in case they could not fill the position until I returned. In this way, if they could hire a full-time employee, I would not stand in the way.

We kept a file containing the names of those who requested a visit, and the final number came to more than 30 individuals, families, and groups who wanted to be visited. Consequently, I made my plans to depart on the day after the last high day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread for this first extended ministerial journey.

In the evening when the high day ended, I typed up all of the spirit masters of the edited, rewritten, and completed Statement of Doctrine so I could take copies with me to pass out as I traveled. During the night, as Mrs. Meyer was preparing my clothes and packing my suitcase, she took the time to print out the Statement of Doctrine from the spirit masters that I had typed.

I departed for the west the day after the high day. I began my visits in Missouri, went to Arkansas, and then on to Texas. The trip took me through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota. I finally ended the trip with a visit to several homes in Wisconsin. Thereafter, I traveled back to my home in Pennsylvania. This was a major journey, and it took approximately six weeks to make the circuit. Since I had started the day after the last high day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, I arrived home just prior to the Feast of Weeks.

I remember that on this trip to the West Coast and back I baptized three people, contacting those with whom we had been corresponding for several years and who had been faithfully supporting the radio broadcast.

One of the drawbacks of traveling by yourself over such a long distance and being away for that span of time was that I missed my wife and family terribly. Needless to say, I was very homesick for them. While I was away, Mrs. Meyer kept the home fires burning brightly here at Bethel. Every few days I would telephone home, and she would
update me on the mail coming in and the things that were happening. While I was away, I wrote several issues of the Newsletter, and she printed them and mailed them out. She also communicated the information that several additional people wished me to stop on my route. I was able to stop and visit them enroute.

Most of the people were thankful to hear of a new organization that was in the formative stages. Of course, there were always some who desired to be independent, but we had to continue the progress of the ministry, and, for this reason, an organization was necessary, and it became a reality.

When I arrived home from this first major missionary journey throughout the country, it was the time to begin preparing for the Feast of Weeks that was to occur the following weekend. Since the Meyer family had the main responsibility of organizing the feast, I immediately made various plans. We had rented a pavilion in a private camp that was located in the neighborhood, and we held the weekend Sabbath and annual Feast of Weeks, Pentecost, services there.

It was at this Feast convocation that the first public reading of the Statement of Doctrine was made. Approximately 30 people (mature believers) agreed to adhere to this Statement of Doctrine as our constitution. Sadly, only a few of those remained faithful over the years; but, we praise Almighty Yahweh for the faithful ones.

On July 8, I accompanied the attorney for our scheduled appearance in court to petition for our charter. The judge had no questions, and, after reading over the charter, he approved it. We learned later that it was defective in a few places and should have included several other items. Several years later (1971), I had another attorney go over the entire charter and correct it. He told me at that time that he would expand the potential field of service opportunities for the Assemblies of Yahweh. Not only were we granted the right to assemble for worship and to engage in such benevolent activities as are allowed by section 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue Service code, but we can also engage in education, in benevolent work, and any other activities that are related to the field of religion and serving the need of humanity, both spiritually and temporally. Therefore, the Assemblies of Yahweh has broad horizons of service still before us.

It was quite significant that the Assemblies of Yahweh charter was approved in 1969, which is exactly 100 nineteen-year time cycles after the Apostolic As-
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He that goes forth and weeps bearing seed for sowing, shall...
opened of its own accord about the sixth hour of the night. Now, those that kept watch in the temple came thither running to the captain of the temple, and told him of it; who then came up thither, and not without great difficulty was able to shut the gate again. This also appeared to the vulgar to be a very happy prodigy, as if [Yahweh] did thereby open them the gate of happiness. But the men of learning understood it, that the security of their holy house was dissolved of its own accord, and that the gate was opened for the advantage of their enemies. So these publicly declared, that this signal foreshewed the desolation that was coming upon them. Besides these, a few days after that feast, on the one-and-twentieth day of the month Artemisius, [Jyar.] a certain prodigious and incredible phenomenon appeared; I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable, were it not related by those that saw it, and were not the events that followed it of so considerable a nature as to deserve such signals; for, before sun-setting, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armour were seen running about among the clouds, and surrounding of cities. Moreover, at the feast which we call Pentecost, as the priests were going by night into the inner court of the temple, as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they said that, in the first place, they felt a quaking, and heard a great noise, and after that they heard a sound as of a great multitude saying, “Let us remove hence.” But, what is still more terrible, there was one Jes-s, the son of Ananus, a plebeian, and an husbandman, who, four years before the war began, and at a time when the city was in very great peace and prosperity, came to that feast whereon it is our custom for every one to make tabernacles to [Yahweh] in the temple, began on a sudden to cry aloud, “A voice from the east, a voice from the west, a voice from the four winds, a voice against Jerusalem and the holy house, a voice against the bridegrooms and the brides, and a voice against this whole people!” This was his cry, as he went about by day and by night, in all the lanes of the city. However, certain of the most eminent among the populace had great indignation at this dire cry of his, and took up the man, and gave him a great number of severe stripes; yet did not he either say anything for himself, or anything peculiar to those that chastised him, but still he went on with the same words which he cried before. Hereupon our rulers supposing, as the case proved to be, that this was a sort of [supernatural] fury in the man, brought him to the Roman procurator—where he was whipped till his bones were laid bare; yet did he not make any supplication for himself, nor shed any tears, but turning his voice to the most lamentable tone possible, at every stroke of the whip his answer was, “Woe, woe to Jerusalem!”

“Now, if any one consider these things, he will find that [Yahweh] takes care of mankind, and by all ways possible foreshews to our race what is for their preservation; but that men perish by those miseries which they madly and voluntarily bring upon themselves; for the Jews, by demolishing the tower of Antonia, had made their temple four-square, while at the same time they had it written in their sacred oracles,—‘That then should their city be taken, as well as their holy
house, when once their temple should become four-square.’ But now, what did most elevate them in undertaking this war was an ambiguous oracle that was also found in their sacred writings, how, ‘about that time, one from their country should become governor of the habitable earth.’ The Jews took this prediction to belong to themselves in particular; and many of the wise men were thereby deceived in their determination. Now, this oracle certainly denoted the government of Vespasian, who was appointed emperor in Judea. However, it is not possible for men to avoid fate, although they see it beforehand. But these men interpreted some of these signals according to their own pleasure; and some of them they utterly despised, until their madness was demonstrated, both by the taking of their city and their own destruction.” (Flavius Josephus, *Josephus, Complete Works*, translated by William Whiston, Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1960, pp. 582-583).

Now, 1900 years later, 100 nineteen-year time cycles later, the organized Apostolic Assembly Yahshua had founded was again reconstituted! HalleluYah, all praises to Almighty Yahweh for this significant development!
It was in 1966, during a Sabbatical Year, that the door of radio opened before the author to declare Almighty Yahweh’s Name and the coming Kingdom of Yahweh and salvation in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. The radio outreach expanded rapidly over the years so that this Truth could be preached in various places of the world.

In 1966, The Sacred Name Broadcast was first heard over Radio Station WBMD, Baltimore, Maryland. From there, we obtained time on such powerful stations as KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa; XELO, Mexico; XERF, Mexico; and other major stations whose names you have seen listed in our Radio Log over the years.

The vision of taking this dynamic message of salvation to the ends of the earth has always been in the forefront of our minds. From the moment this magnificent Truth was revealed to us, we wanted all people on the earth to hear this glorious message.

This message of salvation, through keeping ourselves free from sin by obeying Yahweh’s Covenant Law, and trusting in the revealed personal Name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh, and in the True revealed Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, is unique among the teachings of various religious organizations of the world. But the end purpose is not merely to promulgate these facts that have been preached so powerfully over The Sacred Name Radio Broadcast and published in The Sacred Name Broadcaster magazine and our
other published literature. Our primary objective is to get people to comprehend that faithful obedience to the things which are taught by the Sacred Scriptures is necessary for salvation.

The Assemblies of Yahweh message is one of strictness through obedience. The world today wishes to liberalize religious doctrines, and, therefore, many unscriptural notions are introduced to supplant plain statements in the Bible. In this manner, religious bodies legitimize sin! But the Assemblies of Yahweh confronts the Bible straightforwardly and allows the Sacred Scriptures to speak with supreme authority. We humbly submit ourselves to this voice speaking to us directly from heaven from the pages of the sacred book.

Over the years, the author recognized that, in order to fulfill the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, a new approach would have to be taken. How would this message be proclaimed to the ends of the earth? The borders of some nations are closed to restrict information in certain forms. The Assemblies of Yahweh organization is small and not at all wealthy when compared to the worldly religious organizations.

While contemplating the progress of the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry relating to how we can fulfill our calling to send forth this message to the ends of the earth, we recognized that
purchasing time on commercial radio stations would not cover all of the areas necessary. Additionally, time on commercial radio stations has become very expensive over the years. It seems like the months roll by very rapidly, and sometimes income is low. Bills pile up as we seek with all our power to fulfill the mission to which Almighty Yahweh has called us. Actually, we should be sending forth The Sacred Name Broadcast right now over at least a dozen more powerful stations here in the United States alone, but the cost is prohibitive.

After much personal thought and discussion with various brethren, we finally came to the conclusion that having our own radio station would be a tremendous asset to the ministry. With careful research, we learned that Bethel is located at a very strategic position on the earth for sending out radio signals. We learned that from Bethel we can cover much of the land area of the earth, because the Great Circle Line on which we are located is the one that runs through the heart of most of the land. Therefore, we could conceivably cover the land area of the world by a short-wave radio signal, which travels around the globe in a circle.

The voice of a messenger from Almighty Yahweh will again be flying through the air. That radio signal is going forth powerfully and penetrating into a growing number of countries of the world. The voice of warning is heard in many different places where literature and other mediums of outreach cannot go. But now, Yahweh receives the glory all over the earth! Are you preparing yourself for the culmination of the age?

One of the most exciting factors about the shortwave radio signal is that Almighty Yahweh can push the signal anywhere He pleases! As one professor of communications told us, “Aim the antenna in the direction in which you want to broadcast and then the various heavenly phenomena will push the signal into different places. No one can control where the signal goes!” Truly the hand of Almighty Yahweh is at work with this radio signal. He will direct the signal, and His mighty power will also make the voice easy to be understood, as in Apostolic days.

Almighty Yahweh has blessed the Assemblies of Yahweh outreach, and we have received many blessings for which to thank Him. But we would like to have more people listen to the radio station and be encouraged by the sound doctrines which are preached over the air each day. Will you join us by listening to your radio regularly?
A new, state-of-the-art transmitter is being installed that will incorporate the latest technology that will deliver a clear, crisp sound with the greatest efficiency available. Electricity costs have greatly increased; consequently, the higher efficiency will allow us to broadcast more—for less money.

This new transmitter will broadcast at 300,000 watts of power, and, in this way, **MOST OF THE INHABITED AREAS OF THE WORLD WILL BE COVERED WITH THIS END-TIME MESSAGE THROUGH THE POWERFUL SIGNAL OF WMLK RADIO**, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Matthew 24:14.

**If Almighty Yahweh lays this need upon your heart, and you desire to join us in this endeavor, we pray that His richest blessing will be upon you.**

For more information on how you can help to fulfill the Great Commission, write to Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507, or log on to www.assembliesofyahweh.com, or WMLKradio.net.