

On the Air

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“Several years ago, the front row used to be filled with people holding tape recorders in their laps and microphones in their hands. They were taping the Bible studies to listen to them again and study them during the week or, in some cases, sending them to friends,” wrote Chuck in 1981. His reminiscences continued: “The Word for Today now duplicates and sends out more than 20,000 tapes every month to individuals and Bible study groups all over the world as God continues to expand the tape ministry. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians declaring how the Word of God had gone throughout the world from their fellowship. The same is true of Calvary Chapel, as tapes are being sent into Russia, Red China, all parts of Western and Eastern Europe, and Sweden.” Eventually, the church began to consider expanding the tape ministry in a new way. Chuck explained, “As God continued to bless Calvary Chapel and we had a surplus of funds, the [CC Costa Mesa] Board, in seeking to spend these funds for the Kingdom, felt that one of the best ways would be to begin a radio ministry supported by Calvary Chapel.” As the church broadcasted the Bible teachings, Chuck continued, “God began to bless immediately. The response to the program was overwhelming. The stations soon were writing and telling us that they were receiving more response and listener approval to The Word for Today than any other program.”

Since Chuck wrote that more than 30 years ago, The Word for Today continues to provide Christian growth resources both in audio and printed formats. CC Costa Mesa eventually purchased their own radio station, KWVE, which features Bible teachings and worship music. Today, KWVE is listened to worldwide via the Internet. Many Calvary Chapel churches have adopted the model Chuck began and now broadcast expositional sermons to their communities on their own radio stations. Many CC pastors also provide teachings via podcast. 📻

Right: Chuck never tired of answering questions about the Bible and the Lord on the daily radio show he led for years, *Pastor's Perspective*.

