



Good and Bad News for Gud Nius

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Dear Graham

I'm sure you've heard about the recent series of earthquakes and the tsunami in the Solomon Islands. **Bad news indeed!** There is also good news and bad news from our **Christian radio station, Gud Nius Redio** on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands . . .

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The very bad news . . . May's sad loss

May Daiwo has been a part of Gud Nius Redio in Honiara almost since it started (2004).

She was a full-time radio host in the early days, but now she is a nurse at the local hospital and works her days off and between her shifts.

Sadly, May's Mom was swept away in the tsunami following the earthquake that struck the Solomon Islands on the 6th of February. Her body was later found.

Please pray for May and her family - and for all the other families that lost loved-ones. And pray for the Solomon Islands as it continues to experience earthquakes and after shocks following last Wednesday's tsunami.

We are very thankful . . .

for the generous, ongoing support of [HCJB Global](#).

It was only with their help that we were able to plant Gud Nius Redio in 2004.

Since then they have helped with technical repairs and donated free solar-powered radios for our listeners in Solomon Islands and Tonga (this is a Tok Tok yet to be written!).

The Good News . . . "Praise the Lord we are on the air"

This was the excited text I got from Auntv Tina Lemazi (Station Manager). After months of hard work and frustrating delays, Gud Nius Redio is back on the air with a new FM frequency, and broadcasting from a new tower and a new studio.



Tina Lemazi, Station Manager

It's been a long journey for our brothers and sisters on Guadalcanal.

A journey that started when our electricity supply was hacked into and 3 months of power stolen by our neighbors in Sept 2011.

We must remember that the Solomon Islands are very poor and isolated, so it's difficult to get things done. Money and even basic materials are hard to come by. As well being poor, local people are not used to supporting a Christian ministry like the radio.



Selling peanuts at the Honiara Market

I thank the Lord for giving us a local leader like Auntv Tina. For 17 months she has inspired and led her local volunteers as they stepped out in faith to raise money needed to pay for the stolen power (used in our name), and after that to raise the money and build a new tower and studio. **What an amazing grandmother!**



Laying the earth strap for the new FM antenna

Some money came from our Western donors, but most of it was raised by our staff selling food and seeking donations at the Honiara markets, and from several 'dine and donate' evenings where Tina and others shared the vision for Christian radio.



Judah (radio staff) prepares the antenna

Now her staff and radio listeners have a real sense of ownership. They can celebrate Gud Nius Redio as a work of faith - something they have achieved under the Lord's direction and with His provision. This helps us show the people that the Gospel is not an imported Gospel from the affluent West.

Auntv Tina, and our friends at Gud Nius - we are very proud of the way you have stepped out in faith and obedience to serve the Lord!

The not so Good News . . . The transmitter needs expensive repairs

Not long after that excited text from Tina, she texted again.

This time was to say the transmitter was overheating and they could not broadcast until it was repaired. Fortunately one of our local board members is a senior telecoms technician; we get outstanding support from HCJB Global (link) and we are also friends with the radio tech at the government radio station.



Harry (our local technician) has found a fault in our FM antenna and in our transmitter. However, he has been able to get the station on air with temporary repairs and our friends at [HCJB Global](#) are arranging to ship the parts Harry needs for repairs, and to send us a new antenna from America.

This equipment is costing a total USD \$1602.88(\$445.33 of this amount is for shipping). That's NZD \$1900.00 or AUD \$1550.00. **And it is needed right away.**

Please consider helping Auntv Tina get this vital equipment shipped and installed

It would certainly take many 'dine and donate' evenings in Honiara to pay this account and get the equipment shipped. (\$11,000.00 in their local dollars).



Thank you very much. Please keep Tina, her team and Gud Nius FM in your prayers.

May God bless you for your continued help and support.
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