For the last several months we’ve been involved in a fund raising campaign to expand the outreach of the work of the Gospel Broadcasting Network. Our goal has been to raise $100,000. This money will go to three areas:

1) Adding a national broadcast of Counterpoint with B.J. Clarke and Mike Hixson on Dish Network and DirecTV.

2) Providing receivers to local television stations to expand the number of cable stations that carry GBN as a 24/7 channel.

3) Revamping our website (gbntv.org) and creating a massive archive for the storage of audio and video teaching materials.

As of today, we have raised $80,003. When we reach $85,000, we have a contributor who has committed to pay the rest!! This means that we need less than $5000, and we’ll be done. Can you help us raise the last $5000?
As we are writing this newsletter, several members of the staff are preparing for the Returning to the Faith event in New Brunswick, Canada. This is an outside public tent meeting that will take place July 5th-10th. Its aim is to help a small mission work in the city of Moncton. The supporters of this effort have paid for GBN to provide several speakers for the event, as well as streaming the event live and recording it for playback on the network. Be looking for the broadcast of this event in mid-July as a part of the GBN Special Presentations.

We are always thankful when GBN can be of help, not only to Christians here in the USA, but also to those in foreign countries. The needs of mankind everywhere are the same, and the Gospel message is universal in its ability to meet those needs.
DEBATE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

On May 27th and 28th, GBN had the great privilege of airing a debate between Jack Honeycutt (Willette church of Christ) and Michael Brawner, a prominent Missionary Baptist preacher. The public discussion took place in Lafayette, Tennessee, in the Macon County Junior High School auditorium. The essence of the discussion was whether or not baptism is essential for the remission of sins.

Approximately 550 people attended the debate in person, with a good representation of both Missionary Baptists and members of the church. Thousands more watched through GBN on cable, over the internet, or through the various GBN apps in their homes and church buildings. We are aware of people from at least 7 different countries who watched the debate via the GBN website.

The two night debate can be viewed in its entirety at http://www.gbntv.org/debates. If you have not yet seen the debate, we encourage you to watch it and share it with others. It is fantastic evangelistic material.

RESULTS OF THE DEBATE

After the debate was over, Michael White, who had been a Missionary Baptist, asked to be baptized for the remission of his sins. He said he watched the public discussion that Jack Honeycutt just finished from home on GBN. He said it was so clear that he had to obey.

Then Jason Stafford obeyed the Gospel. He credited several influences, including the debate and watching GBN.

In total now, we know of 5 baptisms as a result of this effort. Several studies are still taking place. One lady called after the debate and indicated that she had been a member of the Church of God in Illinois for years. After watching the GBN website and seeing the discussion over the necessity of baptism, she sought out the local church of Christ in her area. Good continues to come from this discussion as hundreds have asked for copies of the debate. It has been viewed thousands of times on YouTube, and World Video Bible School plans to make it available via DVD in the near future.

We express deep gratitude to the Willette church of Christ for organizing and funding this debate. We are especially thankful to Jack Honeycutt for his diligent study and Christian conduct during this public discussion. We also must thank all of the supporters of GBN who provide the funding that allows us to broadcast efforts such as this, as well as airing the Truth 24 hours a day. Special thanks is also due to the excellent GBN staff who handled the production and airing of this debate.

- Don Blackwell, Executive Director
The month of July has 5 Sundays. Over the years many congregations have donated part or all of their fifth Sunday contribution to the work of the Gospel Broadcasting Network. This has been a great blessing to the work! If you would be willing to consider this or would like to have someone from GBN come and speak on that date, please let us know!

**SPECIAL PLEA:** The last couple of months our income level has been unusually low. I know it is the time of the year that students are graduating, weddings are taking place, families are going on vacation, etc., but the reduced contributions make our work challenging. I suspect that one of the reasons for the reduced income is that some contributors have designated their regular support toward our special fund-raising effort. While the response to this has been excellent, it may have hurt with regard to money to pay regular monthly obligations. If you can contribute toward the recent shortages, it would help us immensely.