

# GOD'S EYE VIEW



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Climbing to the top of a high mountain can be a monumental experience. It is a feat that elevates you to the highest of heights and extends your vision to see all that lies before you. Once you have reached the top, the world that is now in your eyesight stretches much farther than the limited view that you once had from on the ground. You realize that, yes, there is a much bigger world out there than you could ever imagine. Such a glimpse from this new perspective can be overwhelming, or it can be inspiring to devise innovative ways to do more to reach those who are out there in this expansive world we live in.

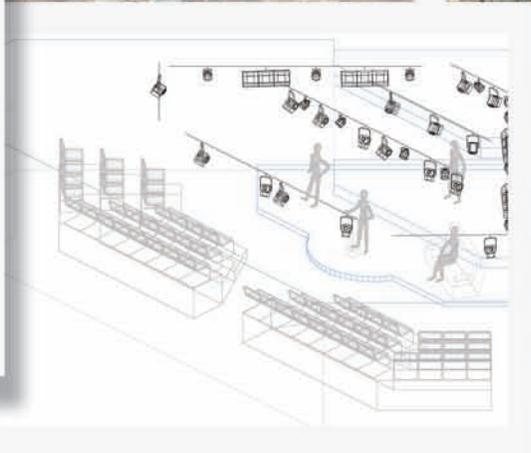
Being at the top of a mountain, not only allows your view to change to see more, it also makes your voice louder and stronger for more people to hear. As you speak from such a high point, your words echo across the land and penetrate into corners of the world that you may have never thought they would reach. Your words reverberate, so that their impact lasts even after they were first spoken out of your mouth. A mountain top experience has the potential to broaden your reach and your effectiveness, as your view becomes wider.

God called Pastors Randy and Cherie Gilbert to touch the world in such a way, many years ago, through the CONTACT television ministry. One day in the early years, as Pastor Randy drove up the hill onto the church property and walked the land, God spoke to him, commissioning him to, "speak to the world from the top of this mountain." Since then, our television ministry has been growing, and even more rapidly in recent years. Our sanctuary set has been redesigned and installed with high quality equipment, including high-tech cameras and television lights. Our Media crew has been trained by some of the most knowledgeable people in the industry. Adding more stations to our broadcast schedule has expanded our viewer audience, including our newest station, the Daystar Network. It has been quite an exciting journey, and we have now arrived at another high peak in the chain of mountains with our brand new, state of the art CONTACT television studio.

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This new studio will be a tremendous asset to the CONTACT ministry. It will enable us to embark upon a new wave of direction for the broadcast, and in doing so provide a fresh look to reach more people. The Word of God will be taught in a warm and close setting, making it more personal to the viewer. This will also provide opportunity for a “family room” type atmosphere, where special guests can share their stories, testimonies, and talk about what incredible things that God is doing in their lives. With a capacity of nearing 100 for the studio audience, excellent audio equipment, and the capability of doing a 6-camera shoot, filming in this new studio will greatly enhance the television ministry.

It is time to “go into all the world” by all available means. In this technologically advanced world in which we live, we must keep up with the times and use these advancements to our advantage. The Gospel must be preached to all nations, and television is a great tool to do so to a larger audience. Just as Jesus reminded Peter to line up his vision with what He had called him to as a fisher of men, to feed His sheep, we are striving to bring the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, to more people by these greater means.

We are postured to take on a new view – God’s eye view. A view that is widened before us, where we are looking at the world from a higher point to see more of the vision that lies in front of us. A view

where God’s eyes become the camera lens that we look through, so we can zoom in and focus on what He sees, making the picture of God’s calling clearer. A view where we are looking through the compassionate eyes of God to see people as He sees them; people who are lost and hurting, people who are waiting for a message of hope to connect them with their purpose, people who are in need of a loving Father and a redeeming Savior.

We are ready for the Word of God to be spoken louder from this mountaintop. Spoken into every wide area and every crevice for all to hear. Spoken across a broad plain, ringing in the ears of all those who will have ears to hear, proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

There is a big world out there, and there are many people that need to be reached. We know that they can be reached and will continue to do

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our part in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The CONTACT ministry is committed to impacting the world and building up the Kingdom of God, and the new studio will play a vital role in doing so.

