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Dear Uncle David

Can you believe that **Firstlight has been on air for just over 7 weeks?** Wow!

Thank you so much to all those wonderful people across the country who have been walking the streets within their area faithfully putting Firstlight flyers into letterboxes! By these means 170,000 flyers have gone out or will soon be going out to tell people about Firstlight. Not everyone was able to assist us in this way so just in case you were not a "street walker" we have included two flyers so that you can see what they look like. Once you've seen them please give them out to your family and friends so that they can do their awareness building work!

We are thrilled to let you know that **every day truly wonderful feedback about Firstlight comes in.** Already Firstlight is hitting the mark! Praise the Lord that people have also been finding Channel 26 'by accident' and that hearts are being softened and lives are being changed. Here are excerpts from the many emails that pour in daily.....

*"Loving the channel so much, God is speaking to me daily through you and I thank you so much for it. I am half Assyrian, half Chaldean as you see my roots are straight from biblical Ur land of Abraham, Neo Iraq..."*

*...I give thanks to God for people like you who are making it possible to live through our darkest and last days by giving us joy and hope in our Redeemer. May your light shine upon the whole NZ. Yes you are indeed the first and the last light in Jesus name. Amen" S*

*"Thank you for providing such a wonderful range of inspirational messages on your new channel. B"*

*"My eternal thanks for your wonderful Firstlight Broadcasting Network. I had totally given up watching TV after the news & Current affairs. All your Teacher/Preachers are wonderfully biblical and exciting to listen to and watch. I have told all my christian and non christian friends. I feel so blessed and thank the Lord for you all. May He meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Bless you all, B "*

*"God bless you and yes I liked you on Facebook and in my heart" ♥*

*"Hello. First of all Praise God and congratulations on an awesome TV channel. AT LAST - something to really stir my spirit. I didn't realise how much I was missing strong meaty lessons from the Word until you came along. Just one thing - I would love a printable version of your weekly schedule...Is it available and I can't see it? Blessings, D."*

*"I'm writing to say thank you for the free broadcast on tv channel 26. I am grateful as I've always prayed for an alternative to Sky's Shine TV. God Bless. This is a great way to quench my thirst. I'd like to sing to more hymns during the moments of peace." SV.*

*"By sheer accident I came across your programme on the TV yesterday. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the transcript of the message on Ark of the Covenant by Ps. Shawn Boonstra ....to be shared with friends. B"*

*"Well I thought it was going to be another rubbish Christian channel like others I've watched. But wow it's great especially for an old dried up Christian like me. It's great learning heaps and it's giving me a new interest in the faith. I stopped going to church many years ago because it was just so boring the same thing over again. Just watched Answers in Genesis and I loved it. Thank you and God bless. from G."*

This one is from an SDA Pastor....

*".....I just wanted to send a note of encouragement to you and thanks for the work and great faith that has gone into getting Firstlight on the air. I tuned in and watched your countdown, and have been watching the program periodically as time has allowed me. The programming is incredibly positive, and from what I've seen so far, the station is one I would be proud to invite my secular friends to tune into...."*

*"Oh yes, we are still watching Firstlight. Words cannot express our gratitude in having this Channel on television. I can now have the television on all day and have the wonderful nature videos playing or listen and watch the great teachings.....We are Christians but not Seventh Day Adventists. Everything we had been told about SDA's we have discovered was all untrue. We were told they were a cult. The church we were going to was a Pentecostal church.....I have been desperately searching for the truth and told God I didn't know which way to go anymore. I needed direction, was desperate for more of Him, and then this channel 26 came on television. It's all a long story, but we are immigrants and have not found a church to settle into here in New Zealand. I have been desperately lonely and felt forsaken by God. But now the light has come on again. Thank you, S."*

*"God has truly blessed your network, for a long time I thought that I was a christian, then when watching one of your programs I felt an incredible heat come upon me, and I realized I didn't have the spirit within me, so immediately I started repenting, for 3 days straight I was repenting begging for forgiveness, throughout all the heat and emptiness the only thing giving me hope was something I heard on your program; "God is a better saviour than you are a sinner" by the end of day 3 I was huddled over on my knees like a scared child with nothing but faith keeping me praying. then I got up, went and had a shower and when I returned to my room I was just overcome with joy and peace and a burden that felt like an ocean liner being lifted off me. the love that I felt made me cry tears of joy, now everything is peaceful and clear in my life! for helping point me towards Jesus I am sincerely thankful! so never loose hope and remember that even if you put a trillion dollars into this channel, it will be an investment well paid off if just one soul is saved. peace of the Lord be with you ."*

On behalf of our viewers and the Firstlight Board, we would like to thank you so much for your donations to Firstlight. Your generous donations and heartfelt prayers have brought Firstlight to this point and we thank you most sincerely.

We are aware that some of our supporters continue to make automatic payments even though Freeview|HD is unavailable in their area and we especially thank you for helping to fund Firstlight in these circumstances. We pray you will be blessed abundantly by our Lord for He sees ALL things. Our prayers are for Firstlight to attract enough funding to enable Firstlight to be on the Freeview Satellite platform as well. Then Firstlight would be available to **everyone** in NZ and we could even uplink from there to Australia! Please pray with us for this magnificent outcome!

In the meantime, we know from the feedback we have already received that all heaven must be rejoicing! Praise the Lord for His goodness.

On behalf of the entire Firstlight Broadcasting Network team.....May God bless you, guide you and keep you.

Nikki Yeo

**Secretary – Firstlight Broadcasting Network**

PS: If you missed the launch of Firstlight on the 17th September at 6pm, or if you would like to replay those special moments; visit our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/FirstlightTV>) where you will find the link to a short Vimeo clip of the launch.

This clip includes 3:25 minutes of the material leading up to the launch, then the countdown launch of Firstlight and then about eight glorious minutes of the very first programme which was "God of Wonders."

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As you can see from the feedback, Firstlight is doing a great work and all heaven must be rejoicing! Praise the Lord for His goodness.

It is amazing that we have been able to move forward with so few supporters faithfully making automatic payments to Firstlight. Praise the Lord that the shortfall of our very high monthly expenses has been covered so far by very generous one-off donations. But to sustain Firstlight in the longer term and to keep Firstlight on air, the **number** of people making faithful regular contributions every month needs to increase substantially from where things are right now.

Our target is 1500 people making faithful auto payments every month of, for example, \$40 per month. (\$10 per week or \$1.30 per day.) This is a realistic goal but our monthly need could also be expressed as:

750 people making faithful auto payments of \$80 per month (\$20 per week or \$2.60 per day)

We will of course come out with a mixed combination of different figures which is perfectly fine. The examples above are just to give you an idea of how the monthly broadcasting fees can be covered by willing supporters of Firstlight who put regular contributions onto the altar to reach souls in New Zealand.

If we are able to increase our regular support base, we can with God's grace reach our target. Every donor counts toward fulfilling this great commission. We know that God can help us reach this target, that we may partner together, in order to proclaim the everlasting gospel throughout New Zealand. We have included an Automatic Payment form and a Donation Form in case you see a way to assist us. Remember that donations to Firstlight are tax deductible. Thank you so much for your prayers. We know they help enormously.

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