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Dear Friends of Galcom:

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## **Galcom's Global Outreach Celebrated In Tampa**

**So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. (Romans 15:19b NIV, emphasis added)**

On March 24, we again hosted our annual partner appreciation banquet in Tampa at the Airport Doubletree Hotel in order to celebrate all that God has done through Galcom during the past year and to thank those who prayed and gave generously to make it happen. It was an especially unique event this year, highlighting Galcom's partnership with Radio Emanuel to reach Albanians with the message Jesus Christ.

This gathering set our all-time attendance record, as more than 230 faithful partners came expecting a truly moving event, and no one left disappointed. Janice Beichner spoke for many when she said, "This was a very special evening! We were so pleased." Rev. Bill Davis added, "If you want my opinion, this was the best banquet you've ever held!" It was such a meaningful evening that we want to share it with those who were unable to attend via this newsletter.

Following the invocation by Rev. Fritz Ruhe and a delicious meal served by the expert hotel staff, Galcom president Gary Nelson recognized our board members and special guests, noting that the leaders of Temple Heights Baptist Church had impressed us by bringing 34 attendees! Then Sunduisuren Chimedkhorloo led us in an inspiring time of praise and worship. Many were moved to stand in honor of Jesus Christ, the great living Lord of the nations.

Following uplifting worship, an excellent video by Sagar Bhukya was shown to update us on the progress of the Harold Kent Legacy Project to establish the Harold And Jo Ann Kent Media Center in India to reach the Banjara Gypsies there.\* Then, Galcom Canada's Tim Whitehead reported on Galcom's significant outreach to African Ebola-affected countries in 2014. He closed his report by presenting special plaques commemorating the "1,000,000<sup>th</sup> Galcom radio to the mission field" milestone to Jo Ann Kent, Judy Cibene (Ken Crowell's daughter), Gary & Mary Nelson and Tom & Stacy Blackstone.

Next, Tom Blackstone gave a verbal update on the Ken Crowell Legacy Project to reach a totally unengaged unreached tribal people group of 400,000+ in West Africa, rejoicing in the progress made by our partners there.\*\* Within the last

few months a local missionary has been sent to live among the Leemah people and is learning their language and culture. Radio programs in the Leemah language are being broadcast, and the New Testament in this language is now being recorded in audio form for future loading on solar-powered Galcom ImpaX and MegaVoice Envoy units. Then it was time to recognize Galcom Volunteer Area Representatives in attendance: Dr. Jan and Nancy Prins, Ken Leffler, Vivian Sturgeon and Junior Volunteer Area Representative Preston Nobles.

Next, following an Albanian introductory video, Galcom co-founder Allan McGuirl introduced our keynote speaker, Tani Baraku of Radio Emanuel in Korce, Albania. Tani used an artfully crafted powerpoint presentation to give the historical and geographic context of the pioneering Christian radio work in southern Albania begun by his father Cimi and now being led by him and his wife Eftali. He noted that the ancient name for the Albanian people is *Ilyrians* and indicated they had endured much harsh abuse under Communism. He reminded us that the spiritual battle for the souls of men and women there is not finished due to the rise of radical Islam in the region. His appreciation for Radio Emanuel's partnership with Galcom was clearly evident. There were very few dry eyes in the audience when he said, "no matter what happens in Albania, I will proclaim the truth of the Good News of Jesus Christ there as long as I live." We are honored to partner with courageous and devoted national radio partners like Tani Baraku.

After Tani's remarks, he was joined on the platform by ordained ministers and Galcom board members who led us in heartfelt prayers for his safety and fruitfulness back in Albania. As the final song was played, those present responded to support the Galcom-Radio Emanuel partnership with generous gifts and pledges of financial support. Jo Ann Kent then closed the evening with a benediction. From all accounts, the Lord was exalted, minds were informed and hearts were touched- all for the greater glory of God.

**Thank you, Galcom partners, for your faithful prayers and gifts that make Galcom's growing global outreach possible. Donations may be made by check to Galcom and sent to the above address, or visit [www.galcomusa.com/Donatenow.htm](http://www.galcomusa.com/Donatenow.htm) and follow the prompts to make a donation online.**

For the unreached,

Tom Blackstone  
Exec. Director

\*See <http://www.galcomusa.com/pdf/April2014Eltr.pdf>

\*\*See <http://www.galcomusa.com/pdf/Febr2013Eltr.pdf>

# Galcom Newsletter- April 2015: Banquet



230 filled the banquet hall to exalt Christ & learn of Galcom's enduring partnership ministry in Albania



Founder Jo Ann Kent (L) & Mary Nelson (R) each rec'd 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> Radio commemorative plaques



Ken & Margie Crowell's daughter Judy & husband Charles Cibene also got a commemorative plaque



Tani Baraku shared with all of us concerning his great passion for reaching Albania through radio



Ordained ministers & Galcom leaders surrounded Tani Baraku with authoritative & protective prayers



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