

## AGR's 2020 Vision carries forward into 2008

Blessed brothers and sisters in our Lord,

I write this open letter to those who may not have much, if any, first hand knowledge of the [ActofGraceRadio.net](http://ActofGraceRadio.net) ministry or the sister outreach of the affiliated [Artists in Christian Testimony](http://Artists in Christian Testimony) department known as [TheTransformedLife.org](http://TheTransformedLife.org).

In April of 2005 I teamed with ACT and began presenting the dramatized testimony of the Apostle Peter in the one-man characterization known as "Simon Peter: I Witness." To date SPIW has been performed in over thirty different venues: churches, nursing homes, and even a book distribution warehouse, and in six of the United States. I have even been blessed to be invited back on more than one occasion.

However last year, I truly felt the Lord's leading to find a way to expand beyond the limitations that a lone dramatic presentation affords. Although there are many who have now seen it and their responses have been moving indeed, I wondered if there wasn't another way to reach out to those who would never attend a church service, for whatever reason, no matter what. That's when the notion of internet radio was germinated. After all, I've been a broadcaster for 3 decades now!

A self-education about the internet and its users provided any number of facts and figures that "virtually" amazed me. Here is just some of what I learned:

1. There are currently over 1 billion internet users worldwide and they are expected to double in the very near future.
2. Over a third of these users speak English as either their native or preferred second language.
3. The imminent future of the internet will be delivered via devices similar to a cell phone. (Forget the Star Trek artificially intelligent talking computers...that is so next century.)

In the foreseeable future most information will get disseminated and received via the internet. The gospel too, in varying forms, has been shared on the internet since its inception. For our part, ActofGraceRadio.net seeks not to replicate what is or has been done, but instead attempts to foment inventive means of sharing God's truth to a cyberspace audience that is, sadly, becoming increasingly more functionally illiterate. This is why I contend audio, even more so than video, excels as a superb medium to deliver the goods...so to speak. Audio being easier and quicker to produce, is also a less RAM-sucking download. And fiscally it's simply more bang for the bucks. Audio is also a "theater of the mind" experience, you know, like a book.

In the coming weeks, I invite you first to give "@ the Rock Shop" a critical listen (ergo, more than one). I'll also be adding new program options soon and covet your feedback. Next, pray for this outreach that it remains faithful in God's leading — and finally, if the Holy Spirit is prompting, perhaps you might consider helping support this [501\(c\)\(3\)](http://501(c)(3)) ministry with a one-time gift or an ongoing commitment?

God Bless you, Merry Christmas and Joyous Noel — Mike & Gena Roberts



What better gift than a guitar you'll never learn to play? Mom should easily pay a dollar for you not to play during the day and dad's gotta be good for another five bucks a week not to play at night. In a year that's \$624 and no blisters!!!

### Etc., etcetera, &ct.

Did you know "@ the Rock Shop" was never intended to be anything but a showcase of what ActofGraceRadio.net might become? (Invariably it has become a monster unto itself.)

So, AGR is excited to announce "Rants and Revelations" with John Fleck and a comedy show produced by Fred Passmore at [sheeplaughs.com](http://sheeplaughs.com) which will soon join the lineup to give no less than a 90-minute internet invasive presence each week. More details next month.

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### A.C.T. missionary Ken Fitch

AGR's Christmas project this year is to make a special gift to the outreach work of the "On Staff for Him" ministry in Brazil. To help, go directly to [actinternational.org](http://actinternational.org) and donate to department #830. Ken and Kris say thanks.

### What the Bible sez:

"What can we bring to the LORD to make up for what we've done? Should we bow before God with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer Him thousands of rams and tens of thousands of rivers of olive oil? Would that please God? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for the sins of our souls? Would that make Him glad? Micah 6:6,7 (NLT)

The Old Testament prophet Micah answers these questions in the next verse stating, "No, O people, the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Rather basic, wouldn't you say?

Micah is typically remembered this season for his prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (5:2). (About 800 years before the event, by the way.) Yet Micah seems far more than a prophet of his day alone. In the time of Isaiah, Hosea and possibly Amos, Micah's message to the society in which he lived is often a reflection of our own.

Those explicit pronouncements of Micah brought enmity between King Ahaz and himself. When he was finally arrested Micah proclaims in 1 Kings 22:28, "If you indeed return safely, the LORD has not spoken by me!" Might I encourage you to read this short book and see what conclusions about Micah's prophecies you'd be inclined to draw.

