



SABBATH 30—JULY 27, 2024

The Voice of Prophecy

Revelation 14:6—“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, and tongue, and people.”

H. M. S. Richards was born in the state of Iowa on August 28, 1894. At age of seventeen, Richards decided to follow in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, becoming a preacher. One day, his brother, a driver for a United States senator, invited him to a demonstration party for something new in the area: a radio station. Young Richards didn't miss a word of what was explained and started dreaming of using that technology for the preaching of the gospel.

Upon graduating in 1919, he started a career as an evangelist and went on to preach in tents. To grant larger audiences, Richards chose cities with radio stations and paid for short commercials inviting the listeners to the meetings.

On October 19, 1929, he gave a fifteen-minute sermon at Los Angeles KNX, with some prophetic reflections. In 1937, Don Lee, owner of a broadcasting network, agreed to broadcast the new evangelistic program on his radio stations. Thus, the program *The Voice of Prophecy* was born.

As the broadcasts reached more and more homes, a parallel system of Bible studies was developed for listeners. As letters arrived, Richards needed space to organize all the mail. Not having much choice, he renovated a chicken coop and used it as the first *The Voice of Prophecy* office.

Richards' initiative has spread around the globe. Today, the church has more than 160 media centers and an immense legacy of converted people. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, this work has grown, making it possible for the gospel to be carried to all the world.

Through our tithes and our Promise offerings, we can participate in this and other powerful gospel-preaching initiatives. Ellen G. White states: “Should all who claim to be sons and daughters of God, conscientiously meet their obligation to God and their fellow-men in tithes and offerings, an abundance would flow into the treasury to sustain the work of God in its different branches throughout our world” (*The Review and Herald*, May 16, 1893).

Appeal: Make a covenant with God to regularly give a specific proportion or percentage of your earnings so that you can participate in God's work worldwide. God's love. Thank you for changing lives with your Global Mission offerings! The 2018 mission offering was sent to Trinidad and helped this Center of Influence.

