

Press Release

WWCR Goes Silent For Exotic Adventist World Radio Relay on May 3 and 10

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ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

SHORTWAVE STATION WWCR GOES SILENT FOR EXOTIC AWR RELAY

The shortwave station WWCR, near Nashville in Tennessee, has confirmed that they will leave the air for two brief periods so that the radio world might hear the exotic new AWR station on the island of Madagascar. This, another once-in-a-lifetime event, will occur on the first two Sundays in May.

Well known international radio monitor, Jerry Berg, living near Boston in the United States, initiated the request with WWCR and they responded over the air indicating that they are giving serious consideration to this request. Word has just been received, confirming this event.

It is very rare for one radio station to go silent for a period of time so that listeners can hear another distant station underneath. The only other occasion that the radio world can remember during the past half century is when a transmitter operated by the Voice of America went silent for a period of time several years ago. This was so that listeners could have the opportunity of hearing a low powered shortwave station located in the Cook Islands in the South Pacific.

Even though the AWR outlet on Madagascar is a low powered unit, yet monitoring information indicates that it is providing a good signal to Madagascar and neighboring areas. However, it is a temporary unit and it will be replaced by a transmitter at 25 kW when it is ready for service.

The schedule for the WWCR silent period is: -

Saturday night USA May 2 & 9; Sunday UTC May 3 & 10 0300 - 0330 UTC on 3215 kHz

Reception reports for the broadcasts from AWR-Madagascar are invited and should be addressed to Adventist World Radio at Box 383, Forli 47100, Italy. Those who hear AWR-Madagascar during this silent period are also invited to send a card or letter of thanks to WWCR, at 1300 WWCR Ave., Nashville, Tennessee 37218, USA.

Adventist World Radio acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the courtesy that is demonstrated by the management and staff of station WWCR in

thus enabling listeners worldwide to hear our exotic little relay on the island of Madagascar; and we thank also Jerry Berg in initiating this request.

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