

# A HISTORY OF “RADIO DUKPA”

## 1. **ORIGIN OF THE STATION**

Radio Dukpa is a fulfillment of the dreams of the indigenous Church leaders of Grand Bassa County, Liberia. The desire to communicate the Gospel to the people of Grand Bassa, Rivercess, Margibi, Montserrado, and surrounding counties prompted Church leaders to find a means to build a radio station in the 1980s. But this desire was not implemented due to the civil war, which destroyed all radio equipment provided by Radio Netherlands in 1989.

## 2. **WHO OWNS IT?**

The station is now being revived and is owned by the Christian Education Foundation of Liberia (CEFL) and the Bassa Ministers Association (BMA). Both organizations cater to the physical and spiritual needs of the Bassa people through education from a Christian perspective and for their empowerment. The radio ministry is just one of their methods.

## 3. **WHY CALL IT “DUKPA”?**

A DUKPA is a tall traditional skin-top drum used for disseminating information and messages amongst the Bassa people for the arrival of a king, the death of a leader, etc. There is one sound for tragic news and another for good news. It is not ordinarily used, but only for important community messages. Radio Dukpa is necessary, useful, and popular and is appreciated by the Bassa people as an appropriate name for communication.

## 4. **HOW IS IT SPONSORED?**

Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) and the World Wide Missions International are foremost supporters of this radio ministry. They have provided transmitters, coax-cable, antenna, a six-pot mixer, all from the initial stage.

Member Churches of the BMA and CEFL are the base supporters. Their members have registered as radio club members, and each is paying US\$1.00 per month. Although this is meager for supporting a station that spends at least US\$1,500.00 per month for operation and administrative expenses, it is encouraging.

## 5. **WHERE IS IT LOCATED?**

Radio Dukpa is located in Buchanan (Fair Grounds), the second largest city of Liberia. Buchanan is a seaport city and the capital of Grand Bassa County, located on the southeastern part of Liberia.

## 6. **PROGRAMS**

Radio Dukpa's programs are intended to build up the target audience spiritually, psychologically and mentally through programs of education, entertainment, information and spiritual guidance. Programs such as, “Road To Health”, “Farming Time”, “Comments On Issues”, “Meet The People”, “Police Bulletin”, “Education Forum”, “Bible and Culture”, “Victory Village” for children, are just a few of the many programs broadcast on Radio Dukpa.

## 7. STAFF:

Presently, Radio Dukpa is operated with the following positions:

- a) Editor-in-chief,  
Dr. Abba G. Karnga
- b) Station Manager,  
Rev. Henry B. Goeh.
- c) News/Public Affairs Director,  
Pastor Russel W. Goffah
- d) Program/Production Director,  
Evangelist J. Peter Gorwor
- e) Studio Director,  
C. B. Andrew Sarwah.
- f) Sales Director,  
Rebecca Whehwehn
- g) Three Securities/Care Takers.
- h) Chief Technician,  
Jusu Sannoh
- i) News Reporter, John Gibson
- j) Roaming Reporter,  
Rev. Eric B. Gbarwheon

## 8. NEEDS:

Since radio Dukpa's spectrum is wider than any community radio station in Grand Bassa County, it must be made effective and efficient by the following priority needs, though not limited:

- a) Studio equipment including:
  - console (Mixer)
  - Recording tapes / cassettes
  - CD Exchange Deck/player
  - Reel-to-reel player
  - acoustic materials for studio rooms
  - Tape deck for playback

- b) Outside Broadcast equipment for live coverage
- c) Transportation: jeep, any small car, and/or motorbikes for outside broadcast.
- d) A 5000 – 6000 KVA generator, preferably a diesel.
- e) A split unit cooling system for the studios

Anyone making a contribution to Radio Dukpa in Liberia should contact the CEFL Executive Director.

Overseas contributions are tax deductible. You will receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement when you send a gift. CEFL-US is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Direct your contributions to:

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