



The Irish Christian Broadcasting Service

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Dear Ian

Thank you for your recent letter advising us of having received transmissions of some programmes broadcast by ICBS.

We are deeply indebted to you for taking time to write to us here at ICBS and are pleased to confirm your reception reports of our programme.

We are a totally voluntary organisation and run by a very small group of Committed Christians from the main Christian Churches in the Republic of Ireland, at present, we are seeking a legal licence to broadcast the Word of God to the Greater Dublin Area. We have been on air on a number of different frequencies since 1981, transmitting our programmes 7 Days a Week - 24 Hours a Day - with a limited amount of 'LIVE' broadcasts otherwise we use an automated taped Christian Music Ministry style programme - some with suitable Scripture sharings.

You may be interested to learn that we have received many reception reports from Norway, Finland, Sweden, West Germany, Denmark, North of Italy, Scotland, North of England, Isle of Man and Northern Wales over the years that we have been on the Air to date.

Our target area is essentially the City of Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, and the surrounding district in which approximately 1/3 of the total population of our country resides. Our transmission area is within a 30/40 miles radius and our listenership is approximately 12 % of our potential audience of 1¼ million listeners and it is growing all the time as our post and telephone calls indicate.

The following technical details may be of interest to you.

Aerial System:

¼ wave Base Insulated Tower-Driven Antenna - 40 metres tall with a capacity hat on top. The earthing system uses a ¼ of the full complement of the radials in addition to 3 x 1½ metre copper sheet directly under the tower. The Antenna is Omni-Directional.

Transmission:

Our transmitter is a BD210 Marconi with 2xDT427 valves with an output power of 685 watts. Our studios are in the centre of Dublin City and are linked by a U.H.F. Aerial with an output power of 2.9 watts going into 2x16 elements YAGI Antenna with a beam length path of approximately 4 miles.

In studio we use an Audio Processing system which compresses limits and equalizes the source signal from the studio to the transmitter.

We wish you continued success with your hobby and would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your loved ones all God's Blessings always.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Don Quess.

It was good to hear from you once again. You are obviously well chued in on Radio in the Republic of Ireland.

As you so rightly say it would have ^{been} a lot easier to give licences to all on Air and get them to tidy up their technical performance, but that would have been saying that the Government were rewarding those who had broken the law.

We have been advised by the Present and former Ministers with responsibility for Radio that they receive more letters of support for ICRS than for any other station in the Republic of Ireland so that is very encouraging to us. We are

optimistic that we will get an FM licence, but we must continue on AM (medium wave) so that will be a problem we know.

Again we have a big lobby on to the responsible Radio Commission to support our application so we hope that they will be influenced by all the letters that they are already receiving and grant us the licences we need.