

June World Mission Broadcast

Power in a Minute

The following requires three readers to present the stories with emotion. While memorization is not required, familiarity with the text is imperative for flow and optimum results. Readers should not rush through the text, and when readers change in the middle of a sentence, there should be no pause unless directed. Additional pauses may be added for effect, but try to keep them at a minimum to prevent the readers from sounding “singsongy.”

It might add power if the sound-effect of seconds ticking were played during the entire reading. Keep it soft, just barely audible, until the readers are finished, then slightly increase the volume and let it continue for about 15-20 seconds.

Reader 1: Life can change in a minute.

Reader 2: (*Slight pause*) On the morning of April 16, 1995, at 9:02 a.m.,...

Reader 3: countless lives were changed forever for people in Oklahoma City.

Reader 2: (*Slight pause*) September 11, 2001, at 9:03 a.m.,...

Reader 3: life changed as a second airplane struck the South Tower.

Reader 2: We all watched, realizing this was not a terrible accident.

Reader 1: All this happened in a minute. (*Slight pause*)

For many people around the world, a minute is all it takes to change them forever—for better or worse.

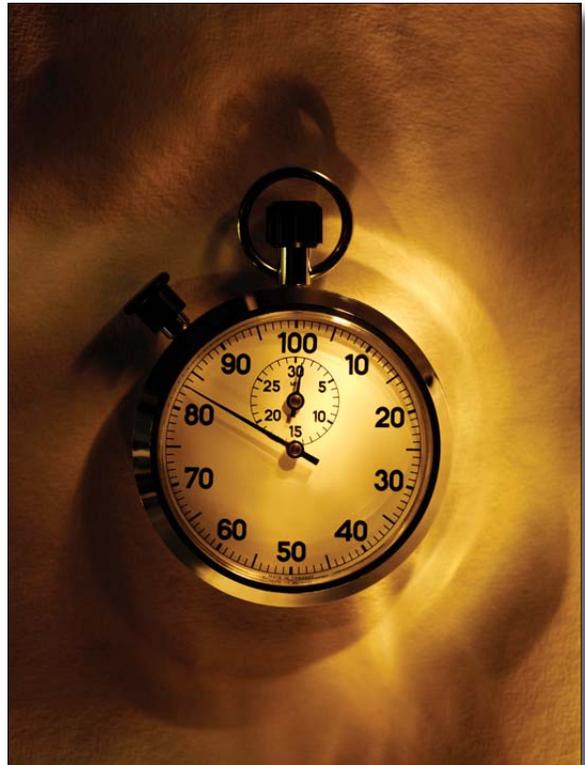
Reader 2: World Mission Broadcast is in the minute business.

Reader 3: Countering the hopelessness many experience every minute, we use over 1.9 million minutes every year...

Reader 1: to reach beyond borders and over barriers,...

Reader 2: transmitting hope to 74 countries in 31 languages.

Reader 3: (*Slight pause*) “I’ve seen firsthand what can happen in a minute,” writes missionary Brian Utter. “A few years ago, I participated in a prison ministry in Florencia Varela, Argentina. One of the radio stations, which broadcast our Spanish programs, began working with the prison after an inmate



contacted them. The interesting thing is that there is no scientific explanation for how the signal reached this prison. It lies an additional 50 miles beyond the station's reach. The inmate had the radio positioned in such a way that he picked up the signal for just one minute...

Reader 1: (*Slight pause*)...and that is all it took. Today, that inmate is working with the radio station and more than half of the prison is now following Christ.

Reader 3: "I saw the dramatic difference between a cell block following Christ and those who didn't," Brian says. "Cell blocks that now are clean and have Scripture painted down the hallways, while other cell blocks are strewn with trash and human waste, and inmates shout profanities.

Reader 2: "An engineer has investigated and there is no human answer to why, only in that spot, the inmates can listen to that frequency.

Reader 1: "There is no human answer to why the vegetable garden in the prison is growing in red soil, even though a horticulturalist said it should not be possible."

Reader 2: Broadcast media and technologies are causing unprecedented things to happen...

Reader 1: as we reach people in places we never before thought possible.

Reader 2: These powerful God-tools are helping us penetrate places closed off to the Gospel...

Reader 1: and share the light of Jesus in those dark corners.

Reader 2: Your partnership with World Mission Broadcast makes those minutes happen—

Reader 3: (*Slight pause*) Minutes that change lives.

Reader 1: The average cost to produce, distribute, and transmit one minute of a program is just \$4.

Reader 2: How many life-changing minutes could you,...

Reader 1: your friends,...

Reader 2: or your group sponsor?

Reader 1: There's power in a minute.

Reader 3: Help change a life.

Reader 2: Participate in the World Mission Broadcast offering on (date of your church's offering).



For many people around the world, a minute is all it takes to change them forever—for better or worse. World Mission Broadcast is in the minute business.

Brian Utter

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To emphasize the message of this reading, display a variety of clocks and watches in a prominent place in your church with a sign nearby that reads, "There's power in a minute. Help change a life. Participate in the World Mission Broadcast offering on (date of your church's offering)."