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What was once a small, online radio station, operating off just one computer in a single room, now reaches out to encourage and inspire not only the campus and community near Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, but listeners all around the world.

Using a \$15,000 grant from the North America Division of Seventh-day Adventists Communication Department, CMRadio began as a ministry of the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University in 2002. Originally focused on young adults, it was first known as AYRadio (Adventist Youth Radio). It was quickly determined CMRadio had a ministry to share beyond campus.

In 2005, AYRadio became CMRadio and moved to a studio in the Office of Campus Ministries. The station now has listeners on every continent, from such varied places as Kenya, Australia, Japan, Argentina, the Bahamas and the Netherlands. “It’s amazing how far CMRadio reaches!” says Richard Parke, volunteer station manager. “You can listen to it anywhere in the world at any time. All one needs is an Internet connection, and you’re immediately connected with Andrews.”

“CMRadio’s mission is to bring Jesus closer to the lives of its listeners through spiritually uplifting music and programming,” says Richard. The station plays current Christian contemporary and gospel music, as well as music from some classic Christian artists like Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant.

CMRadio is the only station that airs Andrews University Campus Chapel live throughout the school year. The station’s website also has interviews with artists such as Take 6, Committed and Sandi Patty, who have performed at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

In addition to providing Christian music, CMRadio offers several syndicated Christian programs, including:



Richard Parke (left), CMRadio volunteer station manager, interviews Jose Bourget (right), chaplain for outreach at Andrews University. Also pictured: Lindsey Pratt (center), a dedicated CMRadio volunteer

“20: The Countdown Magazine,” “Keep the Faith” and “Walk the Way.” Sabbath morning programs include “Scriptural Pursuit,” “Your Story Hour,” and live audio from the worship service at Pioneer Memorial Church. In February 2012, CMRadio added a new program to their lineup, “Under the Radar.”

“Under the Radar’ highlights some of the best undiscovered and under-ap-

preciated tunes from Christian artists,” says Richard. “Host David Trout shares stories, spiritual insights and exclusive artist interviews to discover the depth of faith and creativity found in the music.”

The day’s song lineup is posted online, but listeners aren’t tied to a preselected playlist. “Listeners are able to request a song and within the next three minutes, it will play!” says Lindsey Pratt, assistant station manager and a theology student at Andrews University. Lindsey is one of only four enthusiastic volunteers who donate their time and energy to CMRadio’s mission of spreading the Word of God through the medium of music.

“It has been a blessing to work at CMRadio,” says Lindsey. “There is so much inspiring music that anyone can listen to online for free.”

To learn more about CMRadio or to take the opportunity to listen in on your computer or mobile device, visit <http://www.andrews.edu/go/cmradio>.

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