



“SOUND BITE” SUGGESTIONS FOR INTRODUCING LONNIE

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LONNIE MELASHENKO is a premier speaker whose gospel ministry spans 45 years as a world ambassador for his best friend, Jesus Christ. The recipient of numerous awards for excellence in radio and television broadcasting, he preaches to millions “on air” as well as personal appearances for 25 to 30 different audiences annually. For nearly 18 years he served as Speaker-Director for the Voice of Prophecy, the world’s second oldest religious broadcast, which celebrates its 85th birthday in 2014.

Lonnie was born in Regina, Saskatchewan of Russian-Ukrainian parents and was only one year old when he first came to the Voice of Prophecy in 1948 where his father, Joe, sang bass in the King’s Heralds Quartet. He graduated from Highland View Academy (where he met Jeannie), received his bachelor of arts degree in theology from La Sierra University after which he received a master of divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1970. His first pastoral assignment was the Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendale, California, after which he was appointed senior pastor for the church in Camarillo, California, where the 350-seat sanctuary was built during his tenure. In 1977 televangelist George Vandeman called Lonnie (and Jeannie) to join the “It Is Written” telecast staff as Associate Director-Speaker. In 1980 he helped coordinate the launch of “Prayer Alert,” a telecast segment which featured stories of answered prayer and changed lives.

In 1981 he accepted the position of Senior Pastor of the 1,400-member Paradise Adventist Church where he served for ten years until H.M.S. Richards, Jr. called him to Voice of Prophecy. More recently Lonnie transitioned to health ministry at Kettering Health Network where he served for four years as Vice-President for Spiritual Services and Missions for eight hospitals with 10,000 employees.

Lonnie is the co-author of dozens of books and has co-produced a number of TV and Video productions including “Exploring the Word” and “Healing Hope.” He and Jeannie are featured on gospel music DVDs and CDs with the Joe Melashenko Family Singers as well as fifteen Voice of Prophecy “Family Reunion” videos. Lonnie’s voice was recently selected for the audio narration of “*The Clear Word Bible*” by Jack J. Blanco, Th.D. He was also invited by scientist Dr. Robert Gentry to anchor a two-part made-for-television documentary on creation/evolution, “*Fingerprints of Creation*” and “*The Young Age of the Earth.*”

The common theme for all of Lonnie’s evangelistic messages is that understanding prophecy provides the security and peace through Jesus that people seek amidst today’s crises. Today Lonnie is a Columbia Union Conference area-wide Revivalist. His conference speaking makes Lonnie’s ministry available live-and-in-person to hundreds of churches on the East Coast.