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Quarterly Issues Program List

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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WFTF, RUTLAND, VT, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 1 October to 31 December. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Faith	Closer Look	10/2/22	7:00pm	16min	GenZ Christians Surveyed on God, The Bible and Society GenZ Christians have questions about practical faith. They want Scripture-based solutions for the issues they face alongside their friends. “I can no longer avoid truths about racial injustice, about environmental destruction and I do not know if the Church cares about this.” For them it’s pastoral – not political.
Employment	Closer Look	10/2/22	7:16pm	15min	Tech Careers Encouraged Among Black Youth Through ‘Hidden Genius’ The Hidden Genius Project began when five business and tech titans, all black men, partnered to mentor black boys for careers in science and technology in Oakland California. Not only do 95% of program participants graduate from high school, but many go on to head up other impactful social and educational outreaches in their communities.
Human Trafficking	Closer Look	10/9/22	7:00pm	16min	Teenagers are especially vulnerable to the evils of modern slavery. “Human trafficking is a legitimate concern for folks out the street,” says Jeff Stern, CEO of the National Runaway Safeline. More than 4-million teenagers are homeless every year, though not always by choice. “Whether it’s that they don’t feel safe in their own home, or whether they’ve been kicked out, this is not something young people generally want.” Whatever drove them to the streets, hunger inevitably awaits. Traffickers spot runaways as easy prey and sometimes offer food to bait the trap. 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) was established in 1971 to give desperate teens advice, support, and alternatives to such dark and dangerous situations. Just last year, the Safeline connected with more than 125,000 young people on their toll-free hotline and through their interactive website. The average Safeline caller is barely 17.

Human Trafficking	Closer Look	10/9/22	7:16pm	17min	<p>A 'Call to Action': Challenging Human Trafficking Among Native American Tribes</p> <p>Matthew Holgate is on a mission. He's student body president at Christ-centered Vanguard University in California. And he's becoming an expert in human trafficking, especially among his people in the Navajo Nation. "As a Christian, I feel like it's my responsibility to combat the issue of human trafficking, whether that's educating people or doing studies and research...but as a Christian and being a Native American, the Christian aspect of this, I look at human trafficking biblically. First, I see a call to action in Matthew chapter 5 when Jesus talks about being salt and light," Holgate explains, "And secondly, from Proverbs...the New Living Translation, it reads, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed (Proverbs 31:8)." Holgate sees that scripture as a second call to action for him to stand up for Native American people, who "have had their voices taken from them – and in some cases, they're not even invited to the table."</p>
Family Issues – Healthcare	Closer Look	10/16/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Young Girls Pregnant and Scared Turn to StandUpGirl.com</p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of StandUpGirl.com says their site stands ready to help. "Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood." Quick response is essential. "If you go google the word 'abortion' right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that first page of their google search." How? "We spend close to \$10K a month through advertising on internet search engines so that if a woman is out there looking for information -- even if she's searching for information about abortion -- she finds StandUpGirl." What does she find when she clicks the link? "We have thousands and thousands of stories from girls who have been in that situation [unplanned pregnancy] – we have built this community of women to help and guide each other with light, hope and courage, that these young women would choose life for their baby." In partnership with Heartbeat International, CareNet and Birthright, StandUpGirl.com uses a geolocator to point web-visitors to one of 2,200 pro-life pregnancy centers closest to their home.</p>

Sporting – Ministry	Closer Look	10/23/22	7:00pm	28min	<p>Sick Children Hunt and Fish Thanks to Catch-A-Dream Foundation</p> <p>The Catch-A-Dream Foundation provides all-expense paid trips for terminally ill children who crave outdoor adventure. “Our job is to give them that opportunity to have what one child once called, a ‘vacation from being sick’-- he said, ‘when I’m huntin’ and fishin’ I don’t really feel bad.” Catch-A-Dream was specifically founded as a Christ-centered organization weaving the message of God’s love and salvation into everything they do. Phil O’Bryan speaks with founding board member Dr. Marty Brunson.</p>
Ministry – Mental Health	Closer Look	10/30/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Pastor Burnout, Caring for Your Leader’s Soul</p> <p>Surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety, or depression. Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE's Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a guilt-free part of your life as a spiritual leader.</p>
Healthcare	Closer Look	11/6/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Teens Fooled by Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</p> <p>Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. “It’s terrifying,” says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. “We still say ‘just say no’ but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn’t ask for.’</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	11/13/22	7:00pm	18min	<p>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road</p> <p>No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing.</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	11/13/22	7:18pm	14min	<p>Iowa Mom Helps Kids with Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun</p> <p>Melissa Clarke-Wharff wanted her son Jack who is disabled to have fun like other kids his age. So, Melissa began Can Play, an organization that lets kids with health and special needs issues play sports and have lots of fun. “These kids all deserve to play and be active just like anybody else.”</p>

Ministry	Closer Look	11/20/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Convoy of Hope Marks Billions in Relief</p> <p>“Young man, what are you doing to help the poor and suffering?” Hal Donaldson was pierced to his soul by her words. “Everyone can do something.” Donaldson was interviewing Mother Theresa when she asked him the question that would inspire him to launch Convoy of Hope. He went home, bought \$600 groceries for hungry neighbors and in the years since 1994, the international ministry he founded has given away \$2-Billion relief supplies worldwide.</p>
Public Safety	Closer Look	11/27/22	7:00pm	30min	<p>Be Safer at Work or Church, Thoughts on Security</p> <p>You see trouble, you hear it – now believe it. “Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different,” says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat assessment. “One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens.” Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. “Instead of, ‘it will never happen here,’ have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we’ll do.”</p>
Family Issues – Mental Health	Closer Look	12/4/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Closer Look: Real Talk on Adoption - Thoughts on Trauma, Dignity and Birth Parents</p> <p>Children separated from their biological mothers will inevitably grieve that loss. “That’s trauma, when we lose our first family,” says Jenn Hook co-founder of Replanted Ministry. Hook spent years counseling foster children as a mental health professional. “We’re not always looking at it from the adoptee’s side,” she warns, for example, repeatedly calling one’s adoption a ‘gift’ can unintentionally hurt your child. Vanessa Joy Walker is and author and life coach who was herself adopted as a baby. “The issues of identity and abandonment are interwoven into who I am, they are part of what I call my emotional DNA.”</p>
Addiction	Closer Look	12/11/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</p> <p>Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.</p>

Emergency Services – Faith	Closer Look	12/11/22	7:30pm	17min	<p>Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad</p> <p>The 58-hours it took to rescue Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple, multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure. "More than you can count, to the weather cooperating, to the equipment that was there and just the fact that she survived -- God's hand was evident." In the days and months after her rescue, the family continued to receive thousands of phone calls and literally truckloads of mail from people all over the world. 'Baby' Jessica is a now is in her 30s, a married woman with kids of her own, herself a Christian and leading what her father calls a "normal" life. But dad confirms, "she certainly knows she is a miracle baby" and that God used her story to touch lives around the world.</p>
Ministry	Closer Look	12/18/22	7:00pm	29min	<p>Convoy of Hope Marks Billions in Relief (2022 Ministry Update)</p> <p>"Young man, what are you doing to help the poor and suffering?" Hal Donaldson was pierced to his soul by her words. "Everyone can do something." Donaldson was interviewing Mother Theresa when she asked him the question that would inspire him to launch Convoy of Hope. He went home, bought \$600 groceries for hungry neighbors and in the years since 1994, the international ministry he founded has given away \$2-Billion relief supplies worldwide.</p>