

## Getting to Know TV-44's Staff

### Anthony Pero: Using his Skills to further God's Kingdom

TV-44 employee Anthony Pero smiles when asked what he does at the station. Almost two years ago, Anthony was hired as a part-time master control operator. However, now besides occasionally working in master control, he also directs the *Ask the Pastor* program, works on the basketball crew, creates promotional spots for ministry shows, oversees *Datebook*, and sometimes runs tape for the *Sports Report*.

Multi-talented 29-year-old Anthony enjoys the opportunity that TV-44 gives him to acquire new skills. "I get to be really creative, and I'm learning a lot." He says that being successful at learning is energizing for him.

As for creativity, Anthony is also a gifted musician, who has been the *Minister of Music* at *Lima's First Assembly of God* church for the past two and a half years. Music has been an integral part of Anthony's life, since his teen years growing up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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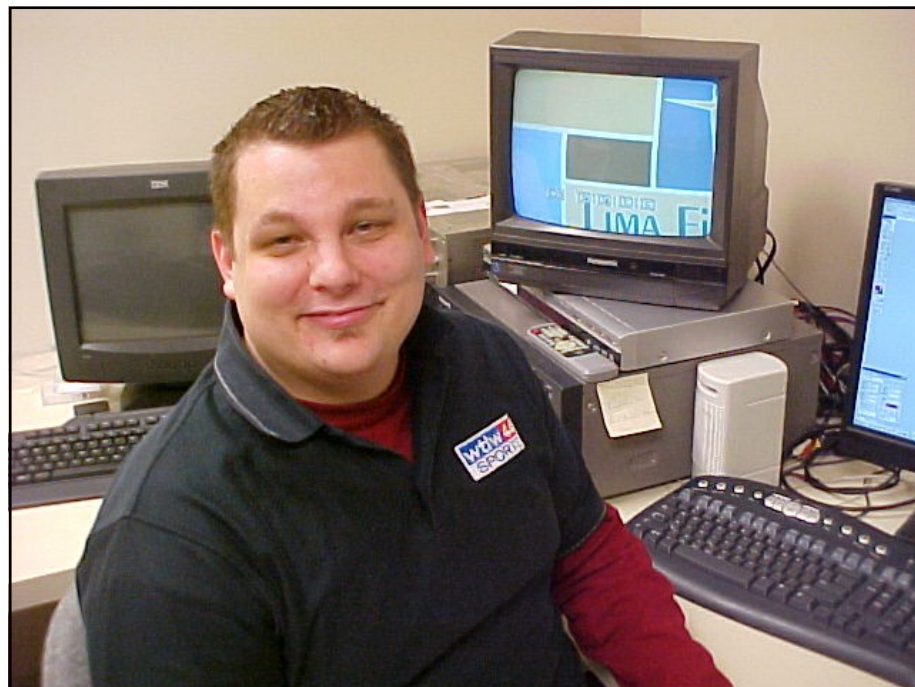
Jesus Christ also became part of his life back then. "I gave my heart to the Lord for the first time when I was 13, [but] got serious about it at 17." He believes that his ability to sing was a gift from God. "The initial

talent was not there," nor was he born into a musical family.

Anthony and his siblings were raised by a single mom. Maybe that is why Anthony seems to value family so much. When asked about his wife Jessica, or two-year-old daughter Aria, he smiles again. "Being a dad is great, great fun," he said.

Anthony attended the *University of Wisconsin - Parkside*. He studied music and learned to play the keyboards there. Then for several years, he traveled with the music missions group the *Celebrant Singers* performing throughout the United States, Venezuela, Poland, and Mexico. When he wasn't on the road, he would lead worship in his home church. After leaving the group, he worked full-time in church ministry music until he married. He still does studio work through his company *fouronefour Productions* producing praise and worship music and demos for other musicians.

Despite all his talent, Anthony humbly describes himself as "a practical person." That's why he says he likes working at TV-44, because "I get to use practical skills for the kingdom of God."



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## Approaching a New Era of Broadcasting \$40 Coupons Can Be Requested Beginning January 1st



**Kevin Bowers**  
Gen. Manager

It's been nearly a decade since the FCC charted a course for the end of analog television broadcasting. As 2008 begins, we are about to embark

on the final leg of the journey. Beginning on January 1st, the government is offering \$40

coupons that can be applied toward the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes. For those TV viewers who

receive their signals exclusively from over-the-air broadcasts (17 million households nationwide), you will probably want to apply for the coupon. Unless, of course, you intend to purchase a new digital set or subscribe to cablevision.

Actually, any household can apply for two \$40 coupons

whether or not you are an antenna user. Some may want to assist the elderly or less fortunate by applying for the coupons, purchasing two converter boxes (\$50—\$60 estimated retail cost) and then donating them.

To apply, you will need to call **888-DTV-2009**; visit online at **www.dtv.gov**; or pick up an application at your local post



office. It's my understanding the coupon cards will not be mailed to you before April 1st.

This will allow time for participating retail stores to stock the converter boxes. Once you receive the coupon (It resembles a credit card.), you will present it to the store clerk who will then swipe it and deduct \$40 from your purchase. There are great benefits to DTV— a crystal clear picture, more free channels and crisp audio. Remember, you have

until **February 17, 2009** to make the switch. Just call to request the coupon so you are not shut out!

## 2008 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Let us know you will stand with TV-44 in 2008. Please mail the enclosed pledge card or call during business hours at **339-4444**.



## Harvest Discontinues Greg Laurie Show

Sometimes a program is removed from WTLW's schedule due to a situation beyond our control. Such is the case with *Knowing God with Greg Laurie* when we recently received the following notice: "Harvest regrets to inform you that our ministry is unable to continue providing its television programming. Good stewardship requires some difficult budget adjustments at this

time. The costs of production, dubbing, shipping, and broadcasting have become prohibitive. And so Greg Laurie's TV program has been discontinued entirely. We are very grateful for all God has done through Harvest's ministry partnerships through the years. Thank you for understanding, as we currently face many tough cutback decisions."



Greg Laurie

## New Website Unveiled



WTLW's website has been redesigned to be more user friendly. You can now watch several of the programs produced by TV-44, read our newsletter or link to the national ministries seen on the station. Parents

now have direct access to their sons and daughters' highlights seen on *Sports Report*, which can also be seen in its entirety. Feel free to use the contact form to share your questions and comments about our programming or to make a pledge. Visit [www.wtlw.com](http://www.wtlw.com).

## Bonanza Joins Weekday Lineup

*Bonanza*, a family-oriented Western that spanned three decades (1959—1973), will begin airing weekdays at 5 pm beginning January 7. WTLW's contract to air *Little House on Prairie* is ending.

Family programming is purchased from distributors who limit the amount of runs per episode. Our sponsors help defray the cost of the programs. *Little House* will return at a future date.



## Viewer Profile: Lillian Pea, Grover Hill

Born 90 years ago in Pewamo, Michigan, Lillian Esther Benjamin was a "preemie". Not expected to survive, she was placed in a shoebox and was set by the stove so she would be warm. She did survive, however, and she became a quiet, humble woman who deeply loves the Lord. Lillian has affected and touched the lives of others by her grateful, joyful spirit and her loving heart. These days



Lillian Pea, Grover Hill

she spends at least two hours a day sitting in her rocking chair reading her Bible, and praying for family, friends, her neighborhood, many ministries, her country and especially for peace in Israel.

She grew up in Paw Paw, Michigan, where she was the youngest in a family of five children, which ended up being a single parent home. She missed having a daddy so much, but she learned that her Abba Father was her father

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and protector and always looked to Him through troubled times. Her teen years were spent during The Great Depression, and she graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1937. Going into the war years, she worked in a factory until she met the love of her life, the handsome George Theodore Pea. They were married in 1942, and eventually became the parents of four children: Dianne Marie (Aube), Kathryn Joyce (Cooper), James Theodore, and Julie Ann (Wedge). At this point the "troops" number thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

One of the great edifiers and joys of Lillian's life is TV-44. Since moving to the



George and Lillian Pea  
Wedding Day, December 1942

Van Wert area in the late 70's to work for and be near to Gary and Kathy Cooper, George and Lillian were TV-44 viewers and contributors from the inception of the station. After George passed away in 1985, Lillian continued to generously give to the station even though her means have been limited. From that special rocking chair she watches 44 throughout the majority of her TV watching day. As pretty much a shut-in now, she is thankful for the station and the godly influence that it has on the community.