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Loma Linda Broadcasting Network to open new building

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BRYN MAWR — A decade ago, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network's first show aired for an hour on a local cable channel.

Since then, the network has grown to include broadcasts in North, South and Central America and live broadcasts in the internet. This summer, the network will be seen worldwide via satellite.

A dedication service of for the network's building this Sunday will also mark that milestone along with the network's anniversary.

DEDICATION SERVICE

■ **When:** 7 p.m. Saturday

■ **Where:** 11327 Main St., Bryn Mawr

■ **Watch:** The dedication and all programming can be seen live at www.llbn.tv

■ **More Information:** (866) 552-6881

"This entire building was built and constructed by volunteers," said Ganim Hanna, president and

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chief executive officer of the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network.

The building project took 17 months to finish, with volunteers spending evenings and weekends at the Bryn Mawr building.

Hannah Ko, corporate communications director for Loma Linda Broadcast, said the building was pretty much a shack until volunteers poured concrete, put up dry-wall, and painted.

"We wanted to honor the people who helped us," she said.

Hanna said the network's whole ministry is a faith driven ministry with everything coming

from viewer support and volunteers.

"Behind the scenes and in front of the camera it's all volunteers," he said.

The building will be the network's main production center. There are five sound stages in it already. The network also has space on the camps of Loma Linda University and at Loma Linda University Church.

"The flavor of this channel is a mixture of Christian, family, inspirational and health programming and Christian concerts," he said.

The internet draws more than 150,000 viewers and hour, Hanna

said.

Hanna said there are plans to have a show that will be an expansion of Loma Linda University Medical Center's "Ask Your Doctor" radio show. Viewers will be able to call in and ask the doctor questions.

"We are looking to LLU and LLUMC to partner with us," he said. "They are the experts in the health field."

The service will also be a time to look to the future.

Hana said a second building will have to be built.

"We have outgrown the space already," he said. "Our needs are

much greater beyond what we currently have"

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