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Religious TV network consecrates new building

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BRYN MAWR — Loma Linda Broadcasting Network Family Television International opened its doors to the community on Saturday following a consecration service.

Crowds of people filed through the brightly lit and newly furnished building on Main Street in Bryn Mawr.

The service celebrated the past, present and future of the network, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this month. The network broadcasts religious-themed programming in North, South and Central America. This summer there are plans to broadcast worldwide.

Religious leaders from Redlands and Loma Linda gathered outside the renovated building that houses five sound sta-

tions.

Loma Linda Councilman Robert Christman read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Floyd Petersen, whom he said was in Russia.

"This is an added feature to our city," Christman said.

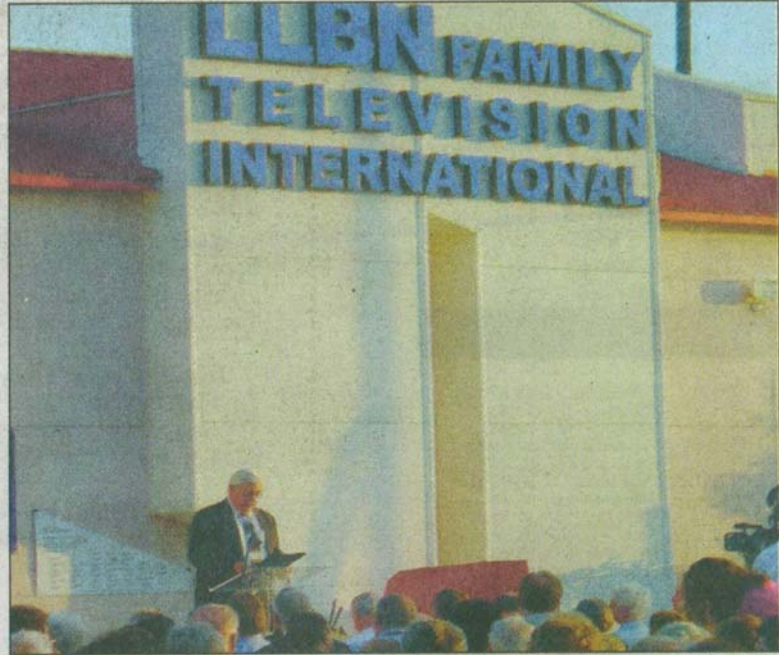
Dr. Thomas Zirkle, chairman of the board, recalled the history of the network, from its early days to when it began to broadcast beyond Loma Linda.

"A call came to us about the possibility of broadcasting in Europe and the Middle East," he said.

The network's president and CEO, Ganim Hanna, called the new building one of the network's seven wonders.

"Seventeen months ago this building looked nothing like what you see behind me," he said.

"Seventeen months later, we actu-



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Loma Linda Councilman Robert Christman reads a proclamation during the consecration service of Loma Linda Broadcasting Network's broadcast center.

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ally have a building with five sound stations."

Hanna said he was grateful for the help of members of the Loma Linda Romanian Seventh-day Adventist Church. Members of the church helped put up concrete, a roof and siding.

Ganim said there are already plans for a second phase which will expand the new building by 600 square feet.

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Karen Schiller guides Elsa Alcaide and other guests through a tour of LLBN Broadcast Center.