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Today, LeSEA Broadcasting Corporation announces the transfer of ownership of Middle East Television (METV) to Messianic Vision, under the direction and leadership of Sid Roth. METV has a long, storied history. Originally Hope TV, owned by George Otis in Southern Lebanon, the channel was donated to the Christian Broadcasting Network under the leadership of Pat Robertson on April 10, 1982. On June 5, 1997 METV launched on the Israeli satellite Amos 2, which increased its reach from 11 million to 70 million households, with a signal that now reaches the entire Middle East. In May of 2000, METV completed construction of its current station in Limassol, Cyprus, relocating from Lebanon just days before Hezbollah moved in, and Israeli forces moved out. Shortly after, in July 2001, METV was sold to LeSEA Broadcasting Corporation and it has been our honor to broadcast the Gospel to the Middle East for the past 15 years. Today, we pass the mantle to Messianic Vision, a ministry whose primary focus is to reach Jews with the Gospel.

“Many months ago Sid reached out to me expressing his desire to own and operate METV. While we are so proud of what we have accomplished with METV over the past 15 years, the time has come for it to be taken to the next level. We are certain Messianic Vision is the ministry to do just that” said Drew Sumrall, President of LeSEA Broadcasting Corporation. “While we feel fulfilled by our time as stewards of METV, it became clear that it was time to take this opportunity and allow the Messianic Vision ministry to breathe new life into the channel.”

“I know this is the set time to have mercy on Israel. METV **IS** the platform! A great Jewish harvest is upon us and the Jewish harvest will be the catalyst for the greatest gentile harvest in history!” said Sid Roth of Messianic Vision.

Along with its satellite coverage METV boasts distribution in every home in Israel, as it remains one of the premier channels in the region. With a mix of religious and family programming, including a long standing relationship with the National Football League, Messianic Vision will build on an already solid platform.

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