WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

THE OTHER DAY I MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT I HAD JUST RECEIVED MY MEDICARE CARD. THAT'S THE DIPLOMA YOU GET FOR GETTING OLD, I THINK. ANYWAY, I MENTIONED BECAUSE WE'RE FAMILY. I HEAR FROM MANY LISTENERS THAT THEY MAKE IT A POINT TO LISTEN TO THE MANAGER'S DESK EACH DAY. WHEN I ASK WHY, THE TYPICAL ANSWER IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS; "BECAUSE I LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENING AT THE RADIO STATION BEHIND THE SCENES AND WITH THE STAFF."

I WAS REMINDED OF THIS 'PASSING STATEMENT' THIS WEEK WHEN WE RECEIVED THIS LISTENER LETTER. FRANCINE IN GREEN BAY WROTE TO SAY,

HELLO MIKE CORNELL!!! (YES, 3 EXCLAMATION POINTS!)

I LAUGHED OUT LOUD DRIVING HOME FROM WORK LAST WEEK WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD RECEIVED YOUR MEDICARE CARD!

(NOW YOU MIGHT BE THINKING THAT'S PRETTY UNSENSITIVE TO LAUGH AT THAT. BUT, HERE'S WHY THEY LAUGHED.)

I TOO, HAD JUST RECEIVED MY CARD THAT VERY SAME DAY. MY BIRTHDAY IS JUNE 3 – HARD TO BELIEVE WHERE 65 YEARS HAVE GONE. WHILE I AM NOT ON YOUR MONTHLY 'GIVING' PLAN, I DO OCCASIONALLY DROP YOU A LINE TO YOUR STATION AND INCLUDE A DONATION. BUT WHEN YOU CAN MAKE ME LAUGH OUT LOUD – I HAD TO SEND YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING BECAUSE YOU REALLY MADE MY DAY. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES DO IN SPREADING THE WORD.

WHEN I ARRIVED HERE AT WRVM 23 YEARS AGO, THE DEPARTING MANAGER, WENDELL BAXTER, WAS RETIRING. HE WAS 65. I OFTEN WONDERED WHY HE WOULD RETIRE AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE. WELL, THERE ARE DAYS NOW WHERE I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHY. BUT NOT TO WORRY (OR CELEBRATE), I HAVE NO PLANS OF RETIRING AT 65. THE LORD WILLING, I WILL BE HERE FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.

FOR NEARLY 52 YEARS, LISTENER PRAYERS AND GIFTS HAVE MADE THE WRVM RADIO MINISTRIES POSSIBLE. HAVE WE HEARD FROM YOU?

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.