# USING ETERNITY RADIO MATERIALS TO TRAIN OTHERS

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We welcome their use by Bible study groups, individuals, churches, ministries and Bible colleges.

This short guide will help you to best use our audio materials for the Kingdom of God.

**Streaming:**   If you just want to listen to good Christian teaching while you work or do something else pick one of the three streams, we have missions teaching in an Indonesian language (Sunda), a large stream in English of the various teachings of the Rev. John Edmiston, and our Harvestime courses narrated by Vince Rizzo.

**Bible Studies and Home Groups:**  Our *Uplifting Moments* programs have fifteen-minute programs that are jam packed with good Bible teaching, just play, pause and discuss.

**Advanced Bible Studies:**  Our *Insights for Eternity* programs are thirty minutes of deep Bible teaching that were originally broadcast over shortwave radio across Africa and South America. Insights for Eternity is designed for "those who teach others" so grab your Bible, pen and notebook and put together an advanced Bible study group. Play it right through, then go back and discuss the relevant points. The leader should be well-prepared.  We have just finished a 100 program series that goes verse-by-verse right through the Gospel of Luke and there is an interesting series on Spiritual Discernment for Pastors and on the One Another Commands in the New Testament

**Bible College Level:**  The ***Harvestime*** audio covers 22 subjects in evangelism and church-planting from Harvestime.org and each MP3 file is a chapter from one of the Harvestime manuals. This is a two-year course if you do one manual a month with a one month break each year.  You can do them on your own, or, ideally as a class. We also have training from ISOM (International School of Missions) which is in both English and Sundanese (the teacher teaches in English and is then translated into Sundanese – an Indonesian language).

**Sending the Files Out to the Students:**  The best and safest way to send MP3 files is with a file transfer app such as WeTransfer which preserves file quality and allows you to send larger files. Email requires files under 25MB and for some reason it seems to degrade the quality of the files. WhatsApp allows fairly large files but sometimes they come out scrambled. That said, sending the files out to a WhatsApp group for the entire class can work very well. If you have to pay for data then you can reduce the file size using Audacity and we will show you how to do that on the next page.

**Being a Good Teacher:**  Play the audio yourself as preparation before the class. Take notes. Jot down the times and points when you need to pause and discuss. Create an outline for the students to fill in. Make sure that you prepare the lesson well, pray for the lesson and the students, reflect on the lesson with the students, and then help them to discuss the teaching. You can do this by asking questions that get people to think deeply, rather than just giving "Yes" or "No" answers. You might want to find some other Bible verses on the same topic and bring them into the discussion.  Try to relate the lesson to what they are seeing in society or experiencing in their own lives. At the end, get people to share their prayer points and to pray for each other.
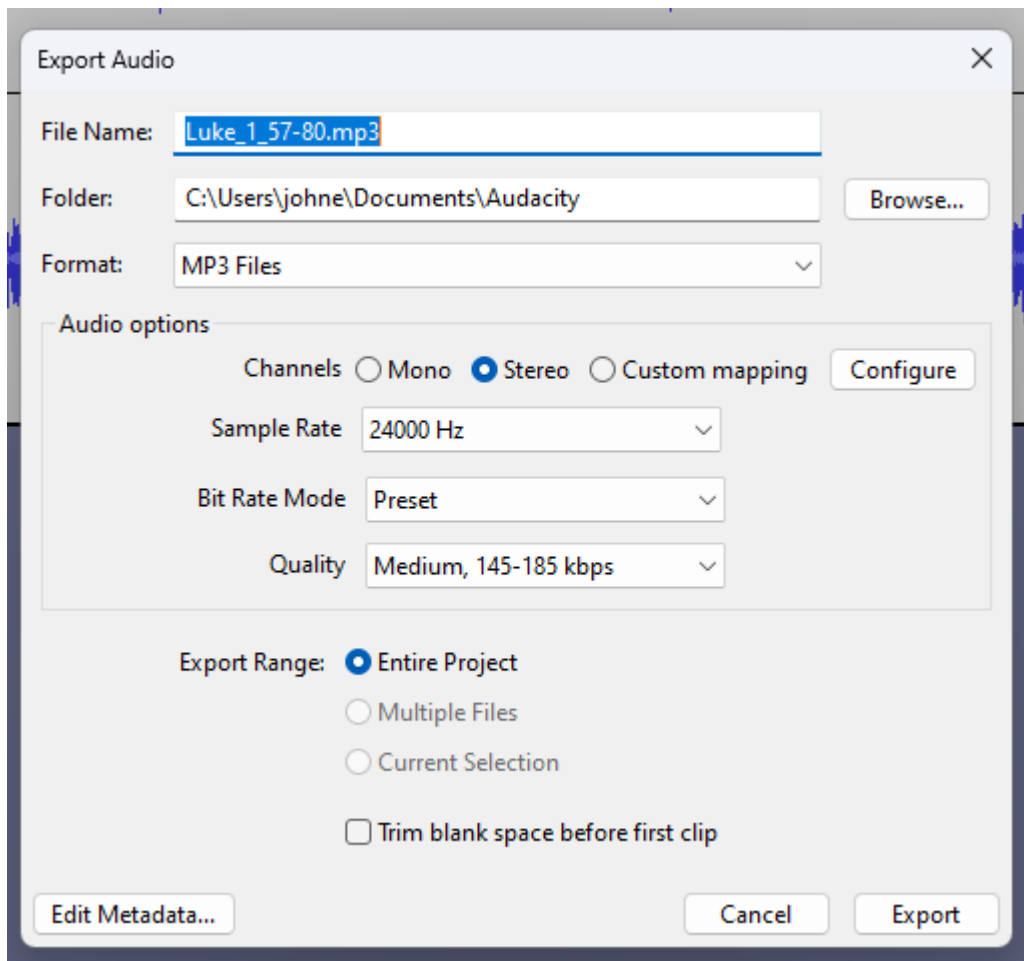
## REDUCING THE FILE SIZE

Our programs are recorded at fairly high resolution and are sometimes 40MB or more in size. This suits most people. However, if you need to send the file by email, it needs to be under 25MB, and you might need to make it smaller if are in a low-bandwidth area and you want to send it by WhatsApp without using too much data.

You can reduce the file size by using a free program known as Audacity.  You can download Audacity from this link: **https://www.audacityteam.org/download/**

1. Open Audacity. Then open the file that you wish to make smaller.
2. Under the *File* menu select *Export Audio*; then select: *Export to Computer*.
3. Under *Folder* put the folder you want to save the file in,
   under *Format* select *MP3* files, Sample Rate *24000Hz*,
   and Quality – *Medium 145-185 kbps* as in the example below.
4. Then click *Export*.

The file size will go from 40MB to 14MB which is much easier to send via email or WhatApp.

You will see something like the screenshot below:

# Other Technology Tips for Audio Learning

**Text To Speech Apps :** These apps will turn PDF files into speech. This will assist people who do not like reading. The E-Reader Prestigio (also called Prestigio Book Reader) app, Natural Reader app, or Librera app are available for free in the Google Play store. Jus find the one that works best for you in your situation. Connect your phone to a phone speaker and the whole class will be able to hear the PDF read out. You can use these apps with our free Christian ebooks available at https://globalchristians.org/ebooks/

**Free Audio Bibles:** There are free audio Bibles in many languages available at Bible.Is (Faith Comes By Hearing) and there is a Bible.Is Android app and iPhone app. Just go to the Search bar on the app and put in the language of your choice (e.g. Luganda) and you will be able to download it and play the Bible in that language.

**Problem:** *When we play back audio or video in class the volume is low*

**Solution:** Affordable Bluetooth speakers are available in most electronic stores now, they can be paired with the teacher's phone or laptop and give out a good loud sound. From $35 to $150 depending on the brand and power.

**Problem**: *We often have no Internet to distribute files due to brownouts / loss of power in our area*

**Solutions:** Get a Seagate Wireless Plus hard drive that works with no Internet at all. You can use it to serve files and play audio, video and much more. Put all the course materials on it and the students can access with their phones, they will see it as a wireless connection however it does not go out to the wider Internet. This review will tell you all about it: https://www.pcmag.com/reviews/seagate-wireless-plus (about $199).