



Speaking Hope to the World



PRAYER

- Pray for our listeners in Nepal (see testimony on back.)
- For us as we embark in this new and exciting season of life
- For the leadership of TWR during this challenging season
- For our staff around the world as they work with lockdowns and restrictions

PRAISE

- For new applicants and appointees with TWR
- Thanking God for you, for your partnership and encouragement



J&K Communiqué

TWR MOBILIZATION

NOVEMBER 2020

Beginning a new season . . .

Dear Friends and Family, Warm greetings to you from Florida! I'm personally so grateful for the *slightly* cooler weather here, whew! **Our letter comes with Thanksgiving greetings and Christmas ones as well!** We have some big news to share with you in this Communique.

While we did not foresee it when we left Guam in 2019 and thought we were headed to Cyprus, God has been moving us to a new season in our lives. As of January 1, we will be stepping into retirement! We did not see this even at the beginning of this year, only in recent months. Also, Jim turns 74 in February of next year. The Lord has gently been leading in our lives one step at a time and is now opening this new door for us.

The year 2020 has cov-

ered a lot of emotional territory for both of us and the Covid-19 lockdown days provided time for reflection, prayer and "processing." Our Good Shepherd has guided us by quiet waters and to lie down in green pastures. He is restoring our souls. Last year was good but tumultuous with our return from Guam, planning to go to Cyprus and then redirecting to Mobilization. The Lord was at work in all of it, but this year He provided a quieter pace and time for reflection. We have needed that!

Both Jim and I are TCA's, Third Culture Adults. So, it feels disconcerting and a bit scary to not be preparing to head to our next field of service. I was born and grew up in Europe and South Africa as a TWR MK (Missionary Kid) and joined TWR later in 1989 as a single and

headed for Guam, beginning my service there in March 1990. Jim and I met in 1992 at a TWR staff meeting where he shared his testimony and we were married on Guam in April 1993. Since then we have served continuously in missions in the following order: TWR, Guam (Karen); Prison Fellowship Guam; Bible Basics International (now called MissioServe) in Honduras, on Roatan Island, at their radio station; then to TWR at the Africa Regional Office in Johannesburg, South Africa; BBI in Tampa, FL, at their Headquarters, allowing us to be near my parents during the years when their health was declining; and then with TWR on Guam and now with Mobilization, remotely, here in FL.

What a journey it has been! Praise the Lord it's not over yet :-), we are

simply entering a different season of life. We will continue as volunteers to assist TWR in Mobilization, as needed. Or if there is some other way we could assist TWR. You each have been such a blessing to us across the years!! We thank God for YOU and your PARTNERSHIP with us in speaking God's HOPE to the world through media with TWR. Thank you for standing with us so faithfully.

As we enter this new season TWR allows us to receive support to supplement our expenses in retirement. We pray you will continue to be partners with us. Not only would this be a blessing to us but also to TWR. If you would like to continue in partnership with us just continue as you are currently. If you would like to make a change in any way or have any questions, you may contact our donor services team at: (919) 460-3700 or please contact us directly. We will continue with our current TWR email and will continue to keep in touch with you via our quarterly J&K Communiques. We look forward to seeing how God will use us and direct us in the days ahead.

As this year of challenge and change comes to a close, we thank the Lord for YOU this Thanksgiving Season. Also, for His love and guidance always. We praise Him for the gift of His Son, our Hope, this Christmas. Feel free to drop us a note anytime.

With our love in Christ,

Karen, for both of us

Jim and Karen Avella ... *Pepper*



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Akash (not his real name) read many religious books but remained skeptical. One day, he opened up a Bible.

He recalled, *"...an inner voice told me that Jesus is really God, and complete peace came into my heart."*

Akash felt lost as to what to do next. He had no one to guide him in his newfound faith journey.

He said, *"My joy knew no bounds when I heard the radio program Heralds of Hope. It helped me understand the word of God better and fed me nutrients as a baby Christian."*