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Speaking Hope to the World

# J&K Communiqué

TWR MOBILIZATION

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## PRAYER

- Pray for our listeners in India (see testimony on back.)
- For good response to *The Story of Jesus*
- For Karen's health
- Pray the Lord continues to bring the right people to serve in TWR

## PRAISE

- Thanking God for you, for your partnership and encouragement

Dear Friends and Family,



Walking into our church for our Good Friday service we were greeted with surprise at seeing a display of the cross laid out on large stones in the foyer. As you looked closely you could see detailed laser inscriptions of Bible verses about forgiveness and the cross over the entire surface of the cross. Our friend Zach, an art student at USF, created this beautiful piece for an advanced art class. It features almost 500 verses of scripture about forgiveness and the cross in multiple languages.



As I looked at the cross with the various language inscriptions, it struck me as a powerful visual of exactly what

TWR communicates each day across 275 languages to 190 countries! We share about the cross and God's forgiveness through Christ alone so that people can hear it in their own language, their heart language. TWR has been doing this now for 67 years.

**This Easter TWR partnered with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) to broadcast the audio of the *JESUS* film project over radio.** The desire this year is to focus on some of the least reached countries in the world. *The Story of Jesus* is an adapted audio version of the world-renowned *JESUS* film and has been broadcast during three Christmas seasons over the global TWR (Trans World Radio) radio network. The program will air over AM, FM and shortwave in 21 languages, most of them centered in Asia, though Iran's Farsi and Russian will also be included. Some of the lesser-known languages like Uyghur, Lhasa Tibetan and Kazakh are among the number. **Radio reaches into places people cannot go and touches the hardest hearts.**

Jim and I were on Guam during some of the Christmas airings of the *JESUS* film audio. It was always exciting to me to be down at the KTWR broadcast site at night, if Jim was on night shift, as that is when our programs air for SW. I loved seeing the blinking tower lights against the dark sky knowing the hope of the gospel was going out to very dark places. **Pray for open hearts as people hear about Jesus, that they would understand who He is and follow Him!**

**TWR celebrates a milestone** - The TWR360 app is now in 100 languages! We encourage you to download it on your smartphone. Just enter TWR360 in your app search. Then select your language. The joy of this app is that people can now access many of TWR's programs through their smartphone in their own language. We love this app and love sharing about it with people. It is a wonderful tool for sharing the gospel when talking with someone where English is not their mother tongue. Just recently we shared about TWR360 with missionaries to India. They knew TWR but not about the app. They were glad to learn about it! Even their particular people group was available. Now they can tell others about TWR360 where they serve.

The past several months has been extremely difficult for me. Jim has been a tremendous help. In coming off a medication I went into a bad depression which then progressed on into severe panic/anxiety attacks. It makes it difficult to function in every way. I have never experienced anything quite like it before. I am now getting things regulated but I have a way to go to feel normal. If you have struggled with depression or anxiety, you know it can be debilitating. Would you please pray for God's healing in my life and that I am able to get this regulated? Thank you! I am grateful that while I have been "under" Jim is well. I have been drawn to scriptures that deal with suffering and how God uses it for his gospel purposes and good in our lives. I pray God brings good fruit out of this difficult season. I am so anxious to feel normal again!

Thank you for your support and partnership in our lives and TWR! Thank you for standing with us during this new season in our lives.

Our love in Christ,

*Karen, for both of us*

Jim and Karen Avella . . . and Pepper



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### **A Listener in India**

*"Around 12 years ago, I suffered from paralysis and went to many temples for healing. Nothing worked. Close to our home lives a man who listens to the Gondi Thru the Bible radio program and who has accepted Jesus. He asked me to listen to the radio program and so I, along with my family, started listening to the program. After hearing the program, God started working in our lives. First, we believed in Jesus and started praying to Him. After some time, I found some healing in my body. We continued to listen and pray to Jesus. Slowly I was healed, and our faith was also strong in Christ. We all accepted Jesus, and now we all are in the faith."*

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