

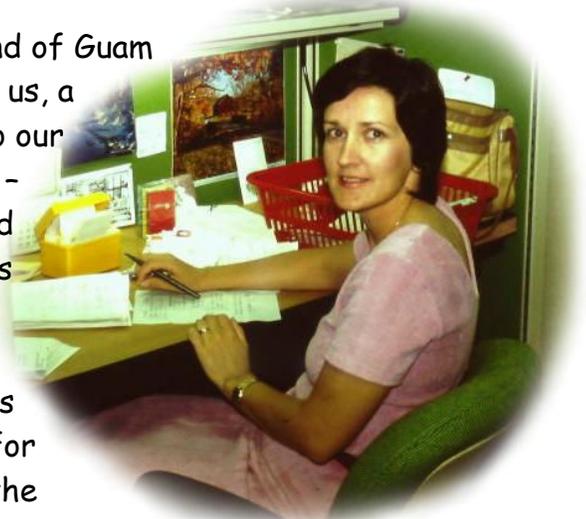
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How often does it take over 30 years for a story to come to completion and then you hear about it completely out of the blue? This is what happened to Debbie when someone contacted her, revealing that the actions she had taken many years ago changed his life.

Back in the 1980s, when we were working on the island of Guam transmitting the Gospel to countries a long way from us, a young man named Tedla happened to tune his radio to our station, KTWR. What made it even more interesting - we were not broadcasting to his country and he heard us by chance. It just so happened that the signal was clear that night in the country of Ethiopia, where he was living. Tedla was about 20 years old at the time and an atheist. Yet something didn't seem right in his life. This emptiness prompted him to write and ask for a Bible and other literature. Debbie was working in the mail department at the time and answered his letter, fulfilling his request, along with a kind note. After reading the Bible, this young man responded asking more questions. Debbie answered him again, sending him a copy of our prayer card, which pictured our family, including our two children. Gradually, he began to realize that there was more to life and that the big questions and answers must be different from what he was being told. He listened and read more and began corresponding with others, asking questions and finding answers as he read God's Word. Soon he found himself believing that there is a creator and that he is the God of the Bible who loves each of us and has made a way for us to come to him.



Years later, in the early 2000s, Debbie received an email from Tedla telling her that he had begun searching the internet trying to find us. He discovered that we were now living in Swaziland, still with TWR. At that time, he explained that he had come to know the Lord and there had been a huge change in his life. He wrote, "I've always been grateful to you for introducing me to the Light of the Gospel and for bringing Jesus' claim to my life while I was younger - I'm 36 now." He then explained he was attending a Christian university in the US and hoped to meet us some day. He even asked how our

children were doing, calling them by name. Since we were not in the US at the time, no meeting was arranged, and we lost contact.



That was 18 years ago. Just recently, TWR wrote Debbie saying Tedla was searching for our whereabouts and giving us his email address. When we wrote him, he responded immediately saying he was now teaching philosophy at a university not far from us. We asked him to please come and visit us. What a joy it was to meet him, along with his wife and three children! His kids are about the same age as our grandchildren. We spent a number of hours

filling in all the gaps of what had taken place over the years. Tedla told us of a miraculous journey. He had nothing and no source of finances in Ethiopia. But as he pursued his thirst for knowledge and his interest in philosophy, God kept providing the funds. Everything was provided for his schooling, which was no small amount! Now he is not only teaching at the university level influencing young people here but is also reaching his own people in Ethiopia with teaching and explaining the intellectual side of Christianity by focusing on a series in Christian philosophy via YouTube and Zoom. God brought him full circle, and Tedla is influencing his people with truth and freedom, just as he was influenced 30 years ago.

I wonder how many other times this cycle has taken place. It's through God's love and grace that he allowed this story to unfold before our eyes, giving us encouragement and a taste of what we'll learn when we get to heaven. Isn't our Lord good? I hope that those of you who have been supporting us in prayer and finances will feel like this is part of your story too and that your hearts will be lifted up in praise to our Father in heaven.

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