

NEWS from the Detwilers

AFRICA

Summer 2021

In January 1983, our little family made a bumpy landing in the country then known as Swaziland. Those first few months . . . no, that first full year was filled with cultural overload, homesickness, adjustments, growing pains and blessings. When we look back at our pictures, we are instantly transported to another time and the rich life-changes God brought us through. Today that little country has changed its name to eSwatini and is going through a few growing pains of its own. It is the last absolute monarchy on the African continent. And the people of this little kingdom desire a more democratic form of government. The response from the government has not been too positive. They have cracked down hard on protesters and even shut down the internet.

South Africa too, is rumbling with discontent. Protests, violence, looting and killing have rocked this nation hard in the past weeks as well. And it is a major supplier of goods, fuel and electricity to eSwatini. Without those necessary goods, fuel and supplies in eSwatini are getting critically low. And without electricity and fuel, even the broadcasts could be affected. It could take weeks to restore the supply chains, even if the unrest in South Africa were to end today. Please pray for our staff in both locations. And pray for the people of South Africa and eSwatini who have experienced protests that have resulted in unnecessary deaths.

TWR's ministry to the world is always in the heartbeat of their staff, but more so now, in these troubled days. Thank you for your part in reaching so many. And thank you for your prayers.

Curt and Carol

From a listener in Zimbabwe:

"I still remember those days in 1982 when I used to carry our portable radio to the fields, or while herding cattle and goats, mainly because I did not want to miss all the programs on TWR. There are many mountains in my home region and so it was that when it was raining, we would take shelter in the caves, still listening to my favorite TWR. Some of the boys of my age then did not find it exciting and could not understand how a boy like me would enjoy preaching and teaching instead of music on radio. Well, I wish they had known that my journey of a thousand miles had begun.

Those were the days of Radio Bible Class, Love Worth Finding, Stuart Briscoe, Chuck Swindoll, Brother Vernon McGee, Dick Saunders, just to mention a few. Radio was personal and very exciting.

Transworld Radio did not only change my life; it shaped my life. It went on to be my greatest source of inspiration and encouragement when God called me into ministry as a pastor. Along the way I have missed a lot of programs because of work and other occupations, but TWR has never been knocked off my radar. It still remains my favorite station of all time. I wish I can one day sit down with someone like me and just relive and reminisce those good and golden days.

Here is a station that I am married to until death do us part. Long live Transworld Radio Africa. Long live the love of my heart!"



*Therefore, we
will not fear,
though the
earth should
change, and
though the
mountains
slip into the
heart of the
sea,"*

Psalm 46:1-2.

Curt & Carol Detwiler

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Personal Notes from US

Family Reunion

In May, the Lord blessed us with the opportunity to celebrate the mutual birthdays of Katie and little Everett. We all spent five days together and had such a wonderful time!



Grampa teaching the fine art of sand castle making to Kyla!

The Birthday Duo



On May 27th, Everett turned one. And Katie? She enjoyed sharing her day with this handsome little man!



The men behind the grill:
Ray and Curt



Lindsay, Everett and Katie



Grammy getting to have fun with Kyla

Join us in prayer :

- *Pray for the kingdom of eSwatini. And pray that many will be drawn to the peaceable words of the Lord as TWR broadcasts good news and hope in the midst of confusion.*
- *Pray with us for Kyla and Everett to come to know the Lord at an early age. And pray for their mom and dad (Ray and Lindsay) as they seek to guide them in our changing world.*
- *Continue to pray for Carol's mom in the memory care facility. Her memory is weak and short. But Praise the Lord she still recognizes us when we visit.*
- *Pray for our nation. Ask the Lord to move among His people.*
- *Pray that we may be able to see a soon end to COVID and for the ramifications it has had on families, churches and their jobs.*
- *Pray that as things begin to open, that ministry travel might be able to resume.*

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