

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

Trade Days for Minutes?

We were planning to go to TWR's headquarters in North Carolina to attend a memorial service, honoring lifelong missionary Joan Mial on Saturday. Dave's supervisor suggested that if we could be there Thursday, Dave could give the staff a 5-to-7-minute update on the latest developments in *Truth in the Test Tube* (TTT).

Would giving up 2 days to gain a few minutes be good stewardship? We decided to do it.

"You Are an Answer to Prayer!"

After the talk, Lisa, a TWR staff member, spoke those words. She is witnessing to a Chinese lady in North Carolina who has shown interest in the Bible. The lady often writes to her friends in China, telling them what she is learning about Jesus, and they reply that Christianity is nonsense. Like most atheistic propaganda, they argue that science is the clincher that proves God does not exist.

TWR's Mandarin Chinese department produced **two TTT episodes per week for 6-1/2 years**, so we showed Lisa where many of them plus English are archived on-line. She says, "I started listening to the episodes and am fascinated by them" and wants to share them with the lady and her son who is in university.

Isn't it interesting how God can take a 5-minute presentation, and magnify it as a link to something that counts for eternity?

The lady's father plans to come to the U.S. for a 4-month visit. Please ask God to guide the conversations while he is here.

In a related development...

...Christianheadlines.com reports, "Chinese Teachers Force Children to Report That They Follow 'No Religion'." For years, children have filled out forms stating their religion. But now anyone (at least in some schools) who lists himself/herself as Christian, is ordered to change it. Then they are "counseled" and warned about the consequences of identifying as a Christian. In one group of 300 students, only one stood firm and refused to check "no religion."

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Siblings Get Together

While we were in North Carolina, Dave's siblings and their spouses came from Ohio and Maryland to share a day at The Cove, a part of the Billy Graham organization in Asheville.



Left to right (youngest to oldest): Allen, Carol, Faye & Dave

Christian Wins Nobel Peace Prize

Congolese doctor Denis Mukwege began his medical practice with the goal of reducing childbirth deaths. But his first patient showed him an even greater need.

A long-lasting civil war killed more than six million Congolese. Warring factions used mass rape as a weapon. In 1999, Mukwege began treating victims and demanding governments outlaw the practice. He's called "The man who mends women," physically and emotionally.

Paying the Price for Principle

Sharing the Prize was Nadia Murad, part of the Yazidi minority in northern Iraq. ISIS massacred hundreds in her village. She was captured, repeatedly raped and abused – then threatened with execution if she did not convert to their hateful ideology. She resisted pressure and threats to remain silent, fearlessly speaking up for other victims.

Armed men have attacked Dr. Mukwege's home, killed his bodyguard and taken his children hostage. The BreakPoint broadcast points out, "Why does Mukwege **run towards the danger** when the 'sensible' thing would be to run away from it? You can probably guess: his Christian faith. The son of a Pentecostal pastor and a minister himself, Mukwege was inspired to pursue medicine watching his father pray for the sick." For more details, see <http://www.breakpoint.org/2018/10/breakpoint-this-years-nobel-peace-prize/>

Pray that our program about these two will encourage other Christians to stand up against whatever evils they face.

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Making a Hole in the Darkness

Billy Graham's daughter "Gigi" used that expression when she spoke at a hymn sing during our visit to The Cove. That's a novel way to remember Christ's command to "let your light shine." Later I had the opportunity to interview her as she elaborated on that idea.

Responses to the Light

Spanish: "Thanks for developing programs with current themes related to the Bible."

Czech: "It is well explained and can be understood."

English: "I have known of Trans World Radio for years, but never knew about this on-line resource. Thank you for making it available to the world."

Enlarging Existing Bright Spots...

The **Spanish** version of TTT is on several dozen stations. We buy time on only two. For the others, managers consider it useful enough to air at their own expense.

But our Spanish producer says **even more stations** will be available if we add a 5-minute version, to supplement the 15-minute one. So far, we've written more than 20.

...And a MAJOR New Opening

Our **Japanese** partner plans to begin the program early next year. When we first talked about the possibility, he reacted, "Almost all secular TV/radio stations, as well as schools, are spreading [the] theory of evolution. **They do not know who created us.** So many Japanese do not fear God and they cannot find their purpose of life.

As a result, more than 120,000 people [commit] suicide every year..." The "Land of the Rising Sun" needs much more of God's light!

With that in mind, we are beginning with very little funding in hand. One church donated enough to cover **5** programs, and Eleanor and I plan to do the same. But that's a lot less than the **52** that our partner wants.

Please ask God if He wants you to include some of this in your year-end giving. One possibility would be \$55 for our 55th year with TWR. Or consider enabling translation, production, airing and on-line presence of **an entire program** for \$552. Either way, please designate it "Truth in the Test Tube Japanese."

"On Steroids!"

- We had heard the expression, but never experienced it. Dave was in the hospital six days in July, treating an inflamed spine (Acute Transverse Myelitis) with injections of steroids and antibiotics. That combination hyperactivated his brain and made it hard to sleep. But it also stimulated multiple script ideas. With no paper until Eleanor brought the laptop, a Styrofoam cup accepted the topic suggestions without protest.
- The latest **PSA** is 0.08, even lower than last quarter's record low! The other problem, Parkinson's Disease, seems to be controlled by medication plus lots of exercise. Please pray that it will stay that way.



Targets for Prayer

- **For the new Japanese outreach:**
 - That listeners will find it soon after it begins,
 - That they'll find it convincing, and
 - That we will find funds for at least 52 episodes.
- That doctors will continue to be able to control our health issues.
- For wisdom in choosing topics that will attract unsaved people, and presenting biblical points convincingly.
- That each grandchild will follow God's will in all life choices. Some need extra prayer for this!

Poking holes in the darkness,
Dave and Eleanor Fisher

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