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Overwhelmed! Overshadowed!

Do you ever get overwhelmed? We do. At times by good events, but other times it is by events that are painful and even terrible. World news, coronavirus, precious relationships being destroyed, critical health concerns of family and fellow missionaries, huge obstacle challenges to TWR's ministry as the enemy's attacks escalate, to name a few. Like huge waves they threaten to take us under and sometimes do. But God faithfully reminds us that He's in control and He's got this. Jodi Beabout, a TWR missionary, who is going through very deep waters right now, recently shared some helpful devotional thoughts. Here is what I was reminded of:

God is sovereign over everything, no matter how chaotically dysfunctional life gets to be. He can take our most terrible situations and through His infinite wisdom bring such beauty out of them. He doesn't always remove our problems, but through all of life's experiences, good or bad, He can teach and transform us little by little into what He created us to be. We only need to trust Him.

My father, Carl Ginther, was fond of singing the song, "Overshadowed" by H.A. Ironside. Here's part of the chorus.

**"I'm overshadowed by His mighty love, Love eternal, changeless, pure,
Overshadowed by His mighty love, Rest is mine, serene, secure"**

Though *overwhelmed* at times, we are always *overshadowed* by Him! Thank you for praying for items in this letter.

- * Please pray for our daughter Larissa who's been battling with eye issues for two years. Finally, a specialist at Duke diagnosed her with ocular rosacea. She's had very poor eyesight since she was very young. In her teens, glasses could no longer correct her vision, so she got put into contacts. With this rosacea Larissa can no longer wear a contact in the one eye. She can't see well enough to function well with her glasses, especially driving. Wearing one contact messes with her depth perception. Can you imagine how this limits her life? She was very excited to learn that there is a surgery (ICL) to give back her vision. She went through all the testing and got the great news that she was a perfect candidate for the surgery. In about five minutes she went from that high to sobbing when she found out the surgery was going to cost \$11,500, insurance wouldn't cover it and Duke had no payment plans. But God is doing some amazing things, too numerous to write about! At the time of this writing she's awaiting the appointment for the surgery, to take place in Utah, for half the price and with a payment plan. Her Dr. at Duke has been wonderful setting it all up because he believes she really needs this surgery. You never know when you go through these faith testing times who is watching. Our children watched us throughout our missionary journey. Miles is watching Mom and Dad. His comment has been, "God's going to take care of this."
- * Please pray for our TWR Staff. We have faced many physical set-backs in our office recently. Sickness, surgeries, car accidents, etc., have plagued our TWR staff. Though unknown to you they are dear to our hearts. Pray for Eric Beasley as he waits for a kidney transplant. Please pray for Bob and Beth Chick as Bob faces these last days in his fight against cancer. Pray for Perry and Jodi Beabout. Perry was recently diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Jodi is the TWR Lodge Manager. Perry is our Global Engineer and has carried the lead role in getting the Oasis transmitter on the air.
- * Please continue to pray for protection for our health. Though Marvin's department (SIP) has taken a health beating this year, we are both doing well, so far. Marvin is slowly getting his stamina back. We're still surprised how long it takes since his two surgeries, even though the Dr told us it could take up to a year. With this whole coronavirus issue we also have to be more diligent and careful. Having a compromised immune system because of my CLL cancer makes it even more important for me to be diligent.
- * Please pray for the TWR items on the back of this letter as we reach out to this overwhelmed world with the message of God's overshadowing love!



Jodi and Perry Beabout

A Huge Sigh of RELIEF!

You may have heard that sound late in the evening on Friday, January 31. It was from me and the other members of our SIP Creative Content Team. We had finally met the illusive production deadline for the American English version of the **Son-Lift Project**. At 9:00pm, I was rejoicing as I sent the finished programs to our NE Asia Team. So, why is that important?

The **Son-Lift Project** is a series of 60 dramatized Bible stories about Jesus and His life. These well crafted audio drama programs, several minutes in length, also include a prayer, and an explanation of how to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. They introduce Jesus to those who have never heard of Him. The purpose is to reach **unreached people groups (UPGs)**. The goal is to reach out to over **100 UPGs** in China using the most strategic languages among them. Eight language productions are complete, some are being aired by shortwave radio and others are in various stages of development. As partnering church members inside China have taken the **Son-Lift** programs into individual homes on media players and shared the gospel, some people have received Christ as Savior right on the spot. They realize that the gospel really is good news. We are very eager to complete all 12 language productions!

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

We've tried for over a year to complete the production of the American English version of **Son-Lift**. The deadline was adjusted many times. As January 31 approached, each member of the SIP Creative Content Team faced intense spiritual attacks. One person was hospitalized twice, another bedridden by back pains while awaiting knee replacement, while others contended with personal issues as they struggled to complete the project on time. TWR staff in Asia who are working on other languages for the **Son-Lift Project** also faced intense spiritual opposition, even more than us. The enemy simply did not want this project to get finished. Your prayers are so important to us and TWR. Thank you for praying for us, for the **Son-Lift project**, and for the millions of people in China who will hear about the Lord Jesus Christ, many for the first time, through **Son-Lift** and other TWR programs.



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As people self-isolate and hunker down during this crisis, the media that keep us connected to other human beings and to what's happening around the world will play a vital role in our lives. As they seek information, answers to life's hardest questions and even diversion, they'll turn to radio broadcasts, videos, the Internet and mobile apps as pipelines beyond their four walls. And for people in many countries, these technologies are the only ways to gain access – and often the confidential access needed to avoid persecution – to God's Word. Serving as a voice of hope, strength and information in times of grave crisis isn't new to TWR. Although our main priorities are proclaiming the gospel and making disciples, we frequently leverage our global communication facilities to help people trapped in natural or manmade disasters. We've done so after hurricanes and earthquakes and during wars and civil turmoil. We've even reached out during Ebola epidemics, and we'll do so now in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. In fact, programs responding to the pandemic are already being aired. TWR Asia's Chinese Ministry promptly created **From Despair to Hope**, a program consisting of multiple short episodes

offering encouragement and evangelistic messages to some of the hardest-hit countries. Already going out in Mandarin, plans call for the program to be translated into other Chinese languages as well as Korean and Japanese.

Check out more of this "TWR - Covid-19 Response" at <https://www.twr.org/coronavirus>

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