

WHEW!!!

Had we known in mid-December 2017 what 2018 held in store for us, we would have pulled the covers over our heads and waited until 2019. In our April and October prayer letters we shared with you about two major traumatic events (the fire at TWR and Marvin's health challenge). But there were also other events, personal and otherwise, that saddened us, tried our hearts and at times knocked the wind out of us. So the word that describes 2018 is **WHEW!** Without our precious Lord walking with us through these difficult times, we could never have made it! In a recent terrific sermon series called "In Living Color," our pastor Stephen Davey taught us about really looking for and seeing the hand of God in creation. We were encouraged to realize that our LORD GOD ALMIGHTY awesomely orchestrates the incredibly complex details of the universe. Yet He is intimately interested and tremendously involved in the tiniest matters of our lives. God orders our steps even through our deepest and darkest valleys! We praise Him because He will do the same throughout 2019, no matter what may come and not only for us! Every time the Lord leads TWR to begin new unique ministries, the Lord brings to mind that one person somewhere in the world who will hear about Jesus for the first time and come to know Him as Savior! We believe that the Lord orchestrates the whole matter like He did in the lives of these two listeners!



*“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him...
Psalms 8:3-4b*

From Albania a listener to TWR writes: My first contact with (TWR) radio was almost 10 years ago. My brother gave me a solar radio and I started to listen to the radio. I grew up in a village and my duty since I was a kid was to go out with the sheep, so the solar radio was a good tool for me. I had not heard before about God so the first program that I remember was "Thru the Bible". This program explained the Bible so well. After listening to this program for a long time, I decided to phone the radio station and to ask about a church. They invited me to the church in the city and that is the place where me and my family now go. Radio is a great tool and this radio program helped me to go to church and to know God personally. Thank you very much.

From southeastern Poland a listener in prison writes: I thank God for people who have helped me open my eyes and mind to the truth of the Gospel. I often ask the questions; Why did it take me so long to comprehend it? Did I have to end up in this place to realize how much hurt and evil I had done to others? Where has my pride, my arrogance and lack of love for others brought me? Did I have to reach the bottom? It feels great now to be on the right road to have committed my life to Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers for not only these two listeners, but for all those who listen to TWR. On the back you will see some powerful TWR ministries that have the potential to reach many millions for Christ!

By the way, Landrie's six-month checkup in December for her CCL (Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia) showed that her counts were **steady!** We are so relieved! Please praise and thank the Lord with us. Thank you also for praying for us as we serve the Lord with TWR! We need you and your prayers throughout **2019!**

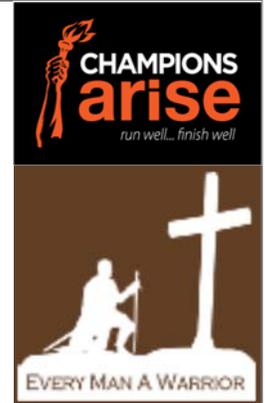
*Below are three very effective TWR ministries we ask you to pray for throughout 2019!
 Marvin is involved in the studio production work for SON-Lift in the requested American English language version.
 Landrie is involved in Women of Hope through her work in Ministry Services.*



Barriers to the Gospel are extra high for women in many parts of the world. Along with geographic and political barriers, they often face religious and cultural limitations on free movement, on learning, and on engagement with others. A 23-year-old Algerian woman (name withheld) was told that women have no will and only half a mind. She has since been corresponding with the **TWR Women of Hope** team and asked, “You think I can feel respect and love from God? Do you think I’m worth something like your Lord says I am?” For 20 years, this ministry has answered that question with a resounding “Yes!” through its **Women of Hope** radio program, now in 73 languages. The broadcast is undergirded by a global prayer network focused on a monthly prayer calendar that is translated into over 90 languages for use in more than 120 countries. Vaulting over national borders, **Women of Hope** introduces women – *many tuning in secretly* – to the gospel and teaches practical life skills and spiritual truth. Topics range widely, from family health and hygiene to harmful cultural practices and human trafficking. Leadership training has become a major emphasis, and a program focused exclusively on discipleship is being developed. “If they’re not discipled, Jesus can become just another of many gods,” said Peggy Banks, global director of the ministry. “That’s why the discipling from Women of Hope – going deeper, taking them through an understanding of the Bible – is so important to us.”

TWR Men's Ministry Initiative

“If we want to change a culture for Christ, we must get the men. If we want to stop the violence against women and children, we must change the hearts of men!” said Lonnie Berger, director of TWR’s men’s initiative. Men have an undeniably severe impact upon the lives of those around them. TWR sees this firsthand, recognizing that much of what is done in women’s or children’s ministry can be either hindered or helped by the men. In response to this issue the **TWR Men’s Ministry Initiative** was formed by synchronizing the ministries **Every Man A Warrior** and **Champions Arise**. This combined outreach saturates men with biblical basics to pull them into a deeper relationship with God. **Champions Arise** serving as the radio programming “air force,” **Every Man A Warrior** is the “boots on the ground” discipleship curriculum. For now, the ministry is focused on launching **Every Man A Warrior** around the world. So far, the curriculum has reached 25 countries in five languages, with four additional languages under development. Lonnie Berger emphasized a key to the growth and success of this ministry: **the diligent prayers of women**. “Women have prayed this ministry into existence,” he said. God continues to graciously answer the prayers of these women, resulting in what Berger describes as “an army of Christian men who are discipling other men.”



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Son-Lift Project for China



GOSPEL FOR CHINA’S UNREACHED

For several years now, TWR’s China ministries team has been developing 60 dramatized Bible stories for 106 of China’s remaining unreached people groups. The goal is to share the gospel in 15 of the most commonly spoken languages among them. Called **SON-Lift** because we want to lift up the name of Jesus with stories about his life, each episode includes the selected Bible drama, an explanation of the gospel, a prayer and music. Several of the language productions are complete and being aired by shortwave radio and other media platforms. A key component

of the strategy is to partner with church members inside China who personally distribute media players loaded with the programs in the homes of the unreached. It is through this face-to-face contact and hearing the gospel on the players that people are meeting Jesus Christ for the first time. Some have given their hearts to him!

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