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# The Lykins Letter

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*For from Him & through Him & to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36*

## Homebound

At this time last year, I had just returned from South Africa and was making plans for my 5<sup>th</sup> international trip in 12 months which would be to Guam and Singapore. Things have certainly changed since then.

This time of non-travel has given me an opportunity to review how the TWR global IT department is operating and develop plans to improve those operations moving into the future. I meet with team members by videoconference. This is not quite as good as being with them to shake hands, experience what they experience, and offer encouragement. However, it is a huge blessing that we can still communicate.

It is a reminder of the importance of Jesus coming to Earth to be with us. Jesus could have communicated to people by any means he wanted. He could have caused videoconferencing to be invented thousands of years ago and disciplined his followers remotely. But Jesus was incarnational. He came to Earth so that he could touch people, heal people, comfort their wounds, smell what they smelled, feel what they felt, and experience what they experienced. It's good to remember that Jesus cared so much for you, me, and the rest of the people in the world that He left the glories of heaven to live among us, face the agony of the cross, defeat death in His resurrection, and leave His Spirit to indwell us and be with us every second of every day. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

TWR exists to tell others about this amazing Savior and the amazing salvation that He offers to all who believe in Him. During this pandemic, TWR's ministry has thrived in providing encouragement, hope, and support to many who have no one else to tell them of Jesus' love and

salvation. Thank you for being part of extending Jesus' invitation to the uttermost parts of the Earth.

## Family Updates

We had a lot happen in our family in August. On August 15, Jesse got engaged to Liz Reith. Jesse and Liz met while interning at TWR last summer. We are so excited about their upcoming wedding plans for summer 2021. Only a



*Jesse Proposing to Liz near Asheville, NC*

few days later, we took Daniel to our Alma Mater, Liberty University, to start his freshman year of college. Daniel is thoroughly enjoying the fellowship and relationships that he is building at Liberty as well as his professors and courses.

## Prayer Requests

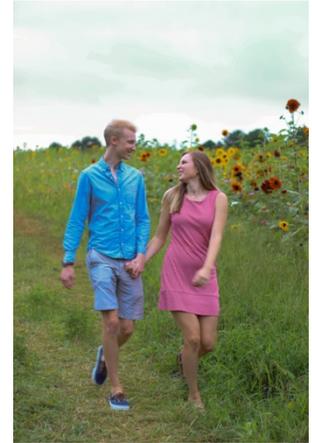
Please pray for Jesse and Liz as they begin planning for their wedding and future life together

Please pray for Daniel as he begins college life at Liberty University

Please pray for staffing needs for TWR's technical teams.

Please pray for the implementation of new systems to streamline TWR's audio and playout processes.

Please pray for our family to grow in the grace and faith of Jesus Christ.



*The newly engaged couple – Jesse and Liz*

## The Main Event

*For TWR, the main event is having listeners hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and be given an opportunity to respond. Below are a few samples of the many listener responses that were recorded by TWR recently.*

“I recognize that with the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown, I have become weak in my faith. I no longer go to church, pray or meditate on the Bible like I used to do. Your message today enables me to understand that without God I can do nothing. It has awakened [my passion for] God... I have decided to spend time with God. Thank you for this message, it is very enriching. May the peace and grace of God be with you. The preaching has truly strengthened me...” – A listener from Côte d’Ivoire.

“Our family continues with faith and regular listening to TWT (The Word Today) program. In this time, we are in lockdown and my husband lost his job. In our community people are going through lots of suffering due to Covid-19. I encouraged all the people to listen to the program and be blessed because the word of God is the best medicine for us in this situation. Thank you TWT Program.” – a listener from Nepal.



*Daniel after settling into his dorm at Liberty University*



*Catherine just received her NC drivers license. Way to go, Catherine!*