

Dear praying friends,

We've shared stories of two TWR families so far and how the Lord prepared them for many years beforehand for the work. Edna has a story, too, and it is another example of the Lord's preparation—even before she was born.

Edna Bush was born into a business environment. Her father, crippled by polio and meningitis since age 4, had nevertheless succeeded in taking a junkyard and turning it into a garage and auto parts business that employed several people. Someone said of him, "The only thing that wasn't crippled about him was his brain." In 1961 she attended Saginaw Business School. Nobody in her family had ever gone to college, but the Lord pushed her in that direction and in 1962 she found herself a freshman at Asbury, a Christian college. This gave her a good spiritual foundation. Later she contracted a severe case of flu and had to withdraw. She finished her degree in elementary education at Michigan State, which gave her other advantages that Asbury could not. So the flu disaster gave her the best of both educational worlds—we see the Lord's hand in all of this!

Her roommate while she was teaching was Mary Jane Schipper, whose parents had gone to Bonaire to head up the English Mail Department. During a visit to her parents, Mary Jane attended a get-together of the singles which went late into the night, but a certain engineer excused himself because he had to work the early shift next morning. "That's just the sort of thing you'd do," MJ told her roommate, "be the first to leave a party because you had to work next day!" "I'd like to meet that engineer," Edna replied. "Well, you two do sort of go together," MJ observed.

And so I got a shy letter from MJ introducing me to her roommate and asking if I'd like to correspond? Well, OK, I wouldn't mind, and so we wrote, as Edna likes to say, for 21 months, both of us keeping carbon copies of the letters and so we wound up with two copies of each. Guess we do go together.

The Detroit Tigers won the World Series in 1968 and there was much celebration throughout Michigan. A bunch of drunk teachers wound up at Edna and MJ's mobile home at midnight, thinking they were at a friend's house, and were pounding at the door—the whole place was shaking—MJ and Edna met in the middle of the hallway and Edna was thinking of the nurses who had recently been assaulted in their house and one escaped by hiding under the bed—Edna's thought was, "There isn't even room under our beds to hide!"

Edna prayed, "Lord, make these men go away—right now!" And they did!

Edna says, "It came over me from the top of my head to the soles of my feet: if the Lord can protect me here, He can on the mission field!"

In 1969 she was working the telephone switchboard at the Winona Lake YFC convention. Billy Graham was there and President Johnson called him. Not everyone gets to handle a phone call from the President!

A Nazarene pastor's wife told us that their missionary women were required to know how to sew their own underclothes and how to cut hair. Edna was a good seamstress and had done a stint at a beauty college. We took this as an added assurance of the Lord's preparation of her for this job. (Incidentally, she still cuts my hair, a real advantage during this coronavirus lockdown!)

At TWR-Bonaire, Edna filled in for Mr. Schipper in the English Mail Department and at the TWR switchboard. She taught in the supplemental English school for TWR young people. Later in Swaziland she worked in Finance, using her business skills in three different currencies. You can see how thorough the Lord's preparation was!

Your Africa-Arizona missionaries,

Joe and Edna Miller

"The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel." Joel 3:16 (ESV)

» We understand that a tremendous turning to Jesus is taking place in Iran. The Lord is moving in a mighty way through all the upheavals the country is experiencing. This may be true of many other places, too, but Iran is the one we have a report on. There are stories that people are tired of the government using its money to support terrorism instead of to feed the populace. There are said to be riots in all major cities and much of the leadership is affected by the coronavirus. *Please pray for the broadcasts in Farsi (Persian) into Iran and that the Gospel will spread mightily during this unrest.*

» We featured Sam and Imna Montoya last letter. We haven't heard anything new but we assume they are still in the U.S. waiting to see various doctors for Imna's migraines, vascular problems, and parathyroid condition. Sam has Bell's palsy and a possible brain aneurism. *Please pray for God's leading of the doctors to make the right diagnoses and recommendations and that He will take care of the medical bills that insurance does not cover—and that coronavirus considerations won't hinder their medical appointments.*

» Eswatini (Swaziland) is locked down at present. Thank the Lord that broadcasting is considered a high priority, so they have been able to continue sending out the Good News of the Gospel. They are of course trying to be wise with social distancing, sanitation, and working from home where possible. *Pray that this lockdown won't hinder the proclamation of the Gospel!*

» The Swaziland station will be short two engineers when the lockdown lifts. The Lord has provided for the present, as two engineers have been delayed in leaving. *Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest!*

» When I retired and came back Stateside, I started following the program *Creation Moments* which explores the wonders of God's creation and points out the fallacies of the evolutionary approach. Many people have questioned the Bible because it gives an account of Creation which is in opposition to the popular evolutionary dogma. This program shows that the Bible account is the one most supported by modern science. We have just learned that they have teamed up with TWR-Guam to broadcast the programs in Korean to the two Koreas and Japan! *Please pray for this new outreach.*

» *Please uphold the new Silk Road transmitter and the second West Africa transmitter as they are reaching a multitude of new listeners.* The Silk Road transmitter reaches the "-stan" countries, some of the least evangelized places on the planet, and the new broadcasts from West Africa are mostly targeted at Nigeria, which has many reports of Boko Haram atrocities against Christians.

» Please remember us Millers as we continue to seek opportunities to minister and to witness for our Lord. *Pray that the Lord will open and close our mouths at the right time!*

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