

*Dear praying friends,*

Dr. Paul Freed and his father, Dr. Ralph Freed, are familiar names to all TWR supporters. Not as well-known, however, are Bill Mial and his family. Bill was Dr. Paul's right-hand man and his adventures match those of the Freeds in getting this worldwide ministry on the air. Some of their Mial-stories are:

1957--Bill and Joan heard Dr. Paul speak and felt called to this ministry. They arrived in Tangier, Morocco, in 1958 just in time to see the Moroccan government nationalize the Voice of Tangier and close it down. A year later they moved to southern France to help with the negotiations with Radio Monte Carlo (RMC) and on Oct. 16, 1960, the first programs were broadcast by newly renamed Trans World Radio from RMC's 100 kW shortwave transmitter. They would never have had this kind of transmitter power in Morocco! The shutdown of Voice of Tangier was God's way of leading them into a much bigger ministry.

Bill, trained in radio production, was very involved with the broadcasts, and Joan answered the listener mail.

In 1962 the Mials left Monte Carlo and moved to the new US headquarters in Chatham, NJ, to prepare for a move to Puerto Rico (PR). Dr. Paul had had his heart attack where the Lord burdened him to build another station, this one in the Western Hemisphere, and PR was the logical choice. It gave the Mial family a needed rest--but not for long. Bill remembers getting the family ready for a picnic and was just carrying a picnic basket out to the car when a phone call came from Dr. Paul in the Netherlands Antilles urging him to drop everything and get down to Curacao as fast as possible. Two weeks later they were back, with a license and permission to build both a super-power medium-wave (AM) transmitter and a shortwave transmitter. They could not have gotten this in PR.

And there things sat for a year. The proposed transmitter site was too close to the airport and could interfere with communications from the control tower to the airplanes. Finally someone from Bonaire invited Dr. Paul to take a look at Bonaire and he realized why God had kept TWR from building on Curacao. God had prepared that island for hundreds of years for this particular ministry! The salt flats there made for a very efficient antenna system.

Bill moved his family from the Chatham headquarters to Bonaire as he took over the operation as Field Director. Joan moved into a hospitality ministry as dozens of visitors as well as new missionaries stayed with them.

In 1970 the Mials moved back to Monte Carlo at Dr. Ralph's request—he needed an assistant. It was a golden mentorship opportunity for Bill. The Swaziland, Sri Lanka, Guam, and Cyprus projects all happened during this time and Bill was involved in all of them. Long-distance travel for 60-70% of the year became the norm for him, while Joan kept the home together—during the intercontinental moves which defined much of their ministry—and during a family crisis involving their daughter, Sandra.

Sandra was about ten when she was hit by a motorcycle and suffered brain damage. One observer commented, "If that girl survives, she'll be just a vegetable." Bill was in Swaziland; it was Eastertime and telexes weren't getting forwarded. Bill didn't learn about the accident until several days later. Joan had to sit alone by her bedside and wonder if Jesus was going to call her Home. But she was encouraged by knowing that Sandra knew Jesus and they would be reunited some day in Heaven. Times like these are when missionaries need prayer partners!

Sandra survived but some brain damage remained. One time when Bill had just driven Dr. Paul to the airport he found himself unaccountably speeding on the way home. He tried to slow down but his foot kept pressing on the accelerator. He arrived home just as Sandra was having her first seizure. They see the Lord's timing in this.

Despite the ongoing seizures, Sandra has become a wife and mother. She and her husband, Brad Swanson, are still on Bonaire keeping the broadcasts going out.

In 1976 the Mials moved back to the Chatham, NJ, headquarters from Monte Carlo.

In 1977 broadcasts began from Guam and the Mials moved to Hong Kong, returning to Chatham in 1980.

In 1989 they moved to the Netherlands.

In 1994 they moved to TWR's new headquarters in Cary, NC, to help TWR's new president, Tom Lowell, who had been best friends with Bill since the Bonaire days.

In 2006 they moved to Africa. In 2008 the West Africa Transmitting Station (WATS) went on the air.

In 2009 they moved back to Cary. TWR was moving heavily into digital media.

In 2010 they moved to Florida. Joan went to be with the Lord in 2018—promoted to Glory!

Many of these moves were in response to major advancements in TWR's outreach and show the Lord's blessing upon the ministry through the years. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

*Your Africa–Arizona missionaries,*

*Joe and Edna Miller*

**“Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.” Heb 13:18**

- Boko Haram continues to violently oppress Christians in Nigeria (it has been called “the deadliest place to be a Christian”) and neighboring countries. Pray for the outreach of the new 200 kW “Oasis” transmitter, part of the WATS complex, beamed specifically to this area.
- The two-year-old “Silk Road Transmitter” is broadcasting in the Central Asian languages of Kazakh, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, and Russian. Again, there is much persecution in this area.
- The CAMENA (Central Asia, Middle East, and North Africa) outreach from several transmitting sites is nothing short of miraculous—these stations should be impossible. Thank the Lord for protecting these sites and pray that He will continue to bless their outreach.
- TWR-Asia produced a 12-part series, *From Despair to Hope*, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been well received. Please pray for its outreach in several Oriental languages.
- We are hearing a lot on the news about Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Colombia, where the drug trade is formidable and poverty is endemic. TWR broadcasts not only from the Bonaire station but also from local secular stations to this area. Pray for their outreach and especially for the *Women of Hope* programs which address the huge domestic violence problems there.
- Let's remember Tom Schoen's request for the Lord to provide someone to voice the THRU THE BIBLE (TTB) programs which he is translating for the Wayana, Trio, and “Naked People” who are just now coming to Christ and need the discipling of the TTB broadcasts. More at [twr.org/wayana](http://twr.org/wayana).
- And please continue to pray for us Millers and our outreach to our neighborhood.

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