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Prayer Requests

- **Praise:** We ended another year fully funded. We couldn't do this without you. THANK YOU for partnering with us.
- **Pray:** Rest and recovery for Andy and Kathy dealing with burnout.
- **Pray:** TWR has many positions that need to be filled. Pray that God would direct the right people to serve. There are positions for interns if you have a child in college looking for a place to use their skills.

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How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15b)



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The Silk Road Transmitter

Beginning over 2000 years ago, a trade route was established that connected Asia with Europe. It became known as the Silk Road. Interestingly, along with silk, tea, and spices, the Silk Road was also a means of carrying religion from one part of the world to another.



Throughout 2018, I (Andy) was heavily involved in the fundraising for TWR's latest high-powered radio signal—the Silk Road Transmitter. It will carry the Good News of Jesus Christ across the borders of ten different countries in Central Asia. By God's grace, **and because of your prayer and financial support**, TWR's \$593,000 Silk Road Transmitter Project is now fully funded, and starting in the Spring, we will begin broadcasting the Gospel to the 60 million people that live in countries like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan.

Thank you for supporting our missionary work with TWR as together we fulfill the Great Commission by sharing Jesus with "every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9b, CSB).

Goodbye Mr. President



In early December, I (Andy) traveled to Washington, DC to talk about TWR's Silk Road Transmitter Project on *The Don Kroah Show* on WAVA 105.1 FM. It turned out that President George H. W. Bush's funeral was held while I was in the area. So, I took the Metro to the Federal Triangle Station, walked to Constitution Avenue, and stood along the funeral procession route. It truly was an honor to stand behind a long line of Washington Police officers as they saluted the 41st President of the United States as he left Washington for the last time.

Volunteer Opportunity

Sam is currently studying for his GED with the goal of starting school at our local community college in the Fall. While he waits, he is volunteering in the office 3 days a week. He is learning and working in the maintenance department and mail room. He enjoys the hands-on work required for maintenance and is most excited when he learns something new. He filled in recently for two weeks in the mail room and did a very good job. His supervisor has said that he really appreciates how Sam just does what needs to be done. He is pleased and hopes that he has more opportunities to learn from the maintenance crew as he shadows them and helps where he can.

Burnout—that was the word she used to describe what I was dealing with. I often experience Seasonal Affective Disorder in the winter, but this year was different. When the time changed and the days grew dark much earlier, it was like a switch turned in my body, and I sunk into what I thought was depression. As things continued to become worse (being tired all the time, making mistakes at work due to a lack of focus, wanting to just sleep, feeling sad and overwhelmed), I decided I needed to see my doctor. As we talked through all the things we have been through in the last year and a half, she said that I was suffering from burnout. Burnout is defined as physical or mental collapse caused by overwork or stress. Walking through the last year and half with Sam dealing with so much anxiety and depression and with Andy traveling so much, it took its toll. With Sam doing so much better after withdrawing him from school, it was like my body could just collapse. Also, not having Linus, who had provided much comfort, was another blow. She encouraged me to lean in to Jesus and my friends, to do things I enjoy, and possibly to get another dog. Even with her suggestions, I haven't felt like I have the energy to do any of this. I'm just resting in my heavenly Father. As Psalm 91:1&2 say, *"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.* God is my refuge and fortress and I'm trusting Him to restore me.

Kathy Napier

A New Family Member

After losing Linus in September, we felt it would be good to get a new dog. It took a number of visits to different adoption agencies and a number of weeks before we found the right one for our family. Meet Sally Brown. She is a dachshund mix and is now 6-1/2 months old. She is a sweet, active,



smart girl, learning to sit by just watching our other two dogs. She brings much laughter and joy to our home. It snowed recently and she loved romping through the snow with Davy, our beagle. She and he have become the best of friends. It took Lucy longer to warm up to her.



I believe she was still grieving the loss of her best friend. We are so thankful for this new family member. God knows our needs even when it comes to a furry friend.

Late in life, the Apostle Paul looked back on his years of ministry and told his protégé Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7, CSB). In his earlier letter to Timothy, Paul encouraged Timothy to run down the same path:

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called and about which you have made a good confession in the presence of many witnesses...Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:12, 17-19, CSB)

Obviously, part of "fighting the good fight" involves good works as well as giving. As Jesus put it, "store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20-21, CSB).

I recently learned of the death of one of our most faithful supporters. From the time of our calling to TWR, she gave regularly and very generously in support of our missionary service. But, her heart for kingdom work actually started many years before. When I first met her, she was busy volunteering for one ministry as well as financially supporting her church and several other ministries. She fought the good fight. She was involved in many good works, and by sharing of her earthly resources, she stored up for herself much treasure in Heaven.

Just as Paul passed the baton to Timothy, let me kindly ask you, "Who will pick up the baton of our friend?" My encouragement to you today is to financially support the work of your home church, volunteer at a local ministry, share with the needy in your community, and give generously to missionaries who are carrying out the Great Commission around the world.

Andy Napier