

A Legacy Story from West Africa

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Dear friends and family,

David and I are blessed with children and grandchildren who love Jesus. For at least six generations, from Scotland and Holland to the USA, the legacy of our faith in God continues to be a solid foundation as we face challenging days.

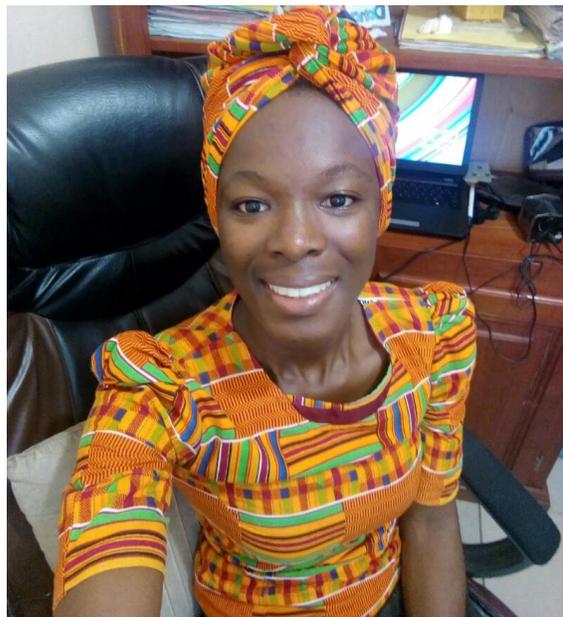
This week I saw a TWR legacy story that reads like ours. From father to daughter, a legacy of faith drives the journey of Virgil and his daughter, Dona, to say, **“Christ is the hero in this story.”** Enjoy reading Dona’s story.

“No Matter What, God Still Holds Me!”

Dona’s potential is evident as she serves Jesus through TWR in her West African country of Benin. Exercising critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the field of IT, a typical workday sees Dona refining radio programs, holding them to a high-quality standard. Keeping the office computers running she diagnoses problems and solves urgent technical failures.

What drives Dona is not a sharp mind for things technical, but a hard-working passion to use the skills God has given her to serve him. She quickly backs her talents with saying, “The Lord granted me a variety for my full quiver.”

But her story has a humble beginning, as many of us can relate.



Her father, Virgil, (one of the interviewees for the book I wrote several years ago on our ministry in West Africa), was struggling to keep things going at the TWR partner office in Benin when the janitor left. He asked Dona, “Would you accept cleaning the TWR facilities as a job while I find a new janitor?”

Dona, taking the job, did it for a couple of months while in her spare time continuing her IT training.

Later, Virgil said to Dona that over 500 *Thru the Bible* programs in the Fon language had arrived and needed to be prepared for airing. Dona said, “This is my field of training. I can work on the project for you!” And so, her skills and God’s open door came together.

When asked what keeps her going, Dona says, “Hymns! There are these times I know I am totally breaking down. The best tool the Lord uses to push me back in is a hymn, a melody, or a spiritual song. Christian hymns and spiritual songs are fuel for my draining tank. Knowing that no matter what, God still holds me.”

Dona’s Advice for Young People

“Ministry can be performed in different settings and various ways based on your calling, keeping in the perfect will of God. Consult God all the time. I mean all the time!

“To summarize my experience with TWR in just one word it would be *Sacrifice*. All to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ!”



Blessings dear ones,

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