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The Language of Love

Dear friends and family,

Pastor Paul Schroeder had a burning passion to see the gospel reach a least-reached people group from his church in Wisconsin. His desire found fulfillment as he gave God his vision.

His method was simple, yet profound: pull a key word from his Sunday sermon and develop a 15-minute devotional thought, record the thought for a weekly radio program, and have it translated into the language of a least-reached people group.

The basic format allowed for easy translation. In fact, after over 40 years, the program, *The Word Today*, is now broadcast in 21 languages through Trans World Radio.

The Story of Love Expands

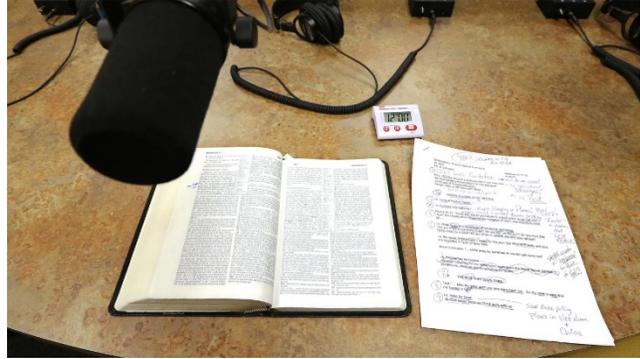
Back up two years to early 2018 where God connects us with the Schroeder legacy.

David traveled to South Africa and Malawi to train the TWR finance teams. While in Malawi David met Douglas Schroeder (Paul's son). Pastor Douglas was in Malawi to meet our TWR national team and investigate the need for another language translation of *The Word Today*.

Most of the tribes of Malawi are considered Christian, except for the two million plus Yao people, who follow Islam. In 2014 the translation of the Bible had been completed, now the door opened for an audio devotional to be presented to the Yao people in their language. The Yao translation of *The Word Today* began later in 2018.



This week we learned that pastor Paul Schroeder died, but the vision did not die with him as Douglas has taken up his father's baton as pastor and radio host of *The Word Today*.



Prayer & Praise

- Pray for our broadcasters, like Pastor Doug Schroeder, many of whom are struggling for resources during the pandemic to continue their ministries.
- Pray for the Yao people to listen and respond to God's call on their lives. The *Joshua Project* site indicates 99 per cent of Yao follow Islam.
- Praise for continuing stories of listeners coming to Christ during these difficult times, in many cases listening because of changes in lifestyle caused by the pandemic.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider a deputation trip through Missouri and Illinois next April. COVID-19 puts uncertainty on any travel plans at this point.
- Praise for God's provision through many faithful donors so that the outreach of TWR through radio, internet, social media, and satellite continues. More languages and programs are in the works!

Blessings dear ones,

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