

Ted & Sally Rork TWR February 2020



Hi Everyone,

Can you believe that 2020 is really here? We are amazed at how fast time flies - especially as we get older.

We hope you and your family are doing well. Our family is as busy as ever. Our oldest granddaughter and her husband have transferred to Georgia for their jobs. Our first great-grandchild will be born the first week in March to our middle granddaughter and her husband (we are all happily anticipating this wonderful event). Our youngest granddaughter graduates from high school in May and Julie and Joe are anticipating an overseas assignment again this year and... 😊

Speaking of being busy, TWR continues to reach out to people around the world with the message of salvation through Jesus our Lord. One of TWR's newest ministries, Champions Arise, was launched in response to a call from our listeners for a program specifically for men. Champions Arise uses prayer, small groups and mass media to challenge, encourage and coach men worldwide to become Champions of Christ, enabled by God's Spirit to live out their true identity in Him and to run the race of faith through His power.

We recently read about Champions Arise in the Albanian language. Many Albanian men struggle with emotional wounds caused by their fathers and lack the ability to talk about personal concerns in a culture of stoicism. Mission work in Albania has included outreach to women but, due to the patriarchal culture, Albanian men feel ashamed to follow their wives into church communities and learn about the Christian faith. Those who do commit their lives to Christ have little to help them mature spiritually. Through Champions Arise radio ministry TWR endeavors to play an integral role in discipling Albanian men. The programs for men provide the necessary teaching for individual and group conversations that challenge men to be all that God wants them to be. Champions Arise is becoming an increasingly international outreach that is supported by prayer groups in 16 countries and broadcasts in 17 languages. We encourage you to check out TWR's website www.twr.org/projects to find out more about this very special ministry.



We want to share this story to encourage you as you pray for TWR and their many ministries:

Rachid met Jesus through TWR when he was a teenager. Having grown up in North Africa he came from a different religious background, and as is often the case, was forced to leave his family's home once he became a believer. He eventually had to leave his beloved home country because it became too dangerous to continue living there as a Christ follower. But this didn't prevent him from preaching the Gospel in his country. Rachid established a satellite TV show that boldly proclaims Jesus as the one true God and urges those from different religious backgrounds to seek Him. There are many people in the countries that Rachid reaches who are not happy to hear him talk of Jesus. Death threats are frequently called into his TV program. One man (Rasheed) called in dozens of times giving different names each time to make threats against Rachid. One day Rasheed called in to say he had become a believer in Jesus. Though Rachid was suspicious at first, his staff was able to confirm that Rasheed was genuine and they began to disciple this new believer. When it came time to baptize Rasheed, Rachid decided to attend. As he gave his testimony that day, Rasheed wept as he begged for Rachid's forgiveness. Rasheed told him, "I was looking to kill you, but God changed my heart."



Prayer and Praise

- Please pray for TWR as they continue to reach out to those who need Jesus.
- Pray especially for our Christian brothers and sisters who live in countries where it is not safe to trust the Lord and they are often persecuted because of the faith.
- Pray for Champions Arise as they reach out to men, sharing the gift of salvation and discipling them as they grow spiritually.
- Pray for our family this year that we would be in tune to God's leading in our lives and follow His will.

Thank you so much for your special part in our lives and ministry. We appreciate you all so very much. ☺ We are sending our love to each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted & Sally" followed by a simple smiley face drawing.

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