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## Greetings from the Westons

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We had a wonderful, blessing filled trip to Singapore this quarter. It was a lot of fun reconnecting with lifelong friends and our Singapore church family as well as our TWR staff in Singapore and the Global Human Resources team for their annual meeting. However, when we returned home, we had an unexpected challenge.



"... we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5.



It doesn't mean getting something done as quickly as possible so that you can move on to something else. It means patiently remaining in something painful or difficult until it's completed so that determined character can be developed and hope can be displayed. I (Cathy) hate being sick and having to sit still waiting for recovery. This past month has certainly stretched my extent of endurance. When Rick and I returned from Singapore, I got sick. Fairly quickly we realized I had all the symptoms of dengue fever – a very common mosquito transmitted virus in Southeast Asia. What we didn't realize at the time was that I also had a rare bacterial infection which went undetected and untreated for several days. These illnesses in combination triggered an auto inflammatory response that took several more days to correctly identify and start treating. After antibiotics and steroids and rest, I'm recovering fine. Thank you to God for being merciful and full of grace for me and protecting me from further complications and more serious illnesses. And thank you to many friends for their concern, texts, emails, prayers, cards, and meals. I will admit that I have had several moments of complaining that I feel very useless and void of energy but when this time is completed, hopefully I'll be stronger and more determined and patient.

**Guam and North Korea—excerpt taken from TWR.org:** As reports emerged of the North Korean government's announcement that it may launch a missile strike on the U.S. air base on Guam, KTWR's soaring antennas on the island were beaming back gospel messages of love, peace and forgiveness. Collaborating with its national partner in South Korea, the TWR station transmits nearly 10 hours of Korean-language programming every week into the country often called the Hermit Kingdom.

In North Korea, according to the InterMedia consulting group, foreign radio broadcasts continue to be an important source of outside information. And this is the case even though people caught accessing information not approved by the government can be imprisoned or even executed, Radio World magazine reported.

For this reason, some Christians bury their radios in the ground when not listening to them. You can listen to a brief audio report about this personal security measure at [twr360.org/nkradios](http://twr360.org/nkradios) and watch a moving video featuring responses from TWR listeners in North Korea on YouTube.

Amid the unfolding geopolitical standoff, TWR president Lauren Libby said, "TWR speaks hope to North Korea every night. Join us in praying for this sensitive situation."

TWR staff on Guam and around the world offer these suggestions for how to pray during this uncertainty: •Pray for Guam and its 160,000 people as they navigate this tense situation over which they have little control. •Pray for government officials to have the composure and wisdom to bring about a favorable conclusion. •Pray for KTWR's staff and broadcast ministry to North Korea, that they would remain strong and be spiritually and materially well-equipped to provide listeners with the life-giving gospel. •Pray for the people of North Korea, that the Lord in his providence will improve the harsh conditions in which they live and that they will hear and respond to Jesus Christ's message of eternal life.

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. (3 John 1:4)



**Clint Tyler Weston  
arrived on  
May 4th!  
Wayne and Clint  
are incredible joys  
in our lives.**



Tyler, Emma, Wayne, and Clint have moved to El Paso where Tyler will be stationed at Fort Bliss. They are really enjoying the southwest United States and have fun hiking, taking photos, and enjoying the different landscapes of this area of our country.

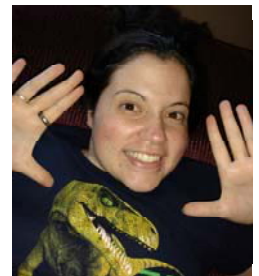


Brad graduated from medical school, and we had the tremendous honor of attending his graduation ceremony in New York. He and Bethany have now moved to Ohio where Brad will complete his residency at Case Western University Hospital while Bethany is working at Cleveland Clinic as a Nurse Practitioner. They are settling in well in their new community, professional circles, and church.

Kirk and Meredith have moved to Kirk's next assignment in Alabama and are excited about what God has planned for them in this new location. We're excited to visit them in a few weeks and explore their new home city.



Brenna has had the opportunity to support her siblings in their moves and visit them in their new places. She is an amazing encourager. She's been invaluable not only to her brothers and sisters but also her mom during her illness. Like Paul, "...passing from one gathering to another, he gave constant encouragement, lifting their spirits and charging them with fresh hope." Acts 20:1.



**Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and partnership with us and TWR.  
Serving Him *together* with you,  
Rick and Cathy Weston;  
Bethany and Brad; Kirk and Meredith; Brenna; Tyler, Emma, Wayne, and Clint**