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TRANS WORLD RADIO—SWAZILAND

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OUR NEWS...

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! The sermon series our pastor is preaching is called "Living Life to the Full". It is our prayer that we will be able to live life to the full in 2018 and make a difference in God's kingdom here on earth.

We had a wonderful time in Port Elizabeth for Christmas with Ingrid's family. We were able to spend time at the beach, which the kids loved, as well as many other activities with friends and family. It was a busy two weeks but lots of fun was had by all.

It has been a busy start as every year seems to start. There has been a big jump in the workload of grade 4 for Rebekah. We have spent many more hours doing daily homework, studying for tests and completing projects.

Caleb has settled well in grade 2 and is extremely happy with the teacher he has this year. Besides the normal school routine both kids are swimming twice a week and have youth group (AWANA) once a week.

The start to our 2018 as a Trans World Radio team has been quite trying. Our team has faced some problems at the start of this year and we would like to share some of it with you so you can join us in prayer. In January we had a break in at our guest cottage and a second attempted prowling on the property. However, several weeks ago one of our fellow missionaries was held up in her home and then hijacked. God was evident in the situation and both our friend as well as her 1 year-old son were safe within minutes. The car they drove off in with them crashed about 1km from our compound and the perpetrators ran off. They took some valuables but she is ok.

We also had an assault at one of the TWR houses in Manzini. We have tenants renting the property and they were assaulted during the night by two men. They were also robbed of some valuables.

One of our staff members also had a big accident in one of our vehicles, which is a write-off. We are grateful none of the passengers were injured.

Please pray for our safety as a community. Crime seems to be increasing so we would appreciate prayers for our safety.



OUR MINISTRY...

As we have shared on the previous page there has been quite a few challenging incidents at the beginning of this year. It has meant quite a few challenges for Greg in his role as office manager. Greg has been responsible for dealing with quite a bit of the reporting and paperwork with the incidents and it has been a tiring time as so many of these things happened in such a short period of time.

On top of all the extra work, Greg has been experiencing challenges with the new internet service. While our bandwidth seems greatly improved, we have been having problems with some of our corporate IT systems that require constant communication with our Cary office. Greg has been working with the Internet Service Provider and the Cary office to try and solve the problem.

We had a visit from Doug Schroeder who heads up "The Word Today", a partner organization with Trans World Radio. It was very encouraging to have Doug visit the transmitter site where his programmes are being broadcast from. It was great to hear his vision and be able to discuss future ministry opportunities with him.

Ingrid has gone through year-end the last couple of months. She is grateful to be done. This will free up some time for her to train the lady that helps her in the office. It will free up some time to focus on more management tasks.

God Bless,

Greg and Ingrid



HOW YOU CAN PRAY...

Please pray for the safety of the staff of TWR.

Pray for wisdom for Greg at work.

Pray for the training Ingrid needs to do.

Continue to pray for the children; especially their safety.

Listener Letters— Malawi

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