

HAAS STORYBOARD



Mom & Dad renewing their vows August 16



LOUIE & LINDA HAAS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Last year, Andrew and his sister, Gretchen, began planning how to mark their parent's milestone wedding anniversary. Little did we know what events might conspire to delay plans for a June celebration. We scaled down expectations but we were able to gather two months later with a group of more than 60. Mom said this gathering of friends, "was better than our wedding."

PASSING THE BATON



The past two years, Andrew has produced a monthly internal video series called *TWR Family Focus*. It's a fun way to keep employees, missionaries and volunteers informed on what's happening around the world. The series receives many compliments. Recently a new TWR video team formed to produce interviews with listeners and other films so Andrew is guiding them to take over *Family Focus* production. We pray they reach greater heights and have even more fun in the process.

As one responsibility is handed off, Andrew now oversees video series adaptations into new languages. We're excited that the OneStory animations are finally recorded in Modern Standard Arabic with Flemish soon to follow. Please pray as these projects are finalized and released (as well as for other languages in process, including Egyptian Arabic and Central Asian Russian).

COLLEGE MINISTRY

We have begun helping a young couple at our church. They serve international students at NC State full-time. More than ever, internationals studying in the USA appreciate forming friendships far from home. We covet prayers for virtual game nights, park hikes and other (sometimes distanced) social interaction.



International student ministry volunteer meeting

FRESH BLOOD

On July 6, TWR MOTION welcomed Hannah McGurk to the team. She has been our friend for decades. Hannah was in grade school when Holly started TWR work on Guam in 1997 with Hannah's parents. The McGurk family moved to South Africa and was instrumental in recruiting Holly to serve there. By the time we got engaged and Andrew moved to Africa, Hannah was attending college in Kansas. She worked as a trainer with Blue Cross Blue Shield for years but felt a call to missions after taking the Perspectives course. She really became interested in digital art watching the appendices (behind-the-scenes features) on DVDs for the *Lord of the Rings* films.



Hannah in New Zealand



We took a scenic drive back home in August by driving the Blue Ridge Parkway through Va. and N.C.

HOLLY'S THOUGHTS ON 2020

While COVID has "sent us all to our rooms" for a time, we've seen inconveniences turn into blessings. Our broken lawn mower gave us opportunities to get to know neighbors better as they offered to help keep our grass mowed (e.g. lending a mower, letting us hire their son who wants to earn money).

This season has brought a different level of chaos, stress, separation and isolation. Let us challenge each other to dig deep in pressing into Jesus. Let's not get so distracted by what's going on around us that we miss ensuring our relationship with Jesus grows. Let's check our foundations and

ensure we're well rooted in our relationship with Jesus. Let us ask the Lord to show us what needs to change in our routines, priorities and lives so that we become the wise man who built his house upon the rock. I'm struck by the fact that both the wise and the foolish man knew Jesus and heard his words. Only the wise man practiced obedience to the things he heard from the Lord, and his house withstood the storm.

Sincerely,

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