



# Churches in MOTION



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In early January we were thrilled to have Jennifer's parents join us for Seth's birthday. Then all four of the kids' grandparents plus Auntie Aubrey were here to celebrate Natalie's birthday. What a blessing to spend good time with family!

Natalie is an energetic 3 year old who loves books, her brother, and spending time outside. Seth is constantly on the move; discovering new cupboards to open, new items to climb, and crawling into all kinds of adventures. The children bring us many smiles, and we're so thankful we get to be their parents!

Tyler spent a lot of time in January and February getting logistics and MOTION trip details worked out. February on the home front was spent keeping busy with normal life, enjoying a single snowfall, and looking forward to a trip to Oregon to visit family in April.

But as Proverbs 16:9 reminds, "A person plans his course, but the Lord directs his steps."

The world is much different than it was just a few weeks ago. A lot of the work that was done to prepare for TWR trips and projects has been affected by the virus. Unfortunately, because of the virus most of the countries Tyler was traveling to have closed their borders and many of the flights are no longer running their original routes.

The first MOTION trip was to West Africa in April to film the stories of some churches that were started through the TWR *Way of Righteousness* program. We were very encouraged to hear that God used TWR to help these remote churches in West Africa thrive and grow. Tyler and several others from the MOTION team had planned to be in four countries to film different aspects of the story.



The second trip was to Greece to film a video for a coalition of organizations that use media as a component of their church planting strategy (commonly called Media to Movements). Using media to connect with unbelievers around the world has gained a lot of traction in recent years. Formal training is being developed by organizations who have experience with media to help missionaries understand how to utilize these resources that God is using to reach people. Once produced, this video will be used to show how Media to Movements process helps start conversations with unbelievers who are disciplined. These new disciples often go on to disciple others in their communities, hence the name Media to Movements. The goal is to see disciples multiplying disciples.



We trust that God has a plan, but it's been difficult to undo a lot of the work that went into planning these trips. We are thankful that we were able to receive credits and refunds for most of our flights, and the only significant nonrefundable expenses were the visas for four countries.

May you have a lovely spring! Thank you for your prayers and support!

~Tyler, Jennifer, Natalie, & Seth Church

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TWR has been working on a communication campaign called Overcoming Barriers. The purpose of this campaign is to be intentional about helping donors and ministry partners understand why and how TWR uses media to reach unbelievers with the gospel. God has used various infrastructure throughout history to carry the gospel - such as the Roman roads and the printing press.

Now we're clearly seeing media overcoming barriers in the world to proclaim Christ to the nations. Strategic partnership with local ministries in areas TWR broadcasts to continues to be a priority as part of overcoming barriers to share



hope. There's a great resource about how TWR is overcoming barriers on the [twr.org](https://www.twr.org) website - it's a fabulous read if you have a few minutes: <https://www.twr.org/hope-knows-no-barriers/>

The MOTION team released a video in February to help provide a video component to the Overcoming Barriers communication campaign. We hope that it encourages believers and shows how media is being used to share hope. Visit <https://www.twr.org/someone> to view this video.