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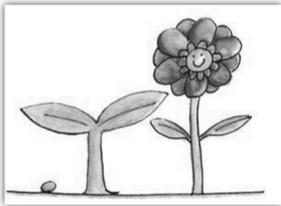
squirrely rascals photographed during walks around “our” Lake Pine



Happy new year from Apex, NC!

“Bloom where you’re planted”—you can buy wall hangings, pillows, mugs and all kinds of books on this subject. While contemplating this recently, I realized that some things need to take place before a blossom bursts forth in the glory of its unique creation. The seed must be nourished and a root system develop.

It is taking time to discern the habits, lifestyle choices, areas of service, medical resources, etc., that will provide the necessary “nutrition” in order to blossom in this new life. We also look forward to an established root system that will allow the stem to break through the surface. This includes deep local friendships as well as a new church family.



In addition to ample literal sunshine here (!), some figurative

sunshine has come through extending hospitality to coworkers from near and far. Our apartment is only 1.8 miles from the office, so we’ve thoroughly enjoyed hosting local colleagues as well as others from Bonaire, Cyprus, South Africa, Singapore, the Netherlands, Eswatini, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, and several states. One wonderful evening included a father and son whom Harry knew from the 70’s when his parents served with TWR in Monte Carlo. Oh, the inspiration, the stories, the laughter!

“Someday I want to see this with my husband!”

That’s what I thought while driving on California’s beautiful coastal highway with my parents in the late 80’s. Harry and I were in CA for six days in mid-November for three purposes: TWR/TTB (Thru the Bible) ministry meetings, visiting a long-term ministry partner whom I had never met, and two nights (*with my husband!*) on the coast. ♥



Four days later, we did a quick trip to PA for the annual Smith Family Thanksmas. We were thankful that Harry could finally make it after missing the last several years, and to be with 20+ family members and add-ons, including my 93-year-young dad. Joy!



“My life isn’t quite what I thought it would be.”

This listener from Romania continued, “I was disappointed and disillusioned. I used to solve most of my needs by stealing, now I’m in jail. But it is here that I first heard your programs and learned about Jesus. In here is where I was also baptized. I believe that the Lord has set me free from stealing and that I have a new life. I am so grateful for this new



perspective and rejoice in having the time to study His Word. Please pray that His Word in my heart and in my head is what will make the difference in my life both in jail and when I am released.”

"One cannot resist the lure of Africa"

Rudyard Kipling was right. Harry traveled again to Africa—but for the first time to *West* Africa—in September. He spent ten days in **Ivory Coast, Ghana and Benin**. The purpose was to grow in familiarity with the multiple *Thru the Bible (TTB)* projects in that region and to begin relationship-building with the projects' people.

The greatest lure is the opportunity to directly meet listeners! The African French *TTB* program is broadcast each evening at 6 p.m. in **Abidjan**, Ivory Coast's capital. Harry met several avid listeners, including a beauty salon



manager. Not only does she try to tune in each evening, she also records every program—so far more than 800 episodes. She then listens later if she was busy with a customer during the program's airing. Discovering *TTB* during a dark and difficult time, it helped her so much that she

contacted the speaker. Harry asked her if she thought the program was like a Bible school. *"Some pastors are always shouting and emotional during the service, and you leave without really learning anything about the Bible. But TTB is different; it's a calm and systematic study of the Bible. I have learned so much. Thank you! Merci!"*

Another highlight was visiting Oyerepa FM in **Kumasi**, Ghana's second largest city. Harry participated in a live early morning broadcast before and after the Twi *TTB* program. The show is also streamed live by video. Twi-speaking listeners/viewers joined the broadcast from at least six different countries. Several were put on the air to share their experiences. One man said, *"This is my first time listening to the program. I have never heard such an amazing Bible teacher."*



Later that day, Harry spoke at a listener's rally attended by 200+ people. He was touched by the testimony of a sixteen-year-old girl who listens daily. She won an award at her school for being the "Best Bible Reader" and is becoming

known as a young Bible scholar. She even recently spent time explaining what she was learning from the book of Daniel to her friends at school! At the rally's end, almost 200 Bibles were distributed into grateful hands.



Harry traveled to **Ivory Coast** again in December. TWR will be starting two new *TTB* projects—one in Baoule, spoken by one of the largest people groups there, and in Igbo, a major language of Nigeria with nearly 27 million speakers. Both [should] start airing this summer from TWR's strategic new 200-kilowatt AM transmitter in West Africa, *Oasis*. Harry aided in selecting and training the translation and production teams.



I led another **Ministry Partnership Development (MPD)** training in November, and organized/participated in an MPD Coaching Skills training in December. My witty and quick-thinking mentor for all things MPD, Myles Wilson from Northern Ireland, was the main trainer for the second one. We were enriched by the attendance of MPD coaches from three other missions organizations, four even making the trip down from Ontario and Newfoundland.

Harry returns in January to the Netherlands—without me ☹—for one week of meetings and further training of his successor there. **BUT**, we're hanging on to hope that I will be able to join him when he has to return again in March!



May a joy-filled winter (with or without snow) be yours,
Harry & Eileen



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