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Thanksgiving

We headed north this year to celebrate Thanksgiving with Joel, Sonya and the boys. He recently moved just outside of Cleveland and we enjoyed invading his new home for few days.



Thanksgiving with Joel and Family.

A Zoo Birthday

Earlier in the fall we spent a day at the N.C. Zoo with Ellice, Brad and the children.



NC Zoo with Ellice and family.

New Year . . . Same Grace

I can't believe it is already 2018. I remember chatting with my best friend, Doug, in high school about the turn of the century. We thought we would be so old and not sure we would live that long. Apparently our estimation of being old was off kilter and we are well beyond the new century and still kicking.

Last year was a busy year for our family and our work with TWR. People here and there changed, work projects and needs here and there changed, many things here and there changed. All of this changed here and there with one exception. The grace of God, His love for us, has not changed one iota.

God loves us the same today as when we were born. God's grace is the same to us now as it was when we turned to Him and accepted his gift of salvation through Jesus' atonement. God's care and guidance is the same today as it was when we accepted His call to missionary service. I find solace in these simple unchangeable facts. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. It's not about us . . . it's about Him.

When we think of God's provision we also think of *YOU*. You are part of God's provision in our life and ministry. Without you none of this would be possible. Your encouragement, your support, your prayers, your cards, your notes, your love toward us and partnership in our global ministry has been instrumental in reaching millions of lost souls with the message of God's grace and gift of salvation. We thank *YOU* and pray for God's continued blessing on your lives and ministry.

Your co-laborers in Christ, *Bob & Beth*

Listener's Response

My name is R, I am 55 years old I live in Battambang province. I like your program. I learned about God's will into my life. Your message encourage me as I am walking with the Lord. Sometimes in my life I always ask Him questions of 'why', to wait for his answer that is not an easy. Please pray for me as I am a new believer. – Cambodia

Pastor, when I listened to the message about the lukewarmness of the Laodicean church, I was scared. I am too much of myself, that sometimes I realize that my heart has become hard and insensitive. Do you think God has already vomited me? – Ivory Coast

The program is bringing a change in my life, but one thing I want to be helped with, I fail to forgive myself and I am very clinging to sins, what should I do because I have no peace within me? Please help me. – Malawi

"A Wonderful program! I am a Muslim but I'm looking and seeking to know more about Christ and His teachings, I would like to believe that your team can help me in that. I have many questions and I am willing to listen with an open mind and heart because I am pretty sure deep down inside that Christ is the only way in this dark world." - Egypt

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SPECIAL EDITION NEWS UPDATE PAGE

This page is not part of our initial prayer letter. After the initial letter was printed and prepared for mailing our office experienced a fire closing the offices.

TWR's Cary, N.C., office is closed today, Dec. 22, because of a fire of undetermined origin. The cause is currently being investigated according to standard Fire Department protocol.



Local firefighters responded to the blaze at TWR's office building in Cary, North Carolina, early Friday morning. The fire started on the loading dock and thanks to quick response by area fire departments was quickly extinguished. Damage was mostly contained to the loading dock and adjacent area, with smoke damage throughout much of the building.

No one was injured, and nobody was occupying the building at the time. Firefighters responded at approximately 6:30 a.m. today. It appears that this was only a few minutes after the fire started.

"Please pray the we will be able to resume function of our ministry efforts, especially during this vital year-end time," said TWR President Lauren Libby. "We are thankful to the Lord that no one was

hurt in the event."

Information will be forthcoming as to when the TWR offices will reopen for normal business. A skeleton crew of TWR staff is working to answer phones and process gifts to the ministry. Please call 1-800- 456-7TWR or visit twr.org.



Update 12/24: On Friday, Dec. 22, the TWR international corporate office in Cary, North Carolina, caught fire. As you can imagine, this situation presents serious implications for our ministry operations. Will you come alongside us at this critical time and give an extra gift to ensure we can make the necessary repairs to our facility and continue speaking hope to the world?

Update 12/31: Thanks to the intense activity of the restoration company it appears we will be able to re-occupy a port of the building starting January 3rd. IT will be the first to return so we can setup and prepare temporary and relocated offices for our staff to resume their work. It will be cramped and confusing time but God, in his usually care, has provided. The restoration of the rest of the building, including removing and rebuilding one section of the floor will take months. Please pray during this transition period that we will be able to provide the infrastructure necessary to keep things going so people will hear the eternal life saving message of God's grace.



Praise and Prayer Requests

- Give praise and thanks to the Lord that the fire, which could have been far worse, caused no injuries and no more structural damage than it did.
 - Praise the Lord that the ministry's global operations are continuing to spread the gospel with little or no interruption. No broadcast time was lost because of the fire.
- Pray for Chief Financial Officer Steve Hippe as he works with TWR's insurance company on the details of our claim.
 - Pray for the effectiveness of our first-rate disaster-recovery contractor and the ongoing criminal investigation led by Cary Police.
 - Pray for Paul Stobbe and his Ministry Services team, working with corporate and departmental leaders, as they hasten to arrange improvised workspaces for staff members who work in the section of the building most impacted by the fire.
 - Pray for God's provision to cover the unplanned for expenses resulting from this fire including our insurance deductible, security upgrades needed and other costs not covered by insurance.
 - Taking hold of one of his many promises, ask the Lord once again, as he has done so often in TWR's 66-year ministry, to go ahead of us and provide the resources needed not only to overcome this crisis but also to enable us to speak hope into the lives of millions around the world. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11