

The Rags Bag!

An odd gathering of events and articles that may at times have something to do with the Ragsdale Clan and their adventures in Europe. This might include their latest musings, ministry updates, news, maybe even a song or picture that is in some way or another related to our ministry, extended family and friends. Our hope is that whatever comes out of "The Rags Bag" will not frighten, but instead, enlighten and encourage you to pray for us and TWR.



Dear Family, Friends & Prayer Warriors:

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Cyprus at last

We have finally arrived in Paphos, Cyprus. Having spent the months of July and August in the US during our unplanned detour, we are thankful to finally be here with our ministry colleagues who have moved here over the past year. Thank you for praying! Now we are already into the adjustment process of getting Nicole established into her school routine, looking for housing, a suitable vehicle, etc.

We are grateful for our TWR colleagues here who have warmly welcomed us and helped us become familiar with the town, shops, restaurants, offices and cultural cues. Paphos is a beautiful little town which will serve as our home and base of operations for our work into North Africa.

Many blessings

During the months of July and August, we were able to spend some quality and much needed time with Carol's mom in Florida. During the summer we were also able to see some of Carol's family from Florida and North Carolina. We are grateful for the car that was provided to us by Carol's sister for our travel between North Carolina to Florida and back. In late July, it was a joy and blessing to be able to travel to Oregon for a week, to be with my parents and join in a Ragsdale family reunion at Diamond Lake in eastern Oregon. When our parents are at the age they are, every opportunity to be with them is golden. It also gives us the occasion to encourage them and glean from their wisdom and experience.

College days

One of the hardest parts of any parenting journey, is having to part with a son or daughter when they head off to college. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to be with Jean Marc in Toccoa in the few days prior to him starting his studies at Toccoa Falls College. During this brief time in Toccoa we were able to introduce him to some of our lifetime friends and see him get settled in the dorm. He really enjoys college life, to the point that he suffered his first physical setback while playing soccer one



Enjoying the beauty of Toccoa Falls!

afternoon with friends. Yes, he injured his knee, and we are still awaiting news on whether he will need surgery. From what we understand, the doctor seems to think it is a torn ACL. If this is the case, then surgery will most likely be needed. Please be praying for him and us, as we assess the next steps for his care and recovery. Doing all this from a distance isn't the easiest, but we are thankful for things like WhatsApp and Skype that help us stay connected.

Partnering together

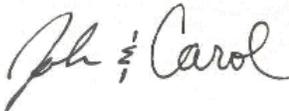
Just one week after arriving in Cyprus, John left for a week in Slovakia to attend an annual National Partners Conference with ministry colleagues from around Europe and CAMENA. This week together gave John the opportunity to re-engage with many who work together with us in utilizing digital media and traditional radio to reach various people groups in North Africa. Right now John is doing some analysis with various people on the ground, to determine the strength, reach and clarity of our radio broadcast from Monte Carlo into North Africa. Also he is working with others to determine and define a clear strategy for the future of our media ministry into North Africa. Thank you for holding these efforts before the Lord in prayer.

Here is a recent excerpt from a listener to a TTB program in the Kabyle language we broadcast into Algeria:

"I am very happy with the work of Awal N Tudert (TTB). I live in the high mountains and it is hard being a Christian in this region. Please pray for us Christians in the mountains, we really need a lot of prayer!"

As we continue to settle into routines and the rhythm of life here in Cyprus, pray that we will stay focused on why we are here. Responses from listeners like this one above, are a reminder of God's purpose in us being here to serve Him in these days. Thank you again for your love, prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,



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Preparing to leave was sadder than it looks! Our two treasures miss each other immensely.

Settling Jean Marc into dorm life...we were privileged to be part of the experience!

