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Dear Family and Friends,

Barbara and I arrived back in Montana in February and are in the process of adjusting and acclimating to various things like winter weather, mountain road conditions, driving (on right side of road vs. left), jet lag, high elevation, living out of suitcases w/o phones and limited email access, just to mention a few. We've been told our personal items, including books, clothing, several pieces of furniture, etc., are all still awaiting U.S. Customs clearance in Seattle, where there are current labor issues involving dock workers. But the Lord is good! Prayerfully, by the time you receive this letter, the Customs process will be over and the shipment will have arrived in Montana. In the meantime we are grateful to a special and generous donor who has helped with providing transportation while housing and living issues still exist.

South Asia Ministry: Following our arrival we've had productive correspondence with TWR folks in Cary, N.C., who on short notice are doing a tremendous job of helping us with the many transitional items that need to be dealt with. One area of high importance is to establish and formalize our roles and responsibilities pertaining to the South Asia work. To briefly recap the ministry focus from our previous letters, three of the eight countries that make up the TWR South Asia (SA) region, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will be given the highest priority and immediate attention. Creative security measures of varying degrees also must be continually refined and adhered to regarding several of the countries and areas within the region. In some ways the work is often characterized and referred to as pioneering efforts in a part of the world with substantial and difficult challenges.

See the following examples of feedback that have been received:

A listener shared about a young lady that had accepted Jesus Christ but her parents and relatives were against her choice and are not allowing her to go to a church. This sister shared how our program is very useful in helping her know the Word of God and to stay close to the Lord. (Sri Lanka)

Mr. J said he is a Buddhist. After listening a few times to the programs, he had a desire in his heart to read the Word of God. He said he has bought a Holy Bible and is now reading it. (Sri Lanka)

"When I heard your program I thought this is the word of hope for me, my children and our country." Excited to get our return call, this man said, "Our parents and grandparents pushed us to follow a belief, but the reality is, we are in darkness." He requested a Bible to begin teaching his children. (Afghanistan)

Radio distribution to homes and listener groups in Nepal is blessing many. Having a radio enables individuals and groups of people to listen to the various broadcasts and grow in their faith. We had the privilege of spending time with several faithful listeners in Nepal, and each one was so grateful to hear the Word of God taught through the TWR radio programs.



As we prayerfully consider the work before us, I was encouraged by reading a recent TWR posting: *Hudson Taylor, the esteemed missionary to China, knew of the hard work of prayer in preparing to do something well. He said, "I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working."*

Please pray for:

- Customs clearance of our shipment, which has been delayed due to labor issues.
- Details and paperwork needed for our ministry transition to be finished in a timely manner.
- Wisdom and discernment in our TWR South Asia ministry roles.
- For us to see people through God's heart.
- That the Word of God would grow deep inside His people and guide their lives.

***Father God, we pray we will rejoice always, pray continually,
and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is your will for us in Christ Jesus.***

From 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

A TWR transfer fund will be made available for those desiring to donate toward our moving expenses. Please designate these TWR contributions to **"Petersen Transfer Fund."** This can be used for tax purposes as desired.

For His glory,

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