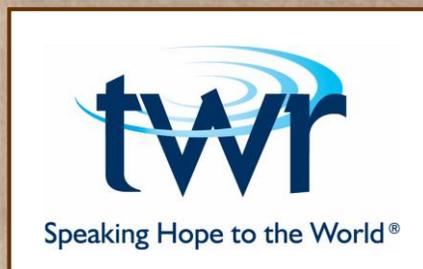


The Rags Bag!

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:

June 2021

Together again...

It finally happened. After a year of hoping and planning only to have plans suddenly change, Jean Marc finally arrived in Cyprus. What a joy and blessing we experienced to have him arrive and spend three weeks with us after a long time of desiring to be together. We are extremely grateful to the Lord and have really enjoyed the time with our son. He will be working at a summer camp for boys in North Carolina until mid-August when he returns to college.

Nicole is finishing up school and graduates on June 4th. She is enjoying these last months as we make plans for her to return to the USA and enter college. It has been good for her to have her big brother around to discuss what life is like in college and help her become more familiar with what she can expect in her first months in the USA. We appreciate your continued prayers for her and Jean Marc as they get stuck into the college scene in mid-August.



Easing of restrictions...

We are thankful that in mid-May an easing of restrictions began, after a two-week lockdown that was very restrictive. We do still have to get a rapid antigen test every 72 hours and provide proof of these tests if asked, if we want to go to church, be indoors at any facilities other than grocery stores, or go to restaurants, café's, the office, etc. So, we plan our days carefully if we want to do things like eating out or shopping for non-grocery items. Nevertheless, we are thankful for things being slightly easier than before. We are now allowed to have up to ten people total in our home, so it is good to be able to welcome visitors into our home again.

Challenging times...

Our team in North Africa who do audience relations and follow-up work for the programs that are broadcast, have shared with us that it has been a tough year in hearing so many difficult stories and challenges that listeners have gone through. We have many listeners who contact our follow-up team through social media and often the burdens our follow-up team carry, are very heavy. Please pray for our local follow-up workers to stay strong in the Lord, grounded in the Word of God and have other believers to encourage them as they serve the listening audience.

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New opportunities to speak Hope...

Our Kurdish ministry is beginning to grow in new ways, and we are thankful for an FM Network in the Middle East that is now broadcasting a 30-minute *Women of Hope* program once per week in the Kurdish Sorani dialect. We have plans with another FM ministry to produce the same Women of Hope program, but in the Kurdish Kurmanji dialect. John has had several meetings with both ministries and planning is underway to produce a program called Power in Persecution in Kurdish Kurmanji. Please pray for wisdom as we make decisions for these new ministries.

Home Assignment schedule...

We said we would let you know what our schedule is for our home assignment as related to speaking opportunities, so here are the most recent plans.

Aug 1 – 10 arrival in Oregon and adjustment

- Aug 8 - Hillsboro First Baptist Church, Hillsboro OR

Aug 11 – 31 in North Carolina & Georgia

- Aug 15 to 29 - in Georgia to get Nicole settled in college
- Aug 29 – 31 - in Cary NC for meetings at the TWR office

Sept 1 – Oct 25 in Oregon and Washington

- Sept 5 - Sellwood Baptist Church, Portland OR
- Sept 12 - Brush Prairie Baptist Church, Vancouver WA
- Sept 19 - First Baptist Church, South Bend WA
- Sept 26-30 - First Baptist Church, Prineville OR
- Oct 2&3 - Pleasant Home Community Church, Gresham OR
- Oct 10 - Faith Baptist Church, Lincoln City OR
- Oct 17 - Evergreen Community Church, Ferndale WA

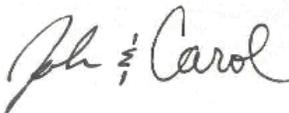
Oct 25 - Return to Cyprus

We rejoice and consider it all joy to be in ministry with you as we continue to proclaim the hope we have in Christ to a lost and hurting world. Your prayers and support continue to bless us in these efforts, and we thank the Lord for each of you. May the following response bless and encourage you.

From a listener in North Africa to the *Thru the Bible* program in the Kabyle language:

"Thank you for praying for me and my five children. I appreciate your recent visit and I hope you will come and visit us again some time! You know how I love spending time outside, watching my flock of sheep grazing and taking care of the land. It relaxes me, but then I am sometimes still overcome by fear, which I believe is due to the witchcraft going on in our area and targeting my family. Please continue to lift us up in prayer. May God protect our bodies and souls!"

Yours in Christ,



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