

# Sabin Signal

## Christmas in June

Hafa adai (Hello) from Guam,

We hope you have had an enjoyable spring and that the rest of the year goes well.

Occasionally, TWR airs special broadcasts in addition to our regularly scheduled programs. For the past two Christmas seasons, we have transmitted programs based on the audio from CRU's Jesus Film. There were dozens of languages for us to air, so it took several weeks to broadcast all of them. To reach Asia, TWR used KTWR, Sri Lanka, and transmitters in Central Asia.

In some countries, numerous listeners were able to send responses to what they heard. These took a while to collect and translate. What we saw was very encouraging to us and we thought that you would enjoy reading about what the Lord is doing within the hearts of our listeners.

Letter from a Balinese speaker in Indonesia:

"This story about Jesus that is delivered in Balinese has greatly blessed us. We can easily understand the story and can understand who Jesus is. And we can share this story with our friends who have never heard about Jesus before. Thank you for this program."

Letter from Vietnam:

"I encouraged all members in my church to hear the life of Jesus in this Christmas season. It is useful for us to review the life of our Lord. We invited a friend to hear it with us. Though she did not accept Jesus as Savior for her life, we had a good chance to introduce Jesus to her and share our faith with her. Thank you so much."

Report from a Kashmiri speaker in India:

Pastor "A" heard the program with over 120 people in his church. They heard the programs in their homes as they are not allowed to meet together. The people were blessed and have asked for prayer and English Bibles. The pastor has gotten death threats but has said that this CRU program should be aired every day as it has made a big impact in his church. They were blessed to hear the story of Jesus.

KTWR also aired digital Christmas shortwave programs based on Luke 1-2. These were beamed to Japan (Japanese), India (English), and Australia/New Zealand (English). The response was good in the designated coverage areas, but we were surprised by the enthusiastic response from China to the India broadcasts. The Word of the Lord accomplishes more than we can imagine.



Balinese wedding party



Vietnamese wedding party



Kashmiri women in native attire



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## SON-Lift Project for the Unreached

KTWR broadcasts in various languages to China every night. The staff endeavors to do what we can to provide clear signals to this country that includes over 500 people groups. We are very glad to be a part of the project described below.

TWR's SON-Lift project for China is an integrated media strategy to sow seeds of the gospel among 106 out of ~400 of the remaining unreached people groups (UPGs) of China.

The SON-Lift project takes its name from our desire to "lift up" the name of Jesus and proclaim him as Lord using the 15 languages that will reach these groups, whose combined population is 100 million people.

For each language, we are developing 60 programs that tell the Bible stories of Jesus' earthly ministry so that all of these UPGs will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus in their mother tongues. Prayer and a clear explanation of the gospel are part of each program.

Regional follow-up teams, with the help of partnering church members, provide encouragement to our listeners by personally sharing the gospel with them and giving them media players loaded with the programs. As a result, people are receiving Jesus Christ as Savior.

Seven languages are now on the air, and the others are in various stages of development. Please pray for the teams as they produce these programs. In some cases, it has been difficult to find native-speaking volunteers to help with program production.

## *Praise & Prayer*

- The KTWR engineering staff will be reduced to a critically low level later this year. Please pray for two more engineers to join in the work here on Guam. We also still need a full-time antenna rigger.
- Pray for Sri Lanka and especially the TWR staff as the country is still healing from this year's bombings.
- We thank God for allowing us to celebrate our 33rd wedding anniversary and Mike's birthday while in Singapore for meetings. Singaporean friends showed us great hospitality and made our time there more special.