

THE FROST FILES

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Dear friends in ministry,

Greetings from Cary, North Carolina! We trust that your new year is off to a good start!

As our October prayer letter was being distributed, I was returning from a series of conferences in Atlanta Georgia. One of the events was the Mission Leaders Conference, sponsored by Missio Nexus. In the picture (l-r) are James Kanaganayagam from Sri Lanka, with whom I served at Back to the Bible, myself, Dr. Chris Gnanakan, formerly of Bangor Baptist Church and now the Director of OTAN, Dr. Marv Newell, the Executive VP of Missio Nexus and Dr. Wes Taber, President of Life in the Son, a ministry to Israel. Events like the Mission Nexus conference are an opportunity to acquire valuable information from workshops and also initiate and maintain productive ministry relationships.



2014 Ministry Activity Report

In 2014, I paid a personal visit and distributed a folder of TWR information to 236 churches nationwide. In the first two and half years of serving in church partnerships, I have conducted 31 business trips visiting 330 churches in 31 states across the nation. Some of these churches I have paid a visit to more than once during this period. In 2015, I'll travel to 3 states that I've never visited before: Idaho, Montana and Wisconsin.

Normally, November and December are my slowest travel months of the year. For Shelley, these months are the busiest of the year. Each year, a handful of generous donors band together to supply TWR with a generous gift to encourage supporters to give at the year end. Usually the total giving to this match during these months will exceed \$500,000! As you can imagine, that is a lot of checks and online gifts for Shelley and her team to process. In fact, TWR will close their books for 2014 probably two or three weeks after you receive this letter.

As I mentioned in previous letters, I publish a monthly e-letter that is distributed to approximately 900 churches nationwide. Here are some of best stories in the last half of 2014.



Radio Church Kits: Multiply your impact in China!

Christianity is growing so quickly in China that there simply aren't enough mature Christians, let alone trained pastors, to disciple new believers. Especially in rural China, this gap leaves thousands of new Christians unprotected from false doctrines and practices.

TWR has developed an effective solution to the problem of biblical illiteracy and spiritual error in rural China: China Radio Church Kits. Each kit contains a radio, a hard-bound Bible in Mandarin, and seven Mandarin-language discipleship books. Paired with TWR's broadcasts, as one recipient shared, "It is like having a Bible college in our home."

Since 1994, TWR has distributed 115,500 China Radio Church Kits to house churches across China. In a nation where Bibles are scarce and expensive, your gift of a Bible will be shared and treasured for years. China Radio Church Kits present excellent fundraising opportunities for Sunday School classes, Small/Life Groups and Vacation Bible Schools. China Radio Church Kits are part of TWR's Radios for the World Project. For more information please visit <http://www.radiosfortheworld.com/>.

TWR's Ebola Virus Response

TWR is hastening to join the battle against the deadly Ebola outbreak by using the ministry's communication network to spread health information across West Africa. The emergency response project, Alert Ebola, was announced by Abdoulaye Sangho, West Africa director for TWR. His announcement comes in the wake of the World Health Organization's recent report placing the death toll since December 2013 at more than 1,200.

"TWR West Africa is taking advantage of partnering with the government and others to show that we care for people at the same time we are introducing the hope in Jesus Christ," Sangho said. Plans for Alert Ebola call for short spots and full episodes to be recorded for broadcast over TWR's 100,000-watt AM transmitter in Benin as well as via satellite, on some local FM stations and on the Internet.



The primary focus of the program content will be information about Ebola and how to prevent it. Initially, the project will start small, recording and broadcasting five spots and five half-hour "health magazine style" episodes in French, Bambara and three other local languages. As additional funding becomes available through donations, more content will be produced and aired in more languages.



A Critical Turning Point for PANI

"Where are these broadcasts coming from?" the caller asked in wonder. He was surprised and delighted that anyone could be speaking the Gospel so boldly in Afghanistan. He loved to listen to TWR, he said, although he did not dare tell his family or neighbors.

This is a critical turning point for the PANI project. The excitement of installing the transmitter and preparing the very first broadcasts has passed. Now we are settling into the "long haul" and wondering, who will take this journey of faith with us? God opened a tremendous door to the Gospel in one of the most socially and spiritually troubled regions of our world.

The use of high power transmitters, like the 500,000 watt medium wave (AM) PANI transmitter, is an incredibly cost-effective way to share the Gospel with millions of people. Since the start of full-power broadcasting March 24th, the response has averaged a remarkable 1183 responses per month! It costs TWR four-tenths of one cent – that's \$0.004 – to deliver a Bible-teaching program to a Pashtun listener!



It will take time. It will not be glamorous. But we have the very real potential to bring spiritual peace to millions and influence an entire region if we will hold our course.

We hope you enjoyed reading these stories about how the Lord is working through the ministry of TWR to speak hope to the world through radio and digital media.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our ministry! God bless you and Happy New Year!

Serving the King,

Wayne and *Shelley*