

# THE FROST FILES

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Dear family and friends,

Greetings from wintery Cary, North Carolina! Of course, "winter" is a little different here as compared to Maine, our native state. We usually receive only a couple of storms that leave a total of 3-5 inches of snow and most days, highs are in the low 50s to mid-40s.



## Getting Away from It All

Last November, we traveled to Central and South America on Celebrity Reflection. It was a marvelous journey as the ship took us to Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Colombia, the Panama Canal area, Costa Rica and two stops in Mexico, Costa Maya and Cozumel. This was our second cruise on Celebrity and just like the first time, the dining was superb, the service impeccable and the staff friendly and attentive. As usual, the ship and our stateroom, which was in the middle of the boat, was spotless!

We took three shore excursions on this trip. The first was a catamaran sailing in Grand Cayman, where we swam with stingrays! The crew of the yacht was from Jamaica and I engaged in a conversation with one of them, who was a Christian. In Cartagena, we toured the city in a bus, which took about 90 minutes to circumnavigate the city. Cartagena is a very old town featuring colonial Spanish architecture and many historical sites. Of course, we visited a few shops. Shelley was interested in emeralds. I was looking for coffee beans. In Costa Rica, we experienced ziplining for the first time. This was the excursion highlight of the trip. It was exhilarating to soar high among the trees over gorges and streams around and seemingly through huge trees! By the way, I bought 7 pounds of coffee, which we will enjoy for weeks to come.



Most avid cruisers will tell you that the best part of cruising is the people you meet on the ship. This cruise was no exception as we met several people from Canada. The very first morning, we connected with two Christian sisters from Montreal and the Ottawa area. We also met a family from Newfoundland and later had dinner with one of the couples at an Indian restaurant on the ship. We also shared a table with a couple from Quebec City on two separate occasions.

What we particularly love about Celebrity is the first-class service of the multinational crew. The captain and most of the senior officers were from Greece. The captain had a real sense of humor as he introduced one of the entertainers on the second night of the cruise. During his monologue, he said, "if you are intent on having a bad time, stay home, it's cheaper!" Our head waiter and assistant waiter were from the Philippines, a special photographer friend from India, other table staff from Montenegro and our cabin attendant was from Indonesia.



### An Opportunity for Ministry

At the end of the cruise, we gave each of them a nice gratuity for their exceptional service. We also included a thank you note and Wayne's business card, which has information about twr360, our internet ministry on the reverse side. We invited them to check out twr360 and read, hear and view biblical content in their heart languages. Please pray that the Lord would use our new friendships to expose them to the gospel and convict their hearts of their need for Him.

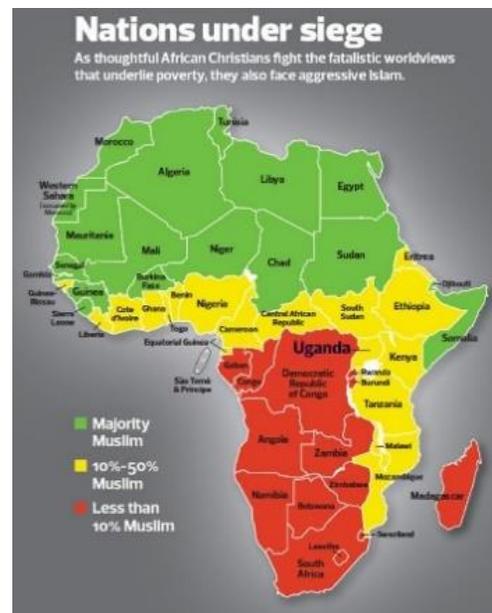
We've already booked our next cruise for March 2020 on the Reflection. We're extremely excited about this adventure as it will take us to Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire. Bonaire is the location of TWR's broadcast site to Latin America and the Caribbean. Hopefully, the excursion for that day will be with the TWR staff and a tour of the station and island.

We realize that most of this letter has been about a vacation. Quite honestly, we see these trips as ministry opportunities. We lived in an Asian culture for 12 years. We enjoy connecting with people from other cultures and look for opportunities to engage with them and share our faith. Pray for the people the Lord brought across our path.

### The Way of Righteousness

Many of Africa's unreached people groups are Muslim, and radical extremism is on the rise throughout the continent. Youth living with poverty, misery, and injustice are at risk of getting caught up in this extremism. The practice of Islam is constantly being reshaped by prevalent social, economic, and political conditions. But TWR's powerful broadcasts are ideal for reaching deep into the heartlands of Africa.

*The Way of Righteousness* is a series that uses the stories of the Bible to distinguish between religious rituals and righteousness before God. TWR would like to produce this program in the Kiswahili language for East Africa. *The Prophets* is a new program we hope to produce in the Moore language for West Africa that is based on the lives of the prophets and points Muslims to Scripture. And we also have plans for an evangelistic program for the Yao people of Southeast Africa. Pray that the Lord will provide the funds over the next year to make this multifaceted strategy possible among the Muslim peoples of Africa.



Since this is our first prayer letter of 2019, please accept our best wishes for a prosperous new year! Thank you for your prayers and support for our missionary work! God bless you!

Serving the King,

*Wayne* and *Shelley*

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