



The mission of Trans World Radio Canada is to assist the Church to fulfill the command of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all peoples by using mass media to:

- proclaim the Good News about Jesus to as many people as possible;
- instruct believers in Biblical doctrine and daily Christ-like living; and
- model our message through our internal and external relationships.

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TWR Canada Prayer Guide August 2009

August 2-8



Jonathan & Bel Griffiths Vienna, Austria

Jonathan joined TWR as a longterm missionary in April 1998 as a Studio Operator on the island of Bonaire. After 10 years in the Caribbean, he moved to Europe, staying 2 years in the UK before moving to Vienna, Austria in 2004. Since then, Jonathan has been involved in MemCare by Radio, a ministry dedicated to those who are working cross-culturally. His main role has been the development of www.membercareradio.com and www.tcklife.com, web sites designed to support the MemCare daily radio programs. Since March 2009, Jonathan has been leading the development of an Internet Radio project to make all TWR Europe's programs available on the internet and ready for more recent developments such as the use of cell phones.

In May 2008, Jonathan and Bel were married in Vienna. Bel, a native Austrian, served with Operation Mobilization onboard the Logos II ship for 6 years. She is a qualified actuary and is working with a local company in pensions. Bel is very involved in their church as a Deacon in Missions, an area of interest for both of them.

- Please pray for Jonathan as he learns German.
- Jonathan and Bel are expecting! Please pray for a healthy baby and safe delivery. Due to the baby's delivery date (December 8th), their furlough has been moved to 2010.
- The Internet Radio site is getting ready to launch, but some technical issues still remain.
- MemCare by Radio is starting work on a DVD version of the www.membercareradio.com website. This is for those who have poor web access.
- There are many projects that are all in different stages of development. Please pray for wisdom as Jonathan manages and leads a wide ranging team.

August 9-15



McDaniel & Blossom Phillips Singapore

Blossom and McDaniel were appointed to TWR in 1983. They were assigned to Bonaire where McDaniel served as Program Director as well as the host of the popular "Morning Sounds" program. In addition to caring for their daughters, Sara and Rachel, Blossom served as principal of the mission's supplementary English school. In 2003, after spending seven years at TWR's International head office, Blossom and McDaniel were transferred to Singapore. Blossom currently serves as TWR's children's ministry consultant for SE Asia. McDaniel was TWR's Director of Ministry Development. In 2008, McDaniel was loaned to the Bible Society of Singapore for two years to initiate new media technologies.

- Praise for the establishment of a ministry partnership between Child Evangelism Fellowship Myanmar and TWR Myanmar. The partnership will provide training and personnel resources to TWR's children's ministry.
- Pray that God will give favour from the government of Laos for permission to distribute Bibles in this restricted-access nation.
- Pray for Blossom to have God's wisdom as she designs a character development radio program for children.
- Pray that God will provide the remaining 1 million dollars for the completion of the Bible House – the new home of the Bible Society and other local ministries in Singapore.
- Pray for training programs Blossom will conduct for children's workers in Nepal, Indonesia and Cambodia before the end of the year.
- Pray for wisdom as McDaniel launches a new media strategy for the Bible Society.

August 16-22

TWR International Ministry Focus: Oral Societies

Even as the world becomes increasingly dependent upon modern communication technologies, the majority of cultures learn only through the spoken word.

Some are illiterate because of a lack of education. Others belong to the thousands of oral cultures of the globe. They communicate and learn through stories, narratives, songs and proverbs, not through books or written works. The Bible reveals the power of oral communication. After all, Jesus never wrote a book. He told stories within an oral culture that bears striking similarities to thousands of cultures today. No medium provides the opportunity to reach these societies better than radio. TWR uses drama and compelling narratives like The Radio Bible so that listeners can experience faith through hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The power of the broadcast medium lies in the creative use of the spoken word. Together with partner organizations, TWR produces and broadcasts dramatic Scripture and Christian teachings in dozens of languages.

Orality Facts:

- 67 percent of the world's population either cannot or does not learn through reading.
- Because the Church has largely focused on literate societies, at least 1.5 billion people are not being reached effectively.
- According to Wycliffe Bible Translators, over 6,000 languages are spoken by the world's 6.5 billion people. More than 2,000 of those languages do not have any Scripture translated for them.



- TWR has responded to these needs by offering 38 orality programs in 34 languages. In addition, 40 more languages have been chosen as urgent priorities for production through 2010. Pray that God would provide continued funding for these programs.
- Praise the Lord for other organizations who are responding to this great need as well. Through partnerships with Campus Crusade for Christ, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wycliffe International, Youth with a Mission, Faith Comes By Hearing, The American Bible Society, The United Bible Societies and Mentorlink, TWR seeks to reach these oral learners with messages in a format they can understand.
- The annual International Orality Network conference will be held September 9-12. Pray for the planning and preparation, and that those attending will become aware of the needs of oral communicators around the world.
- Pray for TWR Canada's The Way of Righteousness, which is broadcast from Benin in the Moore language to listeners primarily in Burkino Faso & Cote d'Ivoire.
- Pray for the many listener groups, some made up of people from other faiths, who listen to these programs. Pray that their minds would be opened to the truth as they listen.



August 23-29



Rick & Carol Hawkins The Netherlands

Rick and Carol have been with Trans World Radio, living in the Netherlands, since 1993. Rick is one of two Information Systems Administrators supporting the computer systems for TWR Europe's three offices. He also provides support to TWR worldwide for the Linux operating system. Carol works part-time in the Broadcast Department, scheduling radio programs for Europe, North Africa, Russia, Central Asia and the Middle East. She also participates in the worship team at the Dutch church they attend.

- Pray for Rick as he works on some "Thru the Bible" archiving issues and is also in the middle of updating the computers and servers to Microsoft Office 2007.
- Pray for Rick and Carol as they enjoy three weeks of vacation. Pray that they would relax and be refreshed during this time.
- Carol is looking forward to attending a five-day "Music and Worship Workshop" at Bangor University in Wales during their vacation time.
- Pray for Carol as she develops a stronger relationship with a nearby neighbour.
- Pray that God will give the TWR Europe leadership team wisdom and discernment to know how to move forward with new projects while at the same time following through with existing projects, as God provides the needed resources.

August 24-September 5



Words of Hope Mozambique, Africa

In 1989, TWR partnered with Words of Hope to create a daily radio program in Mozambique. This program brought the Gospel to the relatively unreached Lomwe-speaking people. The producer, Reverend Avelino Mutilima, continues to serve with the goal to reach unbelievers with the Gospel in addition to teaching and encouraging existing Christians in their walk with the Lord. The programs are geared to reaching out to non-believers, believers, and church leaders to bring messages of hope and encouragement amidst struggle. TWR also produces a daily Words of Hope program in the Makhwa language in Mozambique.

- Praise the Lord for the hundreds of churches that have been started as a result of these two programs.
- Please pray for the needs of our listeners, and pray that God would give wisdom to the church leaders so they can care for the people in the new churches.
- Pray that God will provide transportation so the producers can better follow-up and train new believers.
- Pray that the needed funding would be raised in 2009. TWR Canada has committed to sponsoring the translation, production and airtime of both programs.
- Praise the Lord for the opportunities he is presenting, such as through this honest letter from a listener: "Everything is going wrong at once; I got HIV from my husband, he recently passed away and left me with 7 children. My husband's relatives kicked me out of the house and no one wants to help me take care of my children. I lost my parents many years ago. My last son is also sick. Besides all these problems, I have no money. One day I listened to your Bible program talking about God's love. Is it possible that God can help me? Please pray for me."