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- 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 October 2009

October 4-10



## Greg & Ingrid Clarke Johannesburg, South Africa

Greg & Ingrid Clarke serve with TWR in Africa. Greg has been working as a technician with TWR since 1995, serving in Bratislava and Swaziland before moving to South Africa where he met Ingrid. They married in October 2005, and in May 2008 they were blessed with a baby girl, Rebekah. They are based in Johannesburg, South Africa. Greg installs and maintains studios in South Africa and around the African continent. Ingrid is currently at home with Rebekah, and volunteers at the Johannesburg office as time allows. Greg and Ingrid have returned home after spending 9 months in Canada on furlough.

- Praise God for everything that Greg & Ingrid were able to accomplish on their furlough. Ingrid's permanent residence approved, they were able to raise most of their support, and Ingrid was approved for medical coverage (Canadian residency was required for this coverage).
- Praise the Lord for a smooth trip from Canada to South Africa. Rebekah did well on both flights as well as in the airport in Frankfurt. Rebekah is also adjusting well to the time change in South Africa.
- Please pray that the remaining required support will come in.
- Please pray for Greg as he returns to his duties in South Africa.
- Pray for health and strength during the last months of Ingrid's pregnancy.
- Pray for Dr. Emmanuel Mbennah, the new International Director for TWR Africa as he leads the ministry.

October 11-17



## Financial Needs

We are now at the time of year when the 2010 budgets are being drafted for TWR Canada and for TWR's international regions. This includes assessing existing financial commitments, financial projections, and new ministry opportunities. TWR Canada has expanded its sponsorship of broadcasts significantly over the past few years. Effectiveness of these programs is continually monitored, and the results are carefully considered in determining next year's budget. The continued economic uncertainty and rapidly fluctuating currencies make the budgeting process even more challenging this year.

- Pray for the regional finance teams (Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia) as they seek to create balanced budgets for 2010 with a minimal disruption to existing programming.
- Pray for the ministry directors around the world as they evaluate programs, and determine priorities for next year.
- Praise the Lord for the way he has provided for the ministry through its 55 years, and for growth that we continue to see (over 225 languages and dialects are now being broadcast each week).
- Pray for the remaining financial needs for 2009. TWR Canada receives over 50% of the year's undesignated donations in the final two months of the year. A decrease in these donations late in the year has a significant impact on our ability to fulfill our year's commitments and for future ministry plans as well.
- Pray for TWR Canada's board of directors as they prepare for meetings in early November (November 5-7) to set priorities and budgets for 2010.

October 18-24

## Internet Ministry Canada, China & Around the World

With the ever-increasing utilization of the Internet in the 21st century, TWR's ministry has expanded from radio to the World Wide Web. Today, programs in 40 languages are streamed\* online, with more on the way. Since people around the globe have Internet access, it has become a tremendous source of effective ministry. It is especially useful for sending out the gospel in restricted-access countries. Due to its low cost, versatility and popularity, Web-based programming is a powerful tool that God is using to transform lives.

Here are some examples of TWR's online initiatives:

- **Radio Organic** ([www.radioorganiclive.com](http://www.radioorganiclive.com)): TWR Canada's Chinese web radio ministry, for urban Chinese youth around the world.
- **Radio Espoir** ([www.radioespoir.ca](http://www.radioespoir.ca)): TWR Canada's French-language site with over 77,500 programs downloaded\* in 2008 alone.
- **MemCare by Radio** ([www.membercareradio.com](http://www.membercareradio.com)): a ministry to expatriate missionaries serving around the world, particularly in restricted-access countries. TWR Canada missionaries Jonathan Griffiths and Heidi Mullin serve with this vital ministry.
- TWR is also making use of some of the more popular social networking applications, such as **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **YouTube**.
- From February to July 2009, there were over 800,000 visitors (visitor-sessions) on TWR Asia's four sites!
  - www.ktwr.net**: primarily a webcast site with over 40 Christian programs, audio and text downloads, podcast\* and e-cards\*
  - www.abcll.net**: an ESL (English as a Second Language) outreach site with stories (text and audio), Q & A forum and Mandarin & Cantonese gospel content
  - www.SOTAonline.net**: the *Seminary on the Air* Online website with three years of seminary classes available via webcast and audio download; lecture notes, tests and exams; and an externally hosted forum for interaction with students
  - www.qq232.net**: a counseling outreach site, currently not linked to any TWR sites, that deal with relationships, emotional health and similar issues



- Pray for visitors to TWR's various websites around the world. Pray that the content and format would be relevant and engaging. Pray that they would be encouraged by the programs they listen to, and that there would be opportunities to interact with them to connect them to other believers and to answer their questions.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for those providing counseling and discipleship through these websites. Most of our counsellors are trained volunteers, but are not professional counsellors.
- Pray for physical protection of the websites and the computers that host them. Continual maintenance and upgrading is required to ensure functioning sites and to reduce the opportunities for hackers.
- Pray for the digital ministries staff around the world as they need God's help and wisdom in pursuing the right technologies for now and the future, and making the best use of all resources.
- Pray for continued financial resources for this ministry, and for the skilled people who are also needed.

### \*Definitions:

- Streaming: "live" or scheduled playback of a program that is not first downloaded\* to the listener's computer.
- Download: transferring a file from a website to a listener's own computer, for playback immediately or at any time in the future.
- Podcast: broadcasts that are designed primarily for portable media devices, such as an iPod or MP3 player.
- E-card: an electronic postcard or greeting card

October 25-31



## Steve & Barbara Shantz Cary, North Carolina

Steve and Barbara Shantz have been grateful for the prayer partners of TWR Canada for many years! They know that your participation in prayer has made the difference in their ministry. Steve's first assignment was in Technical (Electronics) Research & Development in 1982, followed by looking after the first computer installations in TWR Europe. This began a long career in the field of global computer networking that has led to his recently becoming TWR International's Chief Information Officer.

- October is a pivotal month in Steve's work as his department is involved in many new initiatives in Internet ministry, Social Network Media and in strengthening the digital computing power of TWR as a technical ministry. Please pray for Steve and his team.
- Barbara has most recently been working in Europe as TWR's director of PR and Development where she coached European partners in the subjects of biblical stewardship and local fundraising. She is now continuing this from the U.S. as Global Development Liaison.
- Early in the month, Barbara will be participating in a "Global Self-Reliance Network" forum in the US and later go to South Africa to coach TWR's National African leaders as they design biblical stewardship and fundraising into their strategic planning.
- Pray for the Shantz family; please pray that Aaron will find new work as he was laid off in September. Steve's Mom is having knee replacement surgery this month as well.
- God is providing for Steve and Barbara in their recent move to the U.S. Please rejoice with them and thank God that He has called us all – together in prayer and action – for His service.

Listener Letters



## God at Work

### Testimonies from Internet Listeners

"Thanks for your encouragement during this financial tsunami. The discussion, the advice and the testimonies are great help to me. I was laid off and doing nothing. I think it must be your God's will that I listen to your program, and it's so comforting. Thank you so very much."

"Thank you for your tireless efforts to set up Radio Organic Live. I am a teacher from Hangzhou, China. May God continue to bless this ministry as he touched & changed me by listening to your program. God bless."

"I love learning English from the Bible, also the daily testimony is very touching. I have sent this link to a lot of students in China, have asked them to check out this link and recommend it to their school mates. Very good, subtle way to spread the gospel."

"I am grateful for the coworkers' encouragement and support. I became a Christian after listening to your broadcasts. Thus, I greatly appreciate all of you. Your patience helps me find my true life and the truth. Coworkers here said that it was a miracle for me to believe in Christ. Thank you for your encouragement and support. God bless you."

"I am a Hakka living in Guangdong Province. I listen to your Hakka programs on the Internet and shortwave. I like them very much and I love to recommend them to the old people. Many old people here do not speak any other dialect besides Hakka, and they have more time to listen to the radio. However, my other family members are not Christian yet, so they do not listen to your programs as often as I do."