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Dear Friends,

In late June Tom and I traveled to TWR's Cary, NC, office so that I could participate in some ministry training. The training involved learning methods of telling Bible stories designed to reach people living in primarily oral cultures who do not read or who do not have Bibles available to them in their language, but I also learned that telling Bible stories can be an effective tool to reach anyone. Bible stories reveal the truth of God's Word and present Jesus in such a way as to touch the heart, drawing people to Him.



Among the most important things to remember incorporates the acronym ACTS - keep the Bible story **accurate** to God's Word, make sure it is **culturally relevant**, make it easily **transferrable** so the hearer can tell it to others, and keep it **simple and short** so it can be remembered. Then all of us got the opportunity to put what we learned into practice. It was an interesting and challenging few days.

In the photo I am standing next to the office of the Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships. The goal of our department is "partnering with like-minded ministries to create culturally sensitive and relevant media content so true Christ followers are produced." Please pray for our team as we work together towards that goal. One of the partnerships some members of our department are working with is The JESUS Film Project, creating audio from the *JESUS Film* video. Called *The Story of Jesus*, the program is essentially the *JESUS Film* in audio format, enabling more people to be reached beyond those able to view the video.

Recently our team participated in a Zoom meeting with TWR's International Director of Europe, learning more about the ministry in that region, including Ukraine. Praise God that TWR's programs are still going into Ukraine, speaking hope to those traumatized by the horrors of war. TWR also ministers to refugees who have escaped from the war-torn country. Please pray for TWR's Ukraine ministry and for the Ukrainian ministry director and his family for their safety and for continued opportunities to minister inside the country.

TWR's visual media ministry (TWR MOTION) is currently working on a project to create a series of videos that church planters and others can use in Thailand. One church planter shared that the Thai people need gospel-centered resources in their heart language that can be accessed on any device. Please pray with us for this project as it proceeds.

On the home front, Tom has been busy with church. Please pray for Tom as he serves the Lord as an elder in our church. Please also continue to pray for our health during this time of high levels of COVID in our area.

Thank you so much for your prayers and giving over the years. Your faithfulness in joining with us in this ministry is so important and appreciated. It was 38 years ago on June 4 that Tom and I left for Sri Lanka to serve with TWR's ministry to India and many of our friends and family have been with us throughout those years. What a blessing!

Blessings,

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