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Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

This month Dorothy and I again expect to be in England. Among other things, we have been invited to record a radio interview for TWR at their headquarters in Altrincham, England.

Being aware of the historic ministry relationship we have had with TWR since the early 1960's, Dr. Russell Farnworth, Executive Director of TWR UK, arranged this interview for May 19th. At that time, our minds will undoubtedly go back to the early 1960's. It was then I was first invited to record several series of Bible teaching ministry. This wonderful new opportunity was to give exposure over TWR's one and a quarter million watt transmitter broadcasting from Monte Carlo, Monaco.



30 years ago we stood by powerful radio towers at TWR Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Dorothy and I well remember standing high on the hills overlooking Monte Carlo in the TWR generating room with a florescent tube in our hands. So much electricity was in the air that the tube lit up without any electrical contact. Such was the power being generated! But that power was nothing when compared to the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we, and many fellow broadcasters, proclaimed the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, people scattered far and wide came face to face with the Savior. Surely, that was the purpose of Pentecost. *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth* ACTS 1:8. So, our messages covered all Britain, Eire, Europe and "Iron Curtain" countries. We even had letter responses from Iceland, North Africa and even one from New Zealand!

Dorothy recently located a sixteen page article of yesteryear, written in 1973, "**THE WAY OF TRUTH—the unfolding story.**" We have selected the following quotes for you:

The high-powered radio station in Monte Carlo, Monaco, was originally engineered by Adolf Hitler. He planned its use for the propagation of Nazi propaganda as part of his agenda to ultimately control the entire world. But God had other plans! Now, TWR Monte Carlo exists solely for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

In 1967, a committee in England purchased air time to broadcast from the established Trans World Radio station in Monte Carlo. This committee asked me to record two messages which would be heard in Britain and across Europe. From this initial invitation, we had no inkling as to what God had purposed for expanding opportunities in our future ministry outreach.

However, we were thrilled when we heard how the Lord had used these first two messages to win a lady to Christ in Glasgow. Today, the same lady is a member of an evangelical church in that city. Further invitations enabled me to produce a series of six programs on the subject of revival. The response to this series was that 150 people requested the book *Heart Cry for Revival* by Stephen F. Olford. One memorable letter came from Deal in Kent: "Just to let you know how thankful and full of praise I am for your broadcast on the theme of revival. Every week we have a prayer meeting in Deal concerning this. We certainly uphold you in prayer for this vital ministry."

Over the next few years I continued to be one of the broadcasters on a radio program called "The Living Word." However, eventually, due to lack of financial support from Britain, the committee found it necessary to disband. Though this was a sad day for us; at that time we little realized that this pioneer ministry would be a stepping stone to other God-given opportunities and responsibilities!

Shortly thereafter Dr. Paul Freed, Founder and President of Trans World Radio, heard another series of our radio ministry in Europe sponsored by a German Mission Agency. He also heard our ministry at a strategic church in New Jersey. Accordingly, Paul enthusiastically sought to persuade me to undertake

the production of my own radio program. My initial reaction was a definite “No!” This negative reaction was based on the fact that we had absolutely no knowledge of radio technology and absolutely no means of paying for such a huge enterprise. Neither did we have any faith!

Hudson Taylor said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will never lack God’s provision.” At the urging of the late Paul Freed we took this overwhelming responsibility to the Lord in prayer and, in so doing, became convinced that in August of 1969, we should commence our own high-powered missionary radio ministry: “**The Way of Truth.**” In this way, Dorothy and I were thrown entirely upon the Lord to undergird a humanly impossible task.

From our first broadcast, we received much encouragement from the Lord as people responded to the messages. Listeners wrote from every part of the British Isles and Europe requesting literature and Christian counsel. In one year, volunteers in England personally answered 5,000, individualized letters of encouragement and counsel. Then, in 1971, TWR proposed we should broadcast our messages from their radio station in Bonaire. This would extend the ministry to Latin America and the Caribbean.

So, another door was opened by the Lord! As a result, letters were received from nationals and missionaries indicating blessings from the ministry of the Word as it was our privilege to share. To make this possible we registered as a non-profit ministry first in the UK, then in the USA, then in Canada and subsequently with adjunct committees assisting in South Africa and the Caribbean. The expenses were much beyond our conceived resources in spite of the fact our home became the administrative hub, and God graciously provided every worker world-wide, as an unpaid volunteer. Such was their commitment to the message being proclaimed that many became financial supporter of the ministry!

A new association with Far Eastern Broadcasting Company (FEBC) commenced in 1971. Their radio station in Manila indicated interest in broadcasting our messages. The target areas were the Philippines and India. We were informed that English is the international language of India and 80% of the Philippine population had some understanding of English. Again, the immediate response was most gratifying. Letters came from interested listeners, such as: a national evangelist in Assam; a medical doctor and a Judge in India; a teacher in the Philippines and a near-illiterate person in Calcutta, to name but a few.

Well that is enough of memory lane, except to testify with deep thanksgiving of the constant faithfulness of God over these years. He, in spite of many failures along the way, extended His grace. Only what the Lord Jesus has done will last and bring Him glory. So only He can be congratulated! The rest is, “*wood, hay and stubble*” which will be burned at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

So, why do we visit England at this time? Well, it is really for two reasons. Even in our latter years we have received another proposition from TWR to extend the current ministry of CCIM. This will require another step of faith. However, He has encouraged us to move forward by the receipt of a special designated UK bequest from a lady, who, many years ago, heard our ministry over TWR. This bequest could initiate the proposed extension of CCIM ministry.

While the temptation easily could be to meet our monthly USA monthly commitments to TWR with these funds (especially as numbers of CCIM faithful supporters have already been promoted to Heaven and long-time supporting churches have reduced their missionary budget involving CCIM), the residue of this bequest will be exclusively used for the support of expanding ministries. Already, a third of the money has been expended to help subsidize 120,000 “missionaries in paper covers” that, in one year, have been prayerfully despatched to Africa. Praise the Lord, 120,000 Africans will have access to God’s truth and love because a lady was touched by God to make it possible. So, again we witness how the Lord delights in the regularity of the irregular!

As far as the USA budget is concerned, it seems few people realize just how extensively their faithful gifts are employed by the Lord. Because of your fellowship, CCIM’s outreach to the Arabic world; to China; to Africa—including unreached Moslem countries; to India and to Israel continue.

Just as the late Dr. Paul Freed was used of God to commence this ministry, so at this time, the Lord is using Ralf Stores, TWR USA Director of Ministry Partnership, to encourage the expansion of CCIM ministries back to the Spanish-speaking world in Latin America; the Caribbean; and hopefully to Asia. Ralf’s prayerful invitation was the result of his careful monitoring of CCIM ministry in the present program schedule. So, the longtime CCIM/TWR relationship is completing the international circle and CCIM again seems to be on the threshold of further expansion.

We believe you personally will be encouraged to know that we are also laying the foundation for this CCIM ministry to continue with TWR even after our Home call. Accordingly, a framework to receive your gifts has been initiated in a TWR/CCIM account which will then receive your gifts. Yes, we so appreciate your prayers and support in these opportune but perilous days. Thank you so much!

Together in His Name,

