McGurk News and Notes

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Dear Friends and Family,

Every day, we hear something in the news about extremist-led violence, war, and terror. It is hard to imagine that God can call someone involved in that life to salvation. But we know we serve the Almighty, and He is doing amazing things among even the most adamant. Daily, we hear testimony of those who have come to trust Jesus through His word. We are grateful to be allowed to be a small part of millions hearing the gospel in places hostile to the Word of God.

We are settled into our temporary home in North Carolina. We hope to be moving to our new field location early-mid 2017. Right now, the plan is to move to Vienna, Austria, for a few years. It is quite possible our team working in Central Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa (CAMENA) will at some point re-locate to a country closer to our work. In the meantime, I am traveling to the region.

In late April, I was able to spend quality time with a number of our regional partners in Bratislava, Slovakia. Our annual partner conference gave me a good opportunity to learn about our ministry in CAMENA and Europe. Having spent so much of my time

in Africa and Speaking Hope to the World Asia, it is quite a lot of work catching up to how we work in Europe.

The big task for me early in this transition is relationship building with my co-workers in the region. As you can imagine, workers amongst "M" groups take a while to develop relationships with the new guy. My first assignment is working toward some transitions in our North Africa outreach. Our North Africa ministry director position is currently vacant, and we have some new people coming on board. I am working on behalf of our international director to put some things in place. This does mean some travel for me and again, relationship building. Pray for me in this regard and also for the travel budget, which is getting tight. I am also working on a plan that will see us partnering with some other ministires in the region to multiply the amount of content available.

One of the more exciting developments for TWR in the region is the smartphone apps we have released. They allow us to get meaningful content into people's hands quickly. Broadcast hours are sometimes limited in some languages, but the app is available with content 24/7, immediately. As you hear on the news, the refugee crisis is big in Europe. One of our apps is called "Refugee Bridge." It puts out information and content dealing with the needs of the refugees in their own language, while presenting the hope found in the gospel.

In late July, I will be continuing a project started last year in Haiti. A co-worker and I will go to Cap-Haitian for a few days to work out the final specifications for the studio at Radio 4VEH. We will eventually be refurbishing the studios with sound isolation and acoustics as well as building and equipping a music recording control room.

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Once the partner has the funds raised, we hope a mission team from a church in Kansas will join us for the work.

And now from Janette

I do not have a lot of news at the moment. The kids are all doing well; school is out this year for Karly, the teacher, and Mark the student. Hannah is doing well at work, and Amalie and her gang are doing well. I pray that they will continue in this waterfall of grace for as long as possible.

Rebecca is our biggest concern right now. Her needs are housing, insurance and/or social security benefits for the disabled, her job to become full time, and an organization that will send someone to check on her biweekly for daily living. Without these things in place she will not be successful on her own. It has been a long, arduous trail finding the organizations that are meant to help in these areas. We still have a long way to go. I am so thankful you are praying for her and for me as we work on these things.

A fund remains open to defray the costs of our most recent move. If you are able to help with this please mark any special gifts as "McGurk transfer fund". Many thanks to those have already generously given.

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Many blessings,

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