

# McGurk News and Notes

March 2016



Speaking Hope to the World

## Dear Friends and Family,

This will feel like two letters because it comes in sections: the first written by Nate, all about business, the second from Janette with the important stuff.

It is time for us to say goodbye to island life again and tell you about the next assignment. Our short-term working on Bonaire with the power upgrade project and regional studios is now over and we are transferring to work in the region pictured below.



I will be working in North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus. While this is a huge change, it is a job I have been preparing for, for many years. For security reasons I can't get very specific about my job. I will be working throughout this region with our partners, helping to increase their reach through programming and technology. Take a look at the map. You will see this is an area with an identifiable majority religion, and that is how we will be referring to it for the foreseeable future in this newsletter forum. I will apologize in advance for sometimes having to be cryptic and vague when reporting on our activities.

I am excited to rejoin a close colleague with whom I worked for twelve years in Africa. He is a man who has become well-respected in his outreach to this majority religion and will now be our director for this new region. TWR is making a huge commitment to build on the work established in the region with significant investment. This has been many years in the planning. As you can imagine, the timing is the Lord's. People in this region are coming to faith in Jesus in numbers never before experienced.

The job will require extensive travel. For the safety of our staff, I unfortunately will not be able to share details of the travel. We will soon be located in a city closer to the region, possibly Vienna, Austria. First we will be moving to our TWR headquarters in North Carolina. This is to provide transition for Rebecca. Janette will explain more. The time in North Carolina will also be very valuable for working with our programming leader and team as we make new strategy.

We will leave Bonaire on March 15. My first trip into the new region will be a month later. Thanks for praying for us during this transition and beyond. There is a transfer fund established by TWR to help defray the costs of our relocation. If you desire to help, please designate gifts to "McGurk Transfer Fund."

## And now from Janette

It has been quite some time since I updated you on the family, so hang on to your hats. Nate, Rebecca, and I are in the throes of change as I write this letter. We are moving back to the States for a new chapter in our lives. I say, in all honesty, that this has been a very challenging past two years for the three of us, but we would not have

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missed it. I am thankful for the wonderful new friends I have made here, for the chance to see God pruning and shaping in our lives, to see firsthand the provision God makes for the needs of His people, and for time to grow in relationships. I know that sounds nebulous, but they are actually specifics that would take much too long to write out. God is good to His people.

Rebecca will be starting all over again with new job, new home, new doctor, new friends, new church, etc. Please pray for life success for her.

Amalie and Ricky will be moving into their new home (final home, they hope) soon. They, very wisely, I think, decided to sell some land and their current house, downsize into a very reasonable home, and become debt-free in a year or so. Their goal is to be financially and physically and mentally prepared to be used by God in whatever capacity He desires. They are leaders in a home group and are in process of adopting a 13-year-old boy, Zachary. Amalie was just diagnosed with lupus. Obviously, they have challenges to overcome in all of these areas. Please pray for them and for Christian (13 also) and for Charis (5).

Hannah is now a trainer at Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance company. She is active with a missions class called Perspectives in a local church. She is praying about what her role in missions should be.

Karly has completed her master's degree in special education and was headhunted to become one of three teachers in a school that has the most intense students in the school district. She has a gift that is outstanding for reaching these highly troubled children, but you can imagine the extreme stress that goes with the job. The stress has affected her physically and emotionally, so please be in prayer for her health.

Mark has "gone west, young man" and is relocated in Colby, KS. He has taken it slow with his schooling for several years but seems to be focused now on finishing his degree in veterinary medicine. He is currently working at a mixed-animal vet clinic as he goes to school. It is his first experience with horses, cattle and swine.

Thanks again for your prayers, and support as we are blessed to be part of this powerful media ministry.

**Many blessings,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nate &amp; Janette McGurk', written in dark ink.

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# McGurk Transfer Fund



*Help the McGurks  
meet this need*



*For almost 23 years, Nate and Janette McGurk have served TWR meeting needs on various locations like Guam, South Africa and Bonaire. Recently an opportunity has opened up that will put Nate's strengths to work in North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus. This will be a huge change, but Nate and Janette feel strongly that the Lord is leading them at this time and to this place and they are confident that He will provide for their needs. In preparation for this role, the McGurks will be moving to TWR's offices in Cary North Carolina. They will need to raise \$4,500 to help cover their moving expenses. Won't you prayerfully consider helping them at this time?*

*Yes, I want to help Nate and Janette McGurk meet their extra expenses!*

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