## McGurk News and Notes

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## **Dear Friends and Family**

As I write this letter we are in Topeka, Kansas visiting churches and supporters of our ministry. We will be heading to Vienna in a couple of weeks to continue our work in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia.

As we indicated in earlier letters, we will not be staying in Vienna long term. I wish I could give you an answer to where we will be moving our regional headquarters, but at this writing the decision has still not been finalized. We thought the decision would be announced much sooner, but the research into locations revealed the need for more careful consideration. Even though this means we are living in a sort of limbo, we're very satisfied with the way the process is proceeding. Both of us believe God is giving wisdom to our team as we consider what will be our new home for many years.

Janette and I will be part of the advance team to set up the headquarters in the new location. We will be going ahead of the bulk of the team to prepare the way for them and establish the business side of the operation. This will also Speaking Hope to the World include looking

for housing and office space. Please pray for God to give us wisdom and stamina.

While we are Kansas we are taking advantage of the time to get some medical treatment for Janette's back pain. We have also moved Rebecca to Manhattan, Kansas where she will be closer to her siblings. Please pray for her as she applies for disability. She is only able to work part time. She is also looking for the right housing situation.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support. If you would like to contribute to our transfer fund, please designate "transfer fund" with your gift. I have included some carefully edited responses from some of our listeners in the Middle East on the next page. I hope you find them encouraging.



Many blessings,

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- \* A 19-year-old Syrian soldier wrote to us to ask for prayer as he deals with constant tension, bloodshed, fear, and exhaustion. As a listener to Youth on Mind for Syrian youth, he requested prayer that he would keep his eyes on Jesus.
- \* The Youth on Mind program for Arabic youth is designed for young adults ages 18 to 24 and addresses the very difficult issues they are going through in their war-torn country. And through TWR's Refugee Bridge project in Europe, Syrian refugees are able to access Hope for the Middle East, the program with the mobile phone app and media players distributed by TWR in refugee camps.
- The Ala's Diary youth program in Jordanian Arabic received 50,113 responses by email and social media during the first six months of 2016. Iraq was most represented with 16,754 responses, followed by Libya, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, and 40 other countries.
- The Talmatha ("Discipleship") program in Arabic is aired on three powerful transmitters that together reach all Arab countries. We have learned that 100 new Bible study groups have formed in Algeria as listeners study through the program and the companion leader's manuals.
- "What you have just placed in front of us is a life-changing, mind-tackling subject! Wow, I am urged to know more about the Christian life!"—Ala's Diary
- "Why do you ask me to trust in Jesus who couldn't help himself get down from the cross?!"—The Way Companion
- "One of your episodes was talking about the Holy Spirit. As I am from a different religious background, I need to know more about this subject and about the crucifixion of Jesus."—The Way Companion
- "I have several important questions about atheism. I am seeking the real God. I don't want to be a nominal believer. I need to be convinced and have firm faith. Thanks for the discussion about atheism to help us come to real faith and the real God. —Healing Touches



Speaking Hope to the World

"You have

helped me understand all of the Lord's riches through your wonderful program, because I am on my own, and no one before could help me in that but you. You are my fellowship and church."—Talmatha

"Your TWR broadcast is the reason I know what's in the Bible, which is forbidden in my country! Now with Talmatha, having accepted the Lord as my Savior, I'm being discipled at the feet of your program. I just want to tell you how thankful I am. Words can never explain my heart for your broadcast."—Talmatha

"I was lost indeed in the darkness of my inherited religion. You are the lantern that guided me out of the darkness into the real light. I am sure of my steps now in life, in spite of all the bad treatment I get from my community. Bless you."—Talmatha