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Danakil depression, Afar, Ethiopia

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# Editorial

As I sit down to write this, I cannot help but feel a mix of nostalgia and excitement. This edition of our newsletter is truly special for a few reasons.

First, it marks the very first digital-only issue since we began this journey back in the 1980s. It is a milestone that reflects the changes in how we communicate and share stories with all of you. And secondly, this will be my final editorial as I pass the torch to a wonderful colleague.

I am thrilled to share that Victor Kaonga, our TWR International Director for East and Southern Africa, has graciously agreed to step in as the new chief editor of this publication.

Victor's connection to TWR runs deep, starting with him listening to TWR as a teenager in Malawi. After 25 years of dedicated service with us, first at our Malawi partner station and now as an International Director, he brings a wealth of experience and heart to this role. With qualifications in Social Sciences from the University

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of Malawi, Global Journalism from Orebro University, and Business Administration from the African Business Institute, Victor is well-equipped to lead this publication forward.

In addition to his role at TWR, Victor is also the host of *Growing the Marriage* and has authored several impactful books, including *From a Listener to a Broadcaster* (2016), *Holy Sexual Intercourse* (2019), and *Kugonana Kopatulika* (2021) in Chichewa. I am confident that you will enjoy his contributions in the future.

In this edition, I am excited to introduce you to the Afar people group – if you are not already familiar with them, I know their story will touch your heart. You will also find a moving account of Abdu, an Afar man who came to Christ against all odds. We will *update* you on the recent unrest in Mozambique and how it has impacted the TWR ministry there. As always, we have included daily prayer items for April through July,

and we are so grateful for your continued prayers for our TWR partners across Africa and around the world.

While I'm stepping down as editor, I will continue to lead the Marketing and Communications department and always look forward to hearing from our readers. Your support and prayers mean the world to us.

May God bless you abundantly.

Marietjie, on behalf of the TWR Marcom Team



# Jesus among the Afar



*The Afar people group live only in the Horn of Africa ... Christians are an extreme minority in that region.*

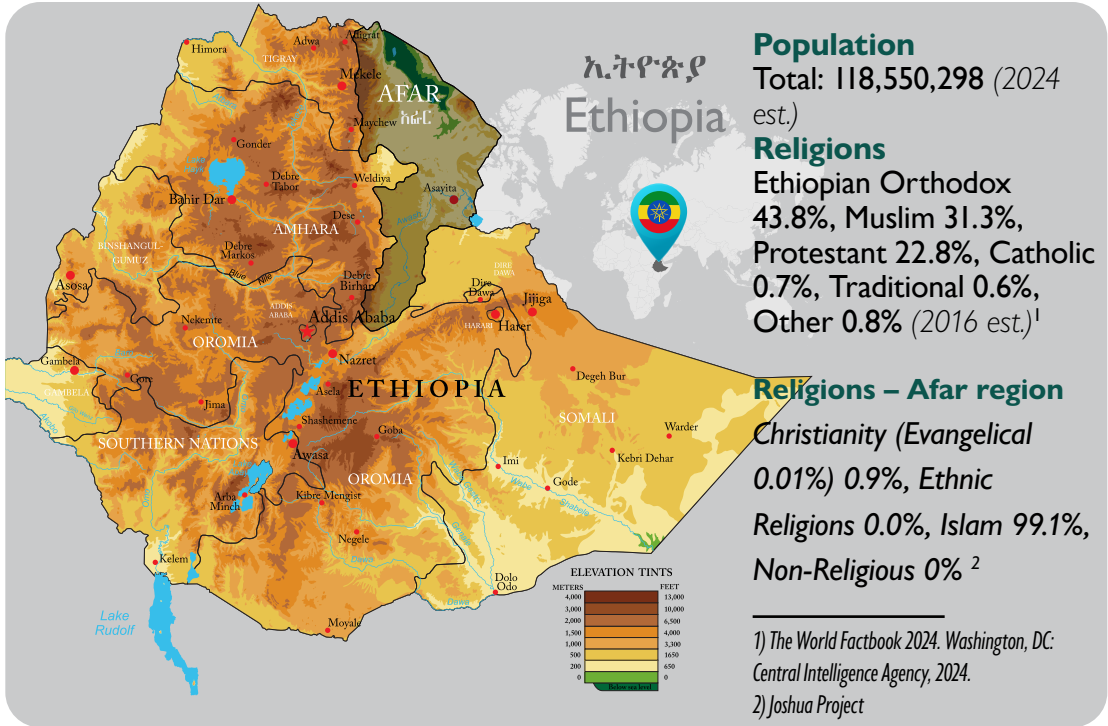
A testimony arrived through social media, last June, from somewhere in Ethiopia.

*“I am a listener to this programme since 2023,” it read, referring to the *The Way of Righteousness*-programme. “My dad received Jesus and he shared this with the family. Hereafter we started having fellowship with believers in secret. Though they told me*

*about Jesus, your radio programme properly explained God’s love for me.”*

According to Joshua Project, a cause which tracks religious affiliations, an estimated 60% of Ethiopia’s population is Christian of which 20% are believed to be evangelical. What makes the above testimony so remarkable is that it originated with someone who listens in the Afar language.

The Afar people group live only in the Horn of Africa – primarily in Ethiopia, but also in Djibouti and Eritrea. The Afar region of Ethiopia, “is still very much a Muslim



community,” explains Ali Ibrahim,<sup>1</sup> producer of the programme, *The Way of Righteousness*, and of his own biblical teaching programme in Afar. “Christians are an extreme minority in that region.”

Joshua Project estimates that only one in 10 000 of the 2.85 million Afar people are evangelical Christians.

By the grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, this is starting to change.

<sup>1</sup> A pseudonym

## ‘Enamoured with Jesus’

Over the past two decades, the number of Afar believers has grown from perhaps a dozen or so to hundreds, says Caleb<sup>2</sup>, who coordinated a separate radio ministry among the Afar in the early years of the century. To this day, he remains closely attentive to the work.

“Resistance is softening...”, says Caleb, “...simply because of the person of Jesus Christ.”

“They’re enamoured with

<sup>2</sup> For security reasons, Caleb requested that we do not use his real name nor identify the ministry with which he serves.



## JESUS AMONG THE AFAR



*View of Berhale city, located in Northeast Ethiopia*

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*Dance is important in Afar culture*



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*Ethiopian Village in the Danakil depression*

Jesus,” says Caleb of the Afar. “They want to know more, and they’re seeing good works. They see great things happening in their communities. They are disarmed as they have lesser cause to attack believers.”

Ali Ibrahim, who serves as a producer with TWR’s production partner in Ethiopia, ranks among those of the Afar people who came to faith in Christ.

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*Life for the Afar is complicated, especially if you are a Christian...*

According to Wakshuma Terefe, the programme production partner’s director, Ibrahim was an Islamic scholar who taught widely in the Arabic languages in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

Twenty-some years ago he encountered individuals from the Christian humanitarian organization World Vision and from the Ethiopian Lutheran Church who challenged his thinking. They gave

him an Arabic Bible, which he began to compare with his Quran.

“I found that in the Bible, it is a love story, a forgiveness story,” Ibrahim said through a translator.

God progressively, lovingly, removed the scales from his eyes. A changed man, he surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus.

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### **This however made his life much more challenging**

“Life for the Afar is complicated, especially if you are a Christian,” Terefe said. “If you are a Christian, you have to leave that place.”

Ibrahim found his way to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia where his teaching experience made him a natural for Afar-language programming. Teaching through the Bible in a way that makes sense to Muslims, Ibrahim produced more than 5 000, 15-minute programmes which are aired three times a week.



## The first 13

Because the Muslim people trust Scripture spoken in Arabic, Ibrahim first reads a verse in Arabic and then translates it into Afar.

Though he lives in the capital, Ibrahim travels to the Afar region to connect with listeners.

Early on in his radio ministry, a group of 13 individuals listened and responded furiously, posting that the Christians were spoiling their religion.

But one of them, a soldier, requested more information and later came to faith in Christ. Ibrahim baptized him and this soldier now teaches the gospel. Over time, all 13 of that first group surrendered their lives to Christ.

Ibrahim became a marked person. Other media were broadcasting warnings, saying that people shouldn't listen to him. *"They published my name in mosques and other places for people to kill me or capture me if ever they found me"*, he says. ↘



Top: Afar shepherds walking at the lake Abbe  
Below: Caravan of camels, Wadi Saba canyons, Danakil Depression, Afar



Desert rock formation at Lake Abbe, Djibouti, East Africa, Horn of Africa

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When he travels to the region, Ibrahim finds secret believers who came to faith through his radio ministry.

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*They have no public church buildings, yet people gather in homes, disguised as Muslims.*

Ibrahim teaches them the basics of the Christian faith and has baptized many. He also equips new believers with audio Bibles.

Caleb describes the Afar believers as “pre-Pentecostal.” “*It is time to covert,*” Caleb explained. “*When the clan leader, the first person that we knew of who surrendered his life to Christ in our part of the world... he was very careful about how he spoke.*”

Against this backdrop, we could not accurately determine if the Word resonated with the audience. “So”, says Caleb, “...we would take every opportunity to covertly learn if people were indeed listening. ... It was all undercover.”



## The Horn of Africa

In Ethiopia, most of the people groups with large Christian populations are located to the west and south of Addis Ababa. To the east, the people groups – including the Afar, the Harari and the Somali – are predominantly Islamic.

That is mostly true for the rest of the Horn of Africa as well.

**According to Joshua Project, Djibouti is 96% and Somalia almost 99% Islamic. In Eritrea, 50% of the population identify as Christian, although less than 3% are evangelical.**

According to the UN Refugee Agency, the Horn of Africa, afflicted by recurring cycles of drought and floods remains to be one of the





Surreal colors and Mars like landscape created by Sulphur springs in the hottest place on earth, the Danakil Depression in the Afar Region

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most impoverished regions on earth. The region's most severe poverty, from a Christian perspective, is a dire need for the Word of God.

God's grace is on display in the midst of the Afar as evidenced by the stories of transformation in His provision of programmes which enables them to hear. In addition to the Afar language, TWR also broadcasts in an array of other languages from powerful transmitters based at Eswatini.

These broadcasts serve as a critical lifeline through which we reach people in the hard-to-reach places on earth.

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*From these broadcasts the secret followers of Jesus Christ derive spiritual nourishment and much needed encouragement.*

Please join us in our mission to reach not only the Afar people but the many more mil-

lions of Islamic people from diverse people groups in the Horn of Africa. Your journey starts right [here](#).

# From hate to repentance

*A separate group in the Afar region of Ethiopia, known simply as the Highlanders, included Jesus-followers and churches. But they wanted nothing to do with the Afar people, and this became more evident when Caleb<sup>1</sup> attended a conference of Christian Highlanders.*

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<sup>1</sup> Name changed for security reasons

“We found out something at that conference,” he said. “Number one, they were afraid of the Afar... and then I remember a fellow stood up and said, ‘Actually, we hate the Afar ... and we don’t believe an Afar can ever come into the kingdom of heaven.’ It was just an astounding statement.”

It was also uncomfortable, because Caleb was accompanied by his colleague, an Afar man whom the Highlanders

thought was one of their own. They could not risk staying overnight in the village where Caleb’s friend might be seen with other Afar people and decided to drive 60 kilometres to the next town.

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## ‘Stop the truck’

But as they neared an Afar settlement, something happened.

“I thought: We need to stop the truck,” Caleb related.

“I do not want to say God told me, but there is a sense that the Lord was nudging me to stop the truck.”

He backed up the truck so that it was within earshot



of the settlement. The Afar Christian programme was playing on the vehicle's radio. *"And we opened the truck doors and just prayed as the programme went out."*

The reception wasn't good and they weren't sure if it could be heard in the village. But then an Afar-man walked up and leaned on Caleb's

*"And he says to us, 'I believe this about Jesus.' Now that just knocked me over."*

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## Searching for cows

Abdu shared his story. He had been searching for three lost cows for two weeks. Just that day, he had given up and headed back toward his town. But as night fell,

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*"And he says to us, 'I believe this about Jesus'".*

shoulder as he listened to the programme, which at the time was treating three of Jesus' miracles.

*"The programme ended with the closing music, and we shut off the radio. His name was Abdu,"* Caleb related.

he realized continuing his journey was not smart.

He prayed, *"Allah, guide my steps."*

*"And God guided his steps right to our truck,"* Caleb continued. *"And then the message"* ↘



Simple huts of an Afar tribe settlement in the Danakil depression, Ethiopia

*came on and he heard of the miracles of Jesus. As if God guided his steps, he then said: ‘I believe this about Jesus.’”*

The next day, back at the conference with the Highlanders, Caleb shared Abdu’s story.

*“When we came to the part where Abdu said that he believed this about Jesus, they*

*were just stunned, because they had told us that no Afar could ever believe about Jesus or come to faith in Jesus,” says Caleb.*

*“And God used that story to begin to just germinate a seed within the churches to start to believe that God loved the Afar. And what followed was a huge repentance.”* ■

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begin to just germinate a seed*



*Road to Dallol volcano in the salt desert in the early morning at sunrise, Danakil Depressio*

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## Resolute in a season of violence

*For seven days, Maria Taibo couldn't leave her home.*

*T*ree trunks, rocks and trash cans blocked the road that would take her to TWR partner Radio Capital in Maputo, Mozambique, where she serves as programme manager. When she and other staff and volunteers were able to come in, they arrived at 5 a.m. and left by 10 a.m.

*“After that, it was violence everywhere,” Taibo explained.*

Unrest following the disputed October 9, 2024, election of Daniel Chapo as president roiled all of Mozambique, leaving hundreds dead and causing thousands more to flee the country.

When they were at work, Taibo and her colleagues would feel the sting from the tear gas directed at protesters who were just outside of Radio Capital, which is on a main street.

The station remained on the air throughout, said Victor Kaonga, TWR's international director for East and Southern Africa. When staff were not able to get to work, though, live programming had to be suspended. That included Taibo's daily call-in show. When she was able to host the programme, the violence was on top of her callers' minds.

*“People when they call to us, they are afraid,” Taibo said.*

The protests were sparked when Daniel Chapo, the candidate of the ruling Frelimo



## RESOLUTE IN A SEASON OF VIOLENCE



# Mozambique

Republic of Mozambique

## Population

33,350,954

## 11 Provinces

## Languages

Makhuwa 26.1%, Portuguese (official) 16.6%, Tsonga 8.6%, Nyanja 8.1, Sena 7.1%, Lomwe 7.1%, Chuwabo 4.7%, Ndau 3.8%, Tswa 3.8%, other Mozambican languages 11.8%, Other 0.5%, Unspecified 1.8% (2017 est.)

## Religions

Roman Catholic 27.2%, Muslim 18.9%, Zionist Christian 15.6%, Evangelical/Pentecostal 15.3%, Anglican 1.7%, Other 4.8%, None 13.9%, Unspecified 2.5% (2017 est.)



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Maputo skyline



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Main Rd where the RTM offices are located



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Independence Square, Maputo

party, was declared the winner in the October 9 election over opposition leader Venâncio Mondlane, the BBC reported. Mondlane and his supporters claimed that the vote had been rigged, and that he was the real winner. International election observers agreed that the vote was flawed. Two of Mondlane's aides were shot dead.

“December 23, the day that Mozambique’s election court certified the result, was the most violent day,” Taibo said.

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*Taibo knows some of her listeners, but she knows there are many she will never see in this life.*

One of her sisters had to walk 10 kilometres to work because the bus she usually took was blocked. Another of her sisters found dead bodies at her doorstep.

Things didn't get much better as the days went on.

“Anyone on the roads suffered ↘



Office building and studios of RTM Radio Capital in Maputo

physically,” Taibo said. “Their belongings were stolen, looted or destroyed. Services and businesses were closed most days of the week.”

“Radio Capital had to be sensitive in its programming,” Kaonga said, “so that it didn’t appear they were taking sides in the conflict.”

“Life in Maputo has become calmer since *Chapo* was inaugurated on January 15,” Taibo said.

“Work and church activities have returned to normal. Protests continue but are not as widespread. Protesters complain that prices are high, jobs are in short supply and health care is inadequate.”

## Radio Capital continues

Radio Capital’s response is to continue pointing to Jesus, broadcasting programmes such as *Thru the Bible*, *Route 66* and *The Way of Righteousness*.

Programmes also come from RTM (*Radio Trans Mundial*) Brazil and RTM Portugal and from local churches.

“They are biblical programmes, but aimed at our daily lives,” Taibo said. “They present Jesus as the Saviour of the world.”

On other programmes, including Taibo’s talk show, listeners can call in and ask for prayers and guidance.

“So, we are present in the people’s lives,” she said.

Radio Capital’s response is to continue pointing to Jesus...

“Radio Capital broadcasts primarily in Portuguese and English, and also in local languages

*Shangana* and *Lomwe*,” Taibo said.

“In terms of geography, it’s strategically located,” Kaonga said.

“It’s right in the city centre, and it does offer very good programmes; balanced teaching of the Word of God,” he said.

“So, people know it. People relate to it.”



## How can we pray for Radio Capital and Mozambique?

- ✓ Pray for each collaborator and each volunteer to be a person filled with Jesus who loves the Word of God.
- ✓ The harvest is plentiful, and we need harvesters.
- ✓ Pray that Radio Capital partners will be true co-workers, winning souls for Jesus and not just winning members for their churches.
- ✓ Please pray that we have committed partners.
- ✓ For Radio Capital, RTM Mozambique and for the nation, pray that God will raise up leaders full of love and knowing exactly what they have to do.
- ✓ In the face of a culture of divorce, let us pray that every child will be in a family that protects, feeds and educates them.
- ✓ Pray for peace in Mozambique.



*“We ask that you help us pray and walk and work together with us so that every Mozambican knows Jesus and has a walk of faith with him,”* Taibo said.

Taibo knows some of her listeners, but she knows there are many she will never see in this life. She has confidence in what the Lord is doing through her.

*“I’m sure that my work will touch someone’s life,”* she said. *“That is awesome for me.”* ■

## Pray for TWR during April

- 1** Praise God with us for the Dunlop family's safe return from furlough. We are grateful for their continued service at TWR Kempton Park.

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- 2** Praise the Lord for blessing TWR with Ntfombiyenkhozi Mamba, who celebrates her birthday today. Yenkhosi's applies her skill in her diligent service as Office Manager at Eswatini.

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- 3** Sicelo Dlamini is celebrating his birthday today. Pray that the Lord bless him and his work as Technician at the Eswatini transmitter station.

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- 4** TWR Malawi received the international Media Award at the NRB International Christian Media convention for pioneering work in international Christian broadcasting. Praise the Lord!

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- 5** Please bring Abdoulaye Sangho, International Director for West and Central Africa, before the Lord in prayer. Abdoulaye recently lost his wife who stood by him in ministry ever since he started the West Africa ministry in 1996. Pray also for good health and travel mercies for Abdoulaye's visits to partners.

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- 6** Thank the Lord for blessing Bhekani Dlamini with another birthday. Ask the Lord to bless Bhekani with good health and strength in the execution of his work as Handyman at the Eswatini Transmitter Site.

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- 7** Pray for missionaries Greg and Ingrid Clarke who serve the Lord at Eswatini. Pray that God will bless them in their respective roles as Station Director (*Greg*) and Finance Manager (*Ingrid*).

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- 8** Please bring the team at Media Content Management before the Lord in prayer today. Ask for clarity and wisdom in their scheduling of programmes to air on TWR Africa's multiple broadcast platforms.

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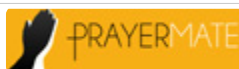
- 9** We are privileged to see the combined skills of TWRs technicians, engineers, IT specialists and operators



applied at TWR. Their work enables uninterrupted broadcasting to and in Africa. Please present them to the Lord in prayer today.

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- 10** Pray God's blessing upon the work of TWR's partner in Nigeria. They broadcast in multiple Nigerian languages with the aim of reaching a wide audience. Pray for an abundant harvest (*Mat 9:35-38*)
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- 11** Our colleague, Simiso Xaba is celebrating his birthday today. Pray for God's continued blessing and that he may flourish as Gardener at Eswatini.
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- 12** Continue to pray that God's Spirit will preside over TWR Burundi's programme production and broadcasting. Thank God for programmes produced in many languages for local listeners and those listeners in surrounding countries.
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- 13** Bring the Africa Administration and Maintenance teams before the Lord in prayer. Pray for these teams that keep offices and transmitter sites running throughout Africa.
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- 14** Pray for TWR Africa's staff in Fund Development and Donor Relations. May the Lord bless their labour with lucrative outcomes, all to His ultimate honour and glory.
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- 15** Today we bring TWR Africa's HR and Member Care team before the Lord in prayer. This team works to keep staff, missionaries and volunteers happy and healthy. To this end they seek the Lord's intervention and wisdom. Please pray for them.
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- 16** Many of our listeners, though encouraged by our broadcasts, remain unemployed. Petition the Lord to graciously undertake for them.
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- 17** TWR Africa has a talented Content Development team. They not only create the programme content but also present our popular live radio show *Worship ConneXion*. Thank God for the vast following of the program by listeners in Africa.
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- 18** On this **Good Friday**, we praise God for enabling TWR to share the news of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the redemption of sin and the salvation of all who believe. Pray that many will tune in and be touched by the broadcasts today to the honour and glory of our God and Saviour.
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- 19** Thank God for long-time missionaries Gottfried and Verona Schiele. Pray that God will provide in all their needs. Ask His blessing upon their work, for Gottfried as Senior Systems Engineer and for Verona in her role as volunteer with *Women of Hope* and the German ministry.
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- 20** Today is **Easter Sunday**. If Jesus did not rise from the grave we hope in vain for a better, glorified life to come. In our celebration of the resurrected Christ, we remain mindful of persecuted Christians the world over. Ask God to comfort and strengthen them in their quiet reflection on the living hope which Jesus' resurrection holds for them.
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- 21** Pray that God will open opportunities for the production and broadcasting of programmes in the Juba-Arabic language of South Sudan.
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- 22** God has graciously blessed Zoë Gwala with another birthday. Pray for patience and wisdom for Zoë in her interaction with English and isiZulu audiences in Africa.
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- 23** Today we celebrate Gwamile Dlamini's birthday. Thank the Lord for Gwamile's valuable skills applied in the completion of diverse tasks.
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- 24** TWR Korea connects with refugees from North Korea. They not only support them in transitioning into a different lifestyle, but also share the Word of God with them. Please pray for them!
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- 25** Pray that the Audience Relations team will interact with TWR's diverse audience with discernment, understanding and compassion. Pray for strength of mind for the team as some of the interactions can be emotionally difficult.

- 26** Africa needs Jesus! Pray that God will bring peace to the many countries and regions of Africa affected by conflict and violence.
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- 27** Please pray for TWR staff in Mozambique. They face challenges in a climate of political tension and unrest following recent national elections. May God protect them and equip them for their production of relevant programmes aimed at reaching Mozambicans with the healing Word of God.
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- 28** Please present the Marketing and Communications department to the Lord in prayer. They support other departments and work on raising awareness about TWR's work in Africa. Pray for unity, creativity and perseverance for the team
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- 29** Please keep the Afar people of Ethiopia in your prayers. They are curious to learn more about Jesus as they observe God at work in the lives of others. Pray that Jesus will touch their lives too!
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- 30** Pray for the programme producers in the Horn of Africa who create content relevant to the many challenges people face in that region. May God grant them wisdom and creativity.
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### *Pray for TWR during May*

- 1** Continue to pray for the TWR Africa's Finance team. They practice good stewardship of God's provision throughout the fiscal year.
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- 2** Today is Renate Schiele's birthday. May the Lord bless her in the application of her creative skills as Visual Communication Designer. Ask God to supply in all her and her family's needs.
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- 3** Thank the Lord for allowing us to celebrate another birthday with Petros Gwala. May the Lord grant him wisdom and endurance where Petros leads the Nguni ministry in South Africa.
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- 4 Lorraine Stavropoulos celebrates her birthday today. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless her with positive outcomes in her tasks which includes liaison with HAM radio operators (DX'ers).

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- 5 Thank God for our donors who remain faithful in their giving towards TWR's ministry despite the challenging economic climate. May the Lord richly bless all our donors and prayer supporters.

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- 6 Praise God for our new missionary couple, Linda and David Bijleveld, who will support the TWR team in Eswatini. Pray for a smooth transition into their new role and adjustment to the unfamiliar environment.

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- 7 Please keep the TWR East Africa team in your prayers. They are presently composing proposals for the creation of programme content for broadcasting to South Sudan and Southern Tanzania.

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- 8 Thank the Lord for TWR's partner in Benin, Media Evangelique du Benin. While broadcasting 24 hours per day they also conduct training for pastors, congregations and other related organisations.

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- 9 We thank God for the team from *Women of Hope* who worked tirelessly on a project for Botswana. There has been a breakthrough! Pray for all the planning to fall into place and that a programme will be aired soon.

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- 10 Pray for donors who support projects to bring the gospel, encouragement, discipleship and other biblical resources to a world in dire need of help.

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- 11 Today, we thank the Lord for leading Khayelihle Msibi safely through another year. Here, on his birthday, we pray that the Lord will uphold, bless and protect Khayelihle where he serves as Handyman at Eswatini.

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- 12 Judith Akouegnon Ode, stationed at the West African Transmitter Site, celebrates her birthday today. May the Lord keep her and make His face to shine upon Judith and her family.

- 13** The leader for Media Services, Winnie Onyimbo is celebrating her birthday today. Pray that the Lord will bless her and her family richly.
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- 14** We thank God for Shashika Doorasamy and her team, Lydia Phiri and Jason Mills who ensure that our premises at the Africa office is kept in good order. The team works hard to create a functional, friendly and safe work environment.
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- 15** Pray for the MARCOM Team, as they work on collating information for the different newsletters such as *Update*, *Golfengte*, *Antenne*, *Tanuli Magazine* and *Izindaba*. Pray that God will grant them much wisdom, endurance and creativity.
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- 16** Ask the Lord to bless and keep the *Thru the Bible* Zulu programme's listener group. Pray also for positive outcomes for additional Zulu programme productions currently in the pipeline.
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- 17** Let us celebrate Lyn Burnett's birthday today. Pray that the Lord bless her in her dedicated service with *Women of Hope* in South Africa.
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- 18** Today is Bonisile Mkhathshwa's birthday. Thank the Lord for her dedication in the execution of her tasks as Eswatini's Office Assistant.
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- 19** Manqoba Gamedze celebrates his birthday today. Ask our Heavenly Father to grant him health, safety and breakthroughs in his life and role as Eswatini's Maintenance Manager.
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- 20** Pray that God will be pleased to keep TWR's staff unified and healthy so that the vital work of spreading the Gospel is not hindered.
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- 21** The Afrikaans programme, *Die Bybel vir Vandag*, is broadcast by various community radio stations. Pray that this programme will transform the lives of spiritually needy Afrikaans speaking listeners.

- 22** FM Evangile, TWR's national partner in Côte d'Ivoire, broadcasts the Good News to the population of the capital, Yamoussoukro. Pray that God will sustain this vital work and bless it with wonderful Kingdom outcomes to His honour and glory!
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- 23** Keep TWR Africa's staff and their families in your prayers. Pray that God will sustain them and grant them good health and sustenance. Pray for those staff members who commute over long distances to get to work in African countries where fuel is not always available.
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- 24** Pray that God will lead dejected people in Africa to tune in to the TWR's broadcasts. Pray that they will reach out to Jesus and in the midst of their anguish or need find in Him a caring, faithful and dependable Friend.
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- 25** Please place the able bodied yet unemployed believing single mothers of Africa before the Lord in prayer. Pray that they will remain steadfast in faith. (*Hab 3:17*) Petition our benevolent God to provide a means of income for them and their families.
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- 26** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the team of producers and presenters of the live, daily programme, *Worship ConneXion*. May God grant them wisdom and creativity in their creation of fresh content for programmes and social media pages.
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- 27** Please pray for our TWR partner in Burundi. This ministry is eager to expand their ministry within and beyond the borders of their country. May God prosper them in their noble quest.
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- 28** Pray for Victor Kaonga, Ministry Director for East and Southern Africa. Pray that God will grant him wisdom and discernment in his liaison with broadcasting and production partners in these regions.
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- 29** Ask God to guide the Church in Africa to teach the truth of the Bible to their people and not to divert from it. Pray also that young and inexperienced pastors in rural

settings will use TWR's vast media resources to help shape their theology.

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**30** Please pray that God will enable TWR Africa to extend the ministry to reach yet more people groups in hard-to-reach places. Pray in advance for a great and glorious harvest of souls!

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**31** Pray for the Persecuted Church in Nigeria, Mali, Eritrea and Somalia. Pray that God will cherish His children and prosper His work in this sensitive part of Africa. Pray that He will embolden believers and bless them with opportunity to make Him known.

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### Pray for TWR during June

**1** Thank the Lord for "*Bringing Gail one year closer to seeing Jesus*" as she always puts it. Thank Him for Gail's continued, dedicated service and vital leadership role in the Media Content Management department.

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**2** Pray that TWR's *Women of Hope* programmes will encourage and equip downtrodden women on the continent to remain trusting in Jesus and to persevere in hope, even under their present circumstances.

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**3** Bring TWR Africa's missionaries before the Lord. Ask for His provision and care for them as they serve by faith and in reliance on God.

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**4** Today we celebrate Thulani Mdletshe's birthday. May the Lord our God bless Thulani who in his capacity as leader of and also a presenter in TWR Africa's Content Department.

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**5** Pray that TWR Africa's programmes, aired in more than 50 different African languages and dialects to diverse groups of people, will reach the least reached of them in the hard-to-reach and remote parts of the African continent.

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**6** Ask God to protect the disabled people of Africa. They are sadly often neglected or marginalised in their



communities. Pray that they may find comfort, healing and hope through TWR Africa's messages of hope.

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- 7** Thank the Lord today for Shashika Doorasamy who presides over the smooth and efficient running of TWR Africa's office complex. Pray the Lord grant Shashika and her family every blessing.

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- 8** TWR Africa's National Partner in Nigeria is the focus of our prayers today. Theirs is a critical work in the most populated country of Africa. Christian communities in the volatile northern parts of the country are targeted by radical religious groups. Oftentimes, entire villages are gutted and with vast numbers of believers killed. Pray that God will comfort these believers and that His Spirit will employ TWR's broadcasts to remind them that nothing will ever separate them from His love. (*Romans 8:31-39*)

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- 9** Continue to pray for our staff at Eswatini. Pray for God's love, provision and protection for them. Pray for the Lord's protection over them as the grassy parts of the terrain is infested with ticks.

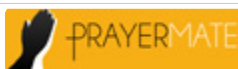
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- 10** Bring TWR Africa's *Women of Hope* ministry leaders and prayer coordinators in countries across the continent, before the Lord. Ask His blessing on their vital ministry to the downtrodden and suffering women of Africa.

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- 11** Continue to pray for TWR Zimbabwe. Pray especially for volunteers to join the team as they are short-staffed. Please petition the Lord of the harvest for more workers.

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- 12** Salifou Orou Koni at the West African Transmitter Station is celebrating his birthday today. May God bless his work, his family and his community.

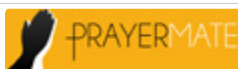
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- 13** Please pray for Stephen and Teresa Murray serving as missionaries to TWR Africa. Pray for wisdom as Stephen heads up the Africa technical team. Teresa serves with Human Resources.

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- 14** Let us ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the fields. May he richly bless those workers who, over decades set apart luxuries to dedicate their lives, families and resources to gospel ministry in His vineyards.
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- 15** Today Josue Sourokou is celebrating his birthday. May our Heavenly Father bless him and his family at the West Africa Transmitter Site.
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- 16** Today, as Youth Day is celebrated in South Africa, we lift up TWR Africa's efforts to engage and disciple the youth, addressing the unique challenges they face in today's world.
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- 17** Many churches in Africa still cling to their animistic beliefs. Pray that God will use TWR programming to teach people that they should serve only the Living God, through Jesus Christ.
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- 18** Pray for the salvation of TWR listeners and that apostate believers will turn back to God at their hearing whenever they listen to TWR's programmes.
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- 19** Technology plays a leading role in TWR's ability to reach millions with the Gospel message every year. Pray for the TWR Africa Technical Services Department as they ensure that the ministry is technologically equipped.
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- 20** Pray that God will impart His grace to script- translators and producers of TWR Africa's programmes. Pray that the Lord will equip them with the creativity needed to compile compelling scripts which will challenge and change the hearts and lives of listeners in the needy communities of Africa.
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- 21** Continue to pray for TWR Africa listener groups on the continent. Pray that they will be encouraged by the Word of God and the fellowship with each other.
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- 22** Please pray earnestly that leaders in Africa will do more to end abuses such as rape, child marriages, trafficking, and any other harmful cultural practices where women and children are exploited. .



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- 23** Today we have a double birthday celebration in South Africa! May God bless and provide for missionaries Gottfried Schiele and Nathan Dunlop as they serve in their respective positions.
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- 24** Angelika Haberkorn is celebrating her birthday today. May the Lord bless her for her service in both the Audience Relations and Donor Relations departments.
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- 25** Thank the Lord for blessing Abdoulaye Sangho with another birthday. May the Lord continue to provide for- and protect Abdoulaye in his dedicated service as Director of West and Central Africa.
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- 26** Pray for government leaders in Africa. Pray for wisdom, humility and courage to accept their mandate, aware of their ultimate responsibility and accountability to God.
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- 27** Pray that God will use TWR Africa's programmes to encourage listeners to positively influence the lives of friends and family to consider Jesus, through their testimonies. and even communities.
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- 28** Pieter Engelbrecht is HR Manager at the Africa Support Service office. Pieter has various responsibilities which include the logistics and maintenance of staff. May God grant him wisdom, endurance and joy in the execution of his duties.
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- 29** Pray for Radio Trans Mundial TWR's partner in Mozambique. They strive to reach as many people groups possible in their local languages. Pray that God will provide resources and funding.
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- 30** Voice of the Church is TWR Africa's National Partner in Eswatini. Pray that their coverage of the entire country will bear lasting fruit. Pray especially for funding for new initiatives for the youth of the country.
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### Pray for TWR during July

- 1** Today we celebrate Megan Dunlop's Birthday with her. May the Lord provide his wisdom, guidance and peace



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as Megan raises her children and in her role as Member Care and Africa Missionary assistant for TWR Africa.

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- 2** Pray that God will give the TWR Africa Audience Relations Department much wisdom and grace for their interactions with listeners who contact them with prayer and other requests.

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- 3** Many African rural areas have poor reception. Pray for clear signals as TWR Africa strives to take the gospel to people in remote and poor rural areas where people can't read the Bible for themselves.

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- 4** Pray that God will be pleased to grant TWR Africa everything needed to not only sustain the ministry but also expand it through the continued support of all our stakeholders – media partners, prayer partners, donors, staff and volunteers.

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- 5** Pray for our TWR Media Content Management team who ensures that programmes are effectively edited and uploaded to the playout system and in so doing, delivered to listeners every day of the year.

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- 6** Pray today for TWR Africa's listeners who are lonely, bereaved or restricted in their communion with fellow believers. May the Holy Spirit comfort and encourage them.

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- 7** Please pray for the TWR Africa National Partners who make programmes available in the heart languages of their respective regions.

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- 8** Bring TWR Africa's Media Services Department to the Lord in prayer. Pray for patience and guidance as the team often has tedious yet very necessary administrative work.

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- 9** Please pray for Branko Bjelajac, International Vice President for Africa, CAMENA & Europe, as he leads these two regions in all areas of ministry.

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- 10** Continue to pray for Garth Kennedy, Director of Transmitting Stations Operations in Africa and his wife,



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Fiona, who both serve as missionaries at the TWR West Africa Transmitting Station.

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- 11** Pray that TWR's family oriented programmes will heal families and lead to peace and harmony in troubled homes.
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- 12** Jason Mills is celebrating his birthday today. May the Lord bless him abundantly as he applies his gifts and talents to maintain TWR's office complex in South Africa.
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- 13** Thank God for enabling TWR to present the gospel in more than eighty heart languages across Africa. Pray that He will prepare the hearts of listeners to receive the gospel and pray that lasting fruit will be produced.
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- 14** Ask God to bless and strengthen the volunteers who contribute their time and skills in support of TWR Africa's ministry. Their work makes a huge difference and we are thankful!
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- 15** Thank the Lord today for all the technicians, engineers, IT specialists and operators whose individual skills come together to ensure that the gospel is broadcast to millions in Africa.
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- 16** People appreciate their ability to listen to the Word of God in their local languages and dialects. Pray that God will be pleased to expand TWR's ministry so that more programmes may be produced for those so dependent on these broadcasts for their spiritual sustenance.
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- 17** TWR Kenya's Sifa (*Rejoice*) is an effective and popular FM broadcast network. In addition to broadcasting, Sifa also transforms listeners through community projects. Praise God for them!
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- 18** Pray for an increase in ministry opportunities for Sudan. Ask God to use our Juba-Arabic programmes to touch the hearts of the Sudanese people. May they be receptive to His word and His whisper.
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- 19** Bring Voice of the Church, TWR's partner in Eswatini before God. They reach the entire Kingdom of Eswatini



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and bordering countries with the Gospel in English and Siswati. Pray for abundant fruit upon their labour.

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- 20** Please pray for German missionaries Tobi and Britta Pfeiffer, and their three sons who are stationed at Eswatini. Tobi serves as Technical Director, while Britta is involved in hosting and social work.
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- 21** Continue to pray for Steve and Lorraine Stavropoulos, retired missionaries who are still very involved in several projects and aspects of the ministry. Pray for safety, health and strength.
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- 22** Let us pray for listeners to adjust to the recent schedule and frequency changes in programmes.
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- 23** Pray for continual impact of TWR programmes aired in Guinea Bissau and that the Church will unite to expand the radio ministry in this country.
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- 24** Pray for the TWR ministry and believers in Mauritania where Christians are not free to gather or evangelise. Radio remains to be the most effective tool with which to reach people in this West African country.
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- 25** Pray for health and wisdom for Sphiwe Nxumalo-Ngwenya, TWR Women of Hope Regional Coordinator for Africa. Sphiwe presides over this ministry throughout the vast African continent.
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- 26** Pray for clarity and attentiveness for the members of Media Content Management who audition and schedule the programmes which air on TWR Africa's platforms.
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- 27** Please pray for the production and presenter team of the programme *Mission 66*. Ask that young people will listen and grow in their knowledge of the Bible.
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- 28** Ask the Lord for His protection over believers in parts of Nigeria where entire Christian communities are known to have been slaughtered by radical Islamists. Pray that God will console the surviving family members. (Luke 12:4)
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- 29** Pray today for secret believers in North Africa who tune in to TWR's broadcasts. Ask God to cherish, nourish and



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strengthen those who live secret Christian lives in fear of persecution by their family and friends.

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- 30** Pray today that TWR's Christian programming will foster goodwill, harmony and cooperation in the communities of Africa. Pray also that God will employ you as a channel of His peace.
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- 31** Ask the Lord to spiritually revive the Church in Africa and to encourage TWR listeners and other believers to be bold witnesses for Christ. *(Acts 1:8)*
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