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Editorial



Change. It can be unsettling. It is something that most people do not like.

While many things change, we are assured in the Scriptures that God is reliable and can be with us through all seasons because He is eternally dependable, present, and consistent in all seasons of life – in history, in the present and in the past.

“Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

There are leadership changes at TWR, with a new president and CEO, Andy Schick. He is the sixth since Dr. Paul Freed founded Trans World Radio over seventy years ago. We are excited and look forward to a new future of the ministry.

In Eastern and Southern Africa, change has not spared us, as longest TWR Africa partner Kenya, has a new Executive Director in the person of Dr. Evalyne Chege who takes over from the retiring Dr. Bernice Gatere.

As TWR collaborates with partners, some are undergoing changes in their board governance.

Please pray for smooth transitions and that board meetings will lead to blessed outcomes.

Two exciting changes have to do with media platforms and programmes. TWR Africa Pure Talk is the new face and approach for DStv Audio Channel 855. The move is a strategic response to the needs expressed by our listeners and partners. We hope to serve you better with great content and music.



Recently I was in Maputo, Mozambique and I was excited to see the improvements made to the studios at Radio Capital. While the station continues to reach more people in Portuguese, it was very encouraging that those who either speak or understand the Makhuwa and Lomwe languages may also hear the Word of God right there in their capital city. These languages are in addition to the English programmes that the station receives via satellite from TWR Pure Talk.

Radio Capital
Mozambique

We thank God for this blessed season of refreshing changes which He is ushering in. Our prayer is that these changes minister to everyone's needs and help produce lasting fruit in the lives of TWR's programme production and listener communities. Enjoy reading this newsletter and thank you for praying with us.

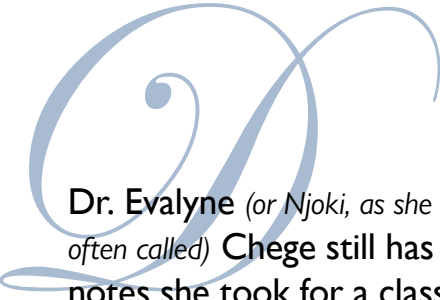
Victor Kaonga

International Director: East and southern Africa

From student to leader

The change in leadership at TWR Kenya comes during a season of transition for TWR. In August, Andy Schick of Auckland, New Zealand, will step up as the fifth president of TWR International.

More on that later, as we first take a closer look at TWR Kenya's new leader.



Dr. Evalyne (or Njoki, as she is often called) Chege still has the notes she took for a class on media management at Kenya's Daystar University.

The teacher of that master's degree class 11 years ago was Bernice Gatere.

"I mean, can you believe it?" Chege said during a recent interview. "How cool is that?"

It's way "cool", because as Gatere, current Executive Director of TWR Kenya



TWR Kenya
Bernice Gatere (right) hands over the baton to Njoki Chege

retires after 23 years, she will be succeeded by none other than Njoki Chege!

"With approximately 55 applicants. Dr. Njoki rose to the top at every stage," said Gatere, who began her TWR Kenya career as a student writer in 1988.

About Njoki Chege

Njoki Chege (35) comes to TWR with multiple academic degrees and a history of leadership in media and academic fields. Her degrees include a doctorate in communication,

East Africa's first Media Innovation Centre.

At her local Presbyterian Church of East Africa, Chege founded the *Arise Mentorship Programme* for youth mentorship.

*The inspiration, came from Isaiah 60:1 –
“Arise, shine for your light has come.”*

an MBA from Strathmore University, master's and bachelor's degrees from Daystar and a Diploma in Theological Education by Extension from the Presbyterian University of East Africa.

Her leadership credentials include serving as CEO of Kirk Media, which is owned by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and as Director of the Innovation Centre at Aga Khan University, where she established

The inspiration, she said, came from Isaiah 60:1 -
“Arise, shine for your light has come.”

“I think one of the things that I really love doing, besides my passion for media and communication, is mentoring young people. We already see good results!” Chege said.

Awareness of AI

One of Chege's areas of expertise is in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Chege is

aware of both the potential benefits and pitfalls of this emerging field.

“It can never replace the kind of work that we do,” she added. “It can never replace the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Bernice Gaterere shares this sentiment.

“My own voice, my own experience is something I cannot get from AI, but it can actually help me with my research work and background work towards a well-produced radio program,” she explains.

‘Reaping With Joy’

At 60, the normal retirement age in Kenya, Gaterere expects to continue to do some teaching and to be available for Chege in a support role.

“I just want to show up and see what the Lord has in store for me.”

“With the process of installing solar power at all the transmitter sites at SIFA (TWR Kenya’s FM network) underway, TWR Kenya is well positioned for new

leadership,” Gaterere said.


“Though we sowed these stations in tears, I see her [Chege] reaping with joy. I’m rooting for her. I’m praying for her, and I’m here to support her.”

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Chege said she first learned about TWR Kenya in that class Gaterere taught 11 years ago.

“When Dr. Bernice was talking about the work that she’s doing, yes, I could see the passion,” said Chege.

“And it’s such a blessing that, 11 years later, she’ll be handing the mantle over to me.”

 Read article here: <https://twr.co.ke/trans-world-radio-kenya-appoints-dr-evalyne-njoki-chege-as-new-executive-director/>



Energy and Innovation for a New Era

In 2005, Andy Schick was approached by a “godly, attuned woman” in Phoenix, Arizona, who predicted he would marry within the year. At that time, Schick was involved in itinerant preaching, church planting, and street witnessing.



During a brief visit to New Zealand, he met Kate and found her to be the type of person that he would love to commit to for life. They were married on December 31st of the same year, aligning with the woman’s prediction – a sign Schick later interpreted as divine orchestration.

Years later, in April 2025, this sense of divine orchestration resurfaced when TWR’s international board invited

Schick to become their next president and CEO.

Reflecting on his experiences, he expressed confidence that God had been guiding him toward this role.

Harnessing Technology's Transformative Power

Schick begins his tenure as TWR president in August 2025, succeeding Lauren Libby, who significantly shaped the ministry over his 16-year leadership.

Schick has a background at the intersection of executive leadership, faith-driven initiatives, and technological innovation.

His career includes roles at Reach Beyond, World Vision, and various technology companies.

Raised in rural New Zealand, he was introduced to missions early on and pursued ministry and leadership development at Hillsong Leadership College.

He brings with him a blend of executive leadership, faith-driven initiatives, and technological innovation.

A Direct Answer to Prayer

TWR Board Chairman Jeff Jones described Schick's appointment as a direct answer to prayer, emphasizing the need for a leader adept with the latest technologies.

Interim President Cassius Smith praised Schick's creativity and technical skills, predicting exciting innovations in TWR's future outreach efforts.

Schick will work extensively from New Zealand while collaborating closely with a COO based in Cary, North Carolina, ensuring continuity at TWR's corporate

office. When asked why missions-minded believers should partner with TWR, Schick highlighted the organization's long-standing commitment to innovation and effectiveness in reaching unreached people.

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Selected Q&A Highlights

✓ **On Radio's Role**

Schick believes radio remains relevant for underserved audiences worldwide, citing its significant engagement statistics.

✓ **On Emerging Technologies**

He supports using any effective medium to advance the gospel, looking forward to integrating traditional and digital media at TWR.

✓ **Hopes and Prayers**

Schick hopes for bravery and trust within TWR amidst change. He emphasizes the importance of fostering strong relationships with leaders and staff to empower them in their mission-focused roles.

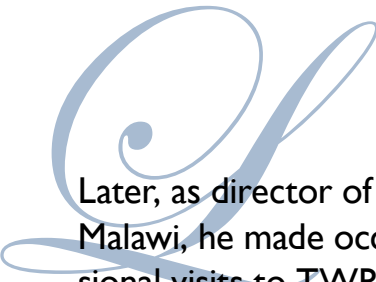


Read the full article here: <https://twr.org/story/energy-and-innovation-for-a-new-era>



How Sifa FM Reaches the Marginalized

Victor Kaonga remembers how as a youth in Malawi he listened to the broadcasts from TWR Kenya via shortwave.



Later, as director of TWR Malawi, he made occasional visits to TWR Kenya's home base in Nairobi. But in May, in his capacity as TWR International Director for East and Southern Africa, he visited parts of Kenya served by three of TWR Kenya's six Sifa FM transmitters.

His visit was significant in that the very person at TWR Kenya who's voice he listened to 30 years earlier, Bernice Gatere, now accompanied him to two of the stations.

The visits to Maata and Atoo, both in the northwestern corner of Kenya, were part of a farewell tour for Gatere, who is retiring after serving as Kenya's executive director since 2002. Kaonga also had opportunity to visit the station at Voi, in southeastern Kenya.

It was his first visit to the places in Kenya covered by Sifa, which is the Swahili word for "praise."

'Left behind'

According to Gatere, Sifa FM's broadcasts don't reach Nairobi or any of the urban centres of Kenya. In a country of 50 million people, its potential audience is somewhere between 4 million and 4.5 million.

More significantly, what it does reach are those places in the community where the need is the greatest.

HOW SIFA FM REACHES THE MARGINALIZED

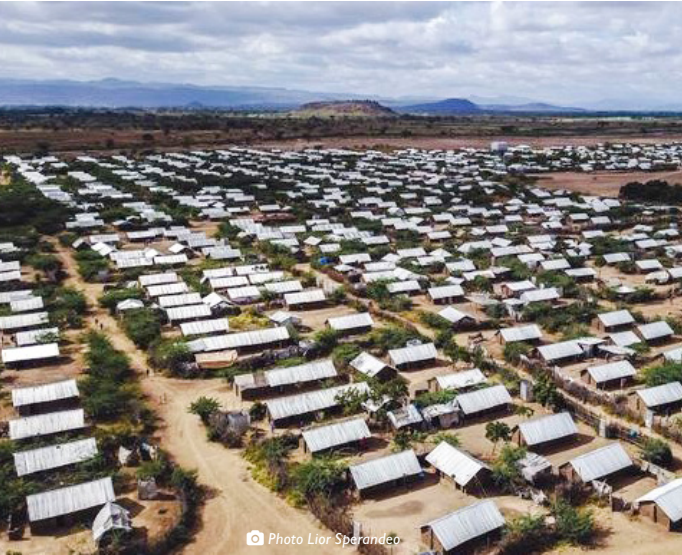


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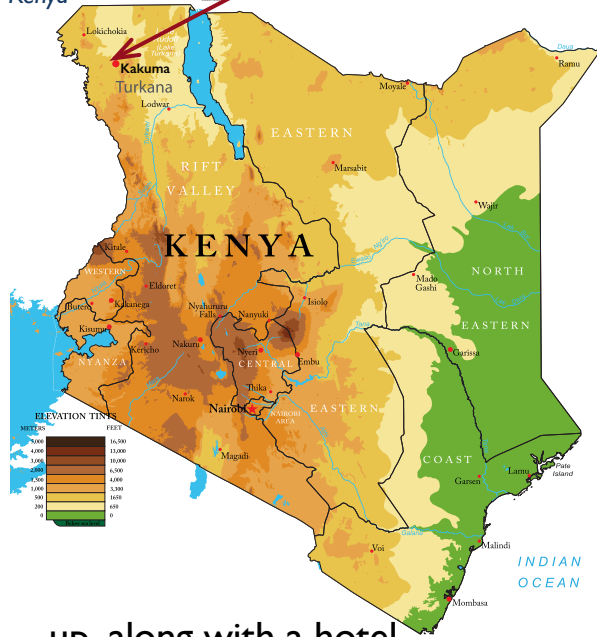
A view of the Kakuma Refugee camp in Northwestern Kenya



“We are in among the most marginalized groups of people, where ... literacy levels are very low...access to medical care, education and development have been left behind,” she said.

Gatere explains that the Atoo Sifa station, established in late 2020, was designed primarily to service the Kakuma refugee camp, one of the largest in the world.

The station was set up about four km from the camp and was the only structure there. Since then, houses have sprung



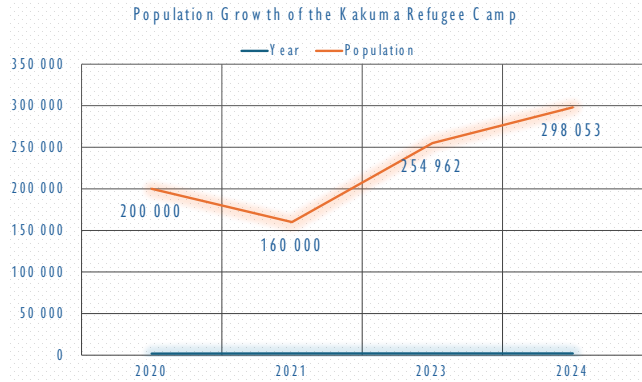
up, along with a hotel.

Even the Kenya Revenue Authority established an office nearby.

Generosity

Kakuma is in Turkana County, home of the

nomadic Turkana people. While the refugee camp was established in 1992 to serve Sudanese refugees, it now houses refugees from as many as 20 countries, which includes Somalia, Ethiopia, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Uganda and Rwanda.



they did not demonstrate a spirit of entitlement, but one of gratitude.”

Enthusiastic pastors

At Maata, Kaonga was impressed by the interest pastors showed in the station. A meeting was set up to which 10 pastors were invited. If it had been opened up to all the pastors in the community, more than 100 would have shown up.

“They love the station,” Kaonga said. “They really appreciate the kind of impact the station has in that area.”

The programmes help them to deal with many cultural matters prevalent in their communities which sometimes stand in the way in their attempts to reach people.

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Population estimates vary, but the most recent census place the number at more than 300 000.

In a region known for great need, the listeners generously gave Kaonga a hat and Gatere a new outfit.

“Honestly, what moved me is just their appreciation of the radio ministry,” Kaonga said. “They’re very vulnerable, and maybe they should be looking toward TWR for help. And yet

The Voi station is on the sixth floor of a building in the city and is solar-powered.

But the transmitter site is located 50 km from there, on Vuria peak, among more than 40 other service providers.

The final 3 km is only accessible by foot and it took Kaonga and his party no less than 70 minutes to reach the top.

“It’s 2 100 meters above sea level and constantly foggy, so solar energy isn’t feasible,” he said.



TWR Kenya



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Engaged listeners

What especially impressed Kaonga about Voi was its listener group.

“They are very organized listeners,” he said. *“They have a way of engaging one another but also engaging with the station. And the station staff visits them.”*

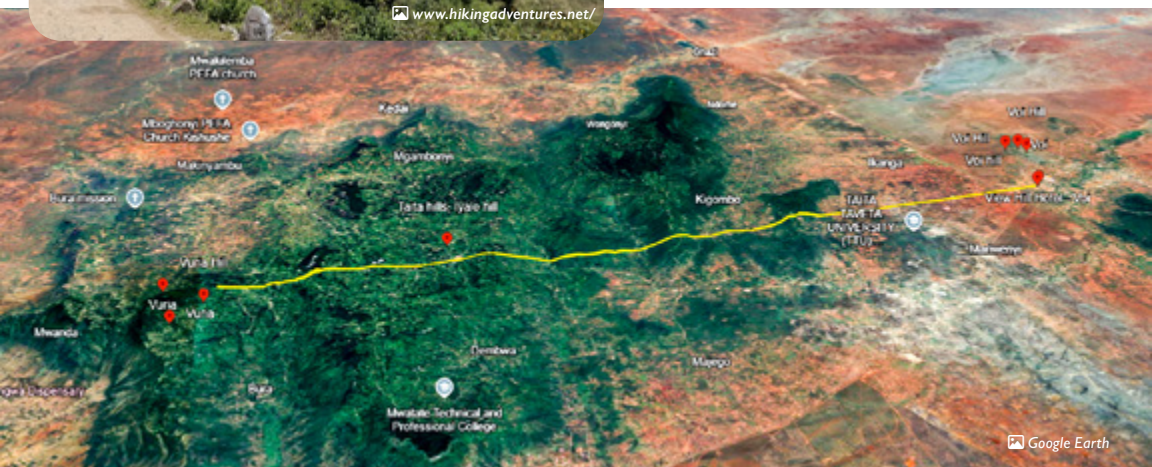
Although the Sifa FM network reaches remote areas, it’s a significant outreach from a Kingdom perspective, says Gatero.

“It can be challenging, but we have a great opportunity here to reach people that are least reached by the gospel and to just see the excitement when they receive the Word of God.”

Top left: Victor Kaonga on Vuria Hill next to the antenna.

Left: A view of Vuria Hill in the back with multiple antennae visible

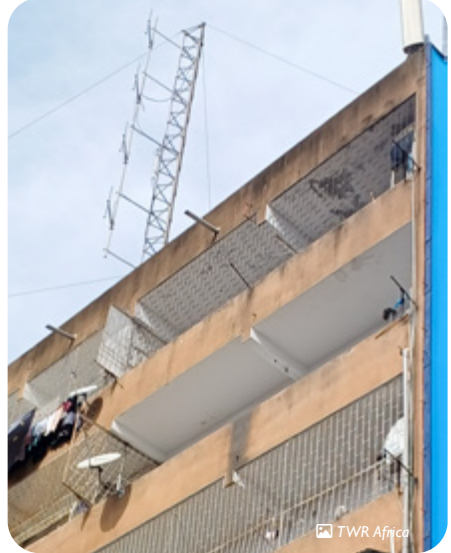
Bottom: Aerial view of the distance between Voi and Vuria Hill.



Hope for Mozambique in Hard Times

Nasma (a pseudonym) was almost in tears.

Here she was in the studios of Radio Capital, the station in Maputo, Mozambique, that she had been listening to for months.



“Although she didn’t go into details, Nasma had been going through hard times and the station had given her hope. When she met Radio Capital’s Maria Taibo, she embraced her as presenter whose voice she had been listening to. Nasma became even more emotional when she was shown around and taken to the studio where programmes are recorded. There she offered a prayer and again hugged Maria.”

“A visibly touched Nasma left with an audio copy of the programme she had listened to the previous day and with a

promise that she would invite others to tune in.”

This heartwarming report hails from Victor Kaonga, TWR International Director for East and Southern Africa, following his visit to RTM Mozambique in June 2025.

Makhuwa people

Kaonga said he was particularly interested in the Makhuwa people, who, with a population of 4.7 million, comprise the largest people group in Mozambique according to Joshua Project,

HOPE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN HARD TIMES



Makuwa Population	4 730 000
Christian	26 %
Evangelical	2 %
Largest Religion	Ethnic
% of Population	40%

Source: Joshua Project



Some Makuwa listeners

Map - Adobe Stock, Makuwa outline: Ethnic groups | Study.com

*Makuwa are a major Christian group,
... less so in the northern parts...*

which tracks all of the world's people groups."

Though the Makuwa are categorised as a major Christian group, it is much less the case in the northern parts of the country.

For several years, TWR Africa sought partners to assist with the production of a programme called *Hope in Hard Times* in the Makuwa

language, yet all efforts came to nought.

This year, however, Radio Capital agreed to produce the programme which has been aired on shortwave from Eswatini since March.

These life-transforming programmes are now also broadcast on FM from Radio Capital in Maputo and by Radio Gracia, a Christian

station in Nampula Province in northern Mozambique. Programmes can be heard in Makhuwa, Portuguese and English.

The programmes are also available online, said Salvador Catine, National Director of RTM Mozambique, whose programmes are aired on Radio Capital.

“Cyclical wars distorted lives,

“[Hope in] Hard Times” is something which resonates with people across Mozambique, Catine said.

destroyed morale and relationships,” he said. “So, programmes like Hope in Hard Times really help people to rebuild relationships through biblical stories, stories of faith, stories of relationship.”

Mozambique had barely won its independence in 1975 when it was plunged into a brutal civil war from 1977 to 1992. The Marxist-Leninist Mozambique Liberation Front

which was in power sought to wipe out any belief in God. Although those policies were later reversed, “*people still remember that there was a time when it was said, ‘There is no God,’*” Catine related.

Yet, conflicts still arise, such as the more recent rampage in the wake of the disputed October 9, 2024, national election.

Meanwhile, Mozambique’s 2 750-kilometer Indian Ocean coastline combined with rivers that crisscross the country and a tropical to sub-tropical climate leaves the country vulnerable to floods and storms.



Cyclone Idai latest: Beira submerged after disaster hits Mozambique

Over the past nine months, three successive cyclones killed scores of people and displaced hundreds of thousands. →

Prayer call

- 👤 Kaonga is asking for prayer that these broadcasts will meet the Makhuwa people and other listeners at their point of need.
- 👤 Pray with us that the ministry to the Makhuwa will continue to yield life-changing outcomes and that programme production will be expanded.
- 👤 Catine asks for prayers on behalf of the people of Mozambique in overcoming manmade and natural challenges.
- 👤 Also, he said, *“please pray for bolstered evangelism in a country where people were left confused by the former government’s atheistic propaganda.”*
- 👤 Pray, too, for unity among churches. Catine reported good signs along those lines in the form of the Christian Council of Mozambique and the Evangelical Association of Mozambique.

Kaonga is encouraged that, after an unexpectedly long journey, *Hope for Hard Times* is reaching its audience.

“I’m just happy that this has taken off, and already it’s on air,” he said. *“To me, that’s exciting. It’s a breakthrough. It’s been a big spiritual battle.”*



Pray for TWR during August

- 1** Praise God for Andy Schick, who starts his tenure as TWR President later this month. Pray for wisdom and clear guidance as he leads TWR globally.
- 2** Praise God for the launch of TWR Pure Talk, TWR Africa's 24/7 radio station going out on satellite across Southern Africa.
- 3** Thank God for the successful outreach of *Mission 66* on WhatsApp. A 7-day Bible Study Guide was sent on request. May God continue to equip our global audience, each according to their spiritual needs.
- 4** Judy Thwane and Lazare Yerima celebrate birthdays today. Pray for God's richest blessings and thank Him for their respective, dedicated service at TWR's South and West African offices.
- 5** Pray for missionaries David and Linda Bijleveld at the Eswatini station. May they adjust well to their roles, the climate and the culture.
- 6** Salema Simelane celebrates his birthday today. Pray for God's ongoing guidance in his role as Senior Technician at Eswatini.
- 7** Pray that God bless Laurent Awokou on his birthday today and in his valuable service at the West Africa Transmitter Site.
- 8** The Africa Finance team manage multi-currency finances across different countries. Ask God to guide them with wisdom and discernment.
- 9** Thank the Lord for blessing Josue Tamou with his birthday. May God continue to guard and guide him in his capacity as Operator at WATS.
- 10** Pray for Victor Kaonga and Eberhard Haberkorn as they visit congregations in Namibia to share more about TWR's work in Africa. Pray for travel mercies and open doors to new congregations.
- 11** Pray for TWR's production partners in Ethiopia. Ask God to use TWR's programmes to bring healing, and a strong Christian witness across divided communities.
- 12** Commit to the Lord TWR Africa donors who remain faithful in their giving towards TWR's ministry despite the challenging economic climate. May God bless them richly for their faithfulness.
- 13** Pray for God's blessing on Abdoulaye Gounou who celebrates his birthday today. Abdoulaye serves the Lord at the West Africa Transmitter Site.
- 14** Sifiso Magongo, Technician at the Eswatini Transmitter Site celebrates his birthday today. Pray for God to endow him with much wisdom and with His peace.
- 15** Pray for godly wisdom for Stephen and Teresa Murray who serve as missionaries at TWR Africa. Ask God to guide Stephen's thoughts in his management of various technical projects as Leader of Africa's technical team.
- 16** Praise God for the launch of the new TWR Women of Hope website. Ask God to use this platform to introduce women across the globe to this vital ministry. Pray that the website will be a powerful tool to minister to the needy and downtrodden women of the world.
- 17** Today we are celebrating James Burnett's birthday. May God bless him in his capacity as engineer, missionary, father, husband and grandfather.
- 18** Praise God for newly produced programmes in the Makhuwa language of Mozambique. Ask God to use these messages to speak hope into the lives of listeners.
- 19** Please pray for believers in Mauritania. Here, Christians cannot meet openly or share their faith freely for fear of persecution. Ask God to use TWR's broadcasts to make hearts receptive to the gospel and that believers will stand firm in their faith amid pressure and isolation.
- 20** Continue to pray that God's Spirit will preside over TWR's programme production and broadcasting. Thank God for programmes produced in many African languages and broadcast to more than 50 African nations.
- 21** Please pray for a smooth leadership transition at TWR Kenya as Dr. Evalyne Chege takes over the reins from Dr. Bernice Gatero, who has faithfully led the organization over the past 23 years.
- 22** Pray that Makhuwa listeners in Mozambique will tune in to the programmes broadcast in their language and that they will be drawn to a close relationship with God.
- 23** Thank God for listener groups in Africa who get together to listen to God's word on the radio. Pray that they may find comfort, healing and hope through TWR Pure Talk's messages of hope.
- 24** Eric Ouinkoun is Operator at the West Africa transmitter site. He celebrates his birthday today. May our heavenly Father continue to keep and protect Eric.
- 25** Let us bring Rabiou Chabi Ota to the Lord in prayer on occasion of his birthday. May the Lord bless him in his work as Technician at the West African transmitter site.
- 26** Bring the TWR board before God today. Pray that the Lord bless them with great insights and discernment in their decision making. Thank God for their unity in a challenging season of leadership change.
- 27** Pray for Africa's leaders of state. Pray for an end to corruption and that they would lead with integrity, wisdom and compassion. Ask God to incline them to foster peace, justice and the well-being of all citizens.
- 28** Today Shashika Doorasamy, who diligently oversees the office complex at Kempton Park, celebrates her birthday. May the Lord bless her, keep her, make His face to shine upon her and give her peace.
- 29** Pray for TWR's national partner in Benin, Media Evangelique du Benin. Ask God to use TWR to break the grip which the practice of voodoo holds over people and to reveal Jesus as the true source of life. (*John 14:6*)
- 30** We present missionaries Nathan and Megan Dunlop and their children to the Lord in prayer today. Nathan and Megan serve at the South Africa office in the Marcom and HR departments respectively. Ask the Lord to provide in all their needs.
- 31** Please lift beleaguered Mali up in prayer as unrest and violence persists in the country. Ask God to protect believers and that He will employ gospel media to bring peace and spread His truth.

Pray for TWR during September

- 1 TWR Africa's beloved presenter Unathi Sithole celebrates her birthday today. Pray for peace, creativity, and God's wisdom as she continues to minister on air.
- 2 Let us celebrate with Zanele Nxumalo on her birthday today. Thank the Lord with us for her dedicated service in the TWR Africa finance team. May her cup of blessing overflow in the new life year.
- 3 Today, Canadian missionary Stephen Murray celebrates his birthday. Pray the Lord's favour upon his work in his capacity as leader of TWR's technical teams for Africa.
- 4 TWR's cheerful Juliet Oppong-Amoako, Global Media Services Operations Director, celebrates her birthday today. May God continue to fill her with joy.
- 5 Ask God to bless the technical team responsible for the vital broadcasting infrastructure across Africa. May their hard work bear fruit for God's Kingdom.
- 6 Ask God to send skilled, mission-minded people to join TWR Africa, notably for service in the Human Resources and several other critical areas.
- 7 Pray for Christians in northern Nigeria who constantly face persecution. Ask God for courage, peace and effective media outcomes for TWR's partner, Victa Media.
- 8 Greg and Ingrid Clarke and their children Caleb and Rebecca are missionaries based at Eswatini where Greg is Station Director and Ingrid Finance Manager. Ask God to bless their work and family.
- 9 Please pray for Jean Anath Ndoukou who leads the ministry in Central Africa. Today is Anath's birthday. May the Lord bless him, his family and his labour.
- 10 Pray that God would raise more prayer warriors and donors who play an indispensable role in our ability to reach people with the message hope. Their partnership (*yours!*) enables us to guide listeners in discipleship and to equip them throughout with biblical truth through TWR- broadcasts. We praise God for each person who presents this prayer request to the Lord today. Thank you! May the Lord bless you!
- 11 Praise God for new studio equipment installed at the studio of RTM, our partner in Mozambique. Thank God that this is starting to bear fruit as more listeners contact the station with their testimonies.
- 12 Pray for eastern DRC where violence continues. Ask God to protect the vulnerable and to strengthen the church's role in peacebuilding.
- 13 Pray today that our shortwave and medium wave broadcasts will encourage isolated believers. Ask God to bless the broadcasts and rally new listeners to the existing audience through these programmes in hard-to-reach areas.
- 14 Ask God to give the TWR Africa IT/IS team wisdom and strength in their respective roles as those tasked with the protection of TWR's systems from an increase in cyber security threats.
- 15 The TWR Women of Hope-team needs a coordinator for South Africa. Pray that God will send the person of His choice to join team.

- 16 Pray for the ambassadorial programme project in West Africa. The team works with young adults who will be part of the media production.
- 17 Bring the TWR Africa Admin team before God. They keep our workspaces safe, functional and friendly. May God bless their ministry.
- 18 Pray for spiritual revival across Africa. Ask God to encourage believers to boldly share the reason for their own hope vested in Christ in word and life.
- 19 Transmitter Operator Roland Gansounou celebrates his birthday today. Pray for strength and joy in his service at the transmitter site in West Africa.
- 20 Pray for TWR's *Women of Hope* team in their endeavour to establish a fluid process when it comes to the reviewing of older scripts. Thank God for the volunteers who are willing to help in this process.
- 21 Eberhard Haberkorn celebrates his birthday today. May the Lord bless his life, his family and his dedicated work and role as Graphic Designer.
- 22 Pray for TWR Zimbabwe's staff and ministry. Pray for continued economic recovery and wise governance in that country. Ask God to empower churches to care for the poor and to challenge people with Biblical truth, irrespective of the audience and occasion. (2 Tim 4:2-5)
- 23 Please lift up imprisoned Eritrean Christians today. Ask for strength, divine protection and progress toward attaining greater religious freedom in this country.
- 24 Thank God for the funds provided to produce the *Reach for Life* programmes in Portuguese. The team is working hard to produce 40 new episodes.
- 25 As TWR broadcasts in South Africa, pray for healing where inequality and hardship persist. Ask God to raise up bold Christian leaders who will foster goodwill, fight corruption and bolster the economy towards job creation.
- 26 Keep Abdoulaye Sangho, TWR West and Central International Director, in your prayers today. We thank God for his cross-cultural insight which enables him to cultivate strong and lasting partnership relationships.
- 27 Regional engineer, Steve Stavropoulos, celebrates his birthday today. Thank the Lord that he has proved his grace and mercy to Steve as he continues to serve TWR.
- 28 Please remember Tobi and Britta Pfeifer and their three sons in prayer as they serve at the Eswatini Transmitting Station as Director of Engineering and DX assistant respectively. May God bless their work and family life.
- 29 Praise God for Egede Bandyatuyaga, East Africa - Ministry Director who celebrates his birthday today. Ask for God's strength and for good health where he oversees the ministry for this region.
- 30 Keep TWR donors in Africa and Asia in your prayers. Many of them are struggling financially. Pray that God will supply in all their needs.

Pray for TWR during October

- 1 Pray for spiritual breakthrough in Somalia. Ask God to protect believers and for the gospel to reach many despite heavy resistance.

- 2 Please keep Garth and Fiona Kennedy, serving in West Africa, in your prayers. Garth oversees the transmitting station operations in Africa, while Fiona serves as a medical doctor in the community around the station.
- 3 Pray for TWR's partner in Mozambique, broadcasting into the conflict-ridden north. Ask God to comfort the displaced and equip the Church to respond with love.
- 4 Pray that God will use the English version of the programme *Mission 66* to help listeners grow in their understanding of God's Word. The hosts guide listeners on a journey from Genesis to Revelation.
- 5 Pray for David Ironi and Linda Bijleveld on their birthdays today. May God bless and guide them in their respective ministry roles.
- 6 Keep the Kabutz family, serving in South Africa, in your prayers. They recently spent valuable time with some of their supporters. Pray that God will sustain them.
- 7 Continue to pray for TWR Africa-listeners who face financial challenges given present world-wide economic downturn. May God guide them to His Word for comfort, wisdom and hope.
- 8 Pray for the fuel situation in Burundi. Our TWR staff in that country walk many kilometres in all kinds of weather to reach the office. Pray also for their protection on the way to the office.
- 9 Bring the Africa Media Services team before God. Ask Him to strengthen them and provide more suitable workers to support this vital ministry.
- 10 Thank God for the distribution of solar powered radios in East Africa. Pray that many more be made available to hand out to listeners who cannot afford a radio. May God bless each one as they hear the Word of God.
- 11 Pray for Jean-Anath and Charlene Ndoukou who serves the Lord in Gabon. Ask God to anoint their ministry and media production in local languages.
- 12 Pray for the *Worship ConneXion* Team who broadcasts live daily from our studio's in South Africa. Pray that the programme will be compelling and that topics and music will positively influence the lives of the mostly young listeners in Africa.
- 13 Serge GUEI Bruno celebrates his birthday today. Pray for God's blessing on his work at the West Africa transmitter site.
- 14 Pray for refugees across Africa to find hope, healing, and stability. Ask God to use TWR broadcasts to bring the gospel of Christ to displaced people.
- 15 *Every Man a Warrior* reaches out to men in prisons in Africa. Pray for receptive hearts among the prisoners as they receive the message of salvation.
- 16 Lift up TWR Kenya before the throne of God as they minister to Kenyan youth who face unemployment and moral pressures. Pray for discipleship that will lead to spiritual maturity and lasting change in communities.
- 17 Thank God for Gottfried and Verona Schiele who have served with TWR for more than 35 years as missionaries. Ask God to bless and keep them and their family in their continued journey with TWR.

- 18 Pray for TWR's production partners in Africa who often contend with power and internet interruptions. Ask God to encourage them in their crucial work. Pray for endurance and that they may find solutions.
- 19 Even today, shortwave is still one of the best ways to reach isolated communities in Africa with the good news of Jesus. Pray for clear signals and good reception of TWR programming.
- 20 Our Fund Development team engages with TWR Africa donors in a loving and caring manner. Pray for continued wisdom as they build these vital partnerships.
- 21 Pray that TWR-programmes will lead many to Jesus for salvation and that it would aid believers to grow in faith and knowledge of God's word. (*Matt 28:18-20*)
- 22 Pray for God's favour for all proposed new TWR projects. Pray that God will guide decisions regarding funding for these proposals.
- 23 Waldo Badenhorst maintains TWR Africa's IT systems. He celebrates his birthday today. Thank the Lord for him and ask God to bless him and equip him with everything needed in the execution of his tasks.
- 24 TWR's integrated men's ministry, *Every Man a Warrior*, is changing the lives of men to the glory of God. Ask God to raise up men to become the husbands, fathers and leaders that God desires them to be.
- 25 Pray for an end to human trafficking in Africa. Ask God to expose injustice and use TWR's programmes to raise awareness, bring hope, and direct victims to lasting freedom in Christ.
- 26 Today, pray for Victor Kaonga, International Director for East and Southern Africa, on his birthday. Ask God to bless him in his leadership.
- 27 Pray for God's provision and protection over TWR-Burundi and ask Him to use their broadcasts of local-language programmes to build up church congregations and new believers.
- 28 Pray for peace in conflict zones across Africa. Ask God to bring reconciliation and healing to divided communities. Pray that influential believers set apart some of their time, energy and resources to act as brokers of peace in beleaguered countries and communities.
- 29 Thank God for enabling TWR to share the gospel in more than 70 African languages. Pray for receptive hearts and transformation so desperately needed on the African continent.
- 30 James and Lyn Burnett, retired TWR missionaries, are still involved in specific projects pertaining to the ministry of TWR. Pray that God will keep them strong and healthy for many more years to come.
- 31 Pray for the many young people in Africa facing unemployment. Ask God to inspire innovation, entrepreneurship and opportunities for meaningful work.

Pray for TWR during November

- 1 Today marks 51 years since TWR began broadcasting from Eswatini. This ministry is blessed to be used by God to reach masses of people in Africa with His gospel in countries and places where conventional mission

outreach is not welcomed or even possible. Praise God for His faithfulness and provision over many decades.

- 2** Bonita Rizzo celebrates her birthday today. Ask God to fill her with peace and joy in her service at the Finance department.
- 3** South Sudan is subject to famine and political insecurity. Ask God for peace, aid to reach the needy and strength for the Church in their ministry to the suffering.
- 4** Ask God to use TWR discipleship programmes to help believers grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus.
- 5** Today we lift to the Lord in prayer, those children in Africa affected by poverty and malnourishment. Pray for aid, relief, access to education and a better future.
- 6** Thank God for the programme production team in Gabon. Ask God that their work results in godly leadership, revival and freedom from traditions that hinder the progress of the gospel.
- 7** Lift up those who are subject to gender-based violence and in particular those believing wives and mothers and fathers who endure hardship as result. Pray for safety, justice and healing for victims.
- 8** Pray for wisdom and grace for TWR Africa translators and producers. Ask God to help them create compelling content that speaks hope to discouraged people.
- 9** Continue to pray for Steve and Lorraine Stavropoulos, retired missionaries who still volunteer their time and energies towards the maintenance or completion of projects across Africa. We thank God for their service.
- 10** Thank God for the marketing and communications team. Ask Him to help them stay innovative in a fast-changing digital landscape.
- 11** Ask God for his blessing to rest on the TWR Africa Media Content Management team who ensures that programming is distributed and aired seamlessly, programme changes are communicated and implemented and that the software for these processes run well.
- 12** Please intercede for those in Africa who are either disabled or mentally challenged. Pray for access to care, community support and freedom from stigma.
- 13** Thank God for new opportunities in production and broadcasting. Pray these programmes bring people closer to God in their daily walk.
- 14** Pray for safety and protection for TWR Africa and global leaders who travel for ministry meetings. Ask God for fruitful discussions and Kingdom outcomes.
- 15** Sphiwe Nxumalo-Ngwenya celebrates her birthday today. Ask God to bless her in her vital and demanding task as leader of TWR's *Women of Hope* ministry in Africa.
- 16** Ask God to reveal His truth through TWR programmes to African traditional healers and communities trapped in spiritual fear. Pray for deliverance and freedom in Christ.

- 17** Pray for the Africa Leader Teams meetings taking place at the South Africa office over the next three days. Pray that God will guide ministry discussions and decisions.
- 18** We thank God for faithful TWR Africa supporters. Ask God to please provide in all their needs.
- 19** Pray for TWR Malawi. Ask God to help believers share Christ despite immense poverty and cultural barriers in rural areas.
- 20** TWR Africa partners with dozens of FM affiliates across Africa to broadcast our programmes. Thank God for these FM stations and ask that God will enlarge their footprint to advance His kingdom.
- 21** Pray for quality education in under-resourced communities. Ask God to strengthen teachers and provide needed resources. Thank God for the resources which TWR provides on the ground and on digital platforms such as TWR360.org
- 22** Pray that the Afrikaans programme, *Die Bybel vir Vandag*, broadcast by various community radio stations, will touch the hearts of Afrikaans speaking listeners. Pray that they be led in a deeper walk with God.
- 23** As you pray for broadcasts from our national partner Voice of the Church in Eswatini, lift up the youth – pray for purpose, jobs, and hope in Christ. Ask God to move national leaders to serve their communities with justice and compassion.
- 24** We are so grateful for the TWR Africa Audience Relations team. God uses them in a wonderful way to respond to listeners with care and to provide not only information, but encouragement and biblical resources as needed. Pray for wisdom from God for this team.
- 25** TWR continues to produce programmes to reach people groups where Christ is not preached. Ask God to use these programmes mightily to bring the gospel into the hearts of members of communities yet to learn about Jesus and those communities who vehemently oppose the gospel.
- 26** Please intercede for justice and protection for minority and marginalised groups in Africa. Pray that God will restore their dignity, provide equality and use the Church to be a voice for the voiceless.
- 27** Pray for TWR partner Evangile FM in Côte d'Ivoire. Ask God to use the ministry to deepen the Church's impact, especially among the youth and in Muslim-majority regions.
- 28** Pray for the children in Africa. Many of them are orphaned, abandoned or neglected. Ask God to use TWR's programmes for children to minister into their hearts.
- 29** Please intercede for prisoners and their families. Pray for justice, reform, and encounters with Christ through TWR broadcasts wherever they can listen to programmes.
- 30** Pray for the TWR Africa presenters (*Media Content team*) who uplift listeners daily with hope-filled messages. Ask God to bless and strengthen them.



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