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Joint Communiqué!

editors perspective

I am pleased to announce that Don Van den Akker and I are making this joint announcement regarding ongoing prayer, praise and news e-mail connections and communications with TWR staff, friends, and TWR Alumni.

The following testimonial by Don Van den Akker reveals an exciting history of successful growth without trying to make something happen. Don states: "In 1997/98, Karen Hustad floated the idea of having a reunion in Cary for all former friends and staff who served on Bonaire. This idea was about a year in the making. Karen started the ball rolling and began to communicate by e-mail to get others involved. After all the planning and e-mailing, the first time all of the planning people actually got together personally was at the actual event in Cary."

Don continues: "Out of that event came two things: the first was a realization what a great tool e-mail can be, and the second, a desire to continue to keep in touch with each other. However, there was nothing structured and no plan was in place to put these two things together. At the reunion we exchanged names and addresses.

The person who first stepped into this gap was Denny Milgate. On an occasional basis, Denny would share with all the people he had on his list. After a time, Denny retired, or I should say, semi-retired. I told him I would be willing to step into the breach and take over that task. He agreed and gave me the initial list of e-mail addresses. I combined them with what I had left over from the '98 reunion and sent out the first introductory message.

In my communications with Don, he explained that the purpose was "...to just informally communicate with each other." His only role was to be the hub through which the communications could flow. He stated "The guidelines were simple.

Messages should deal with the lives and/or involvements of the people on the net, and/or relate to TWR in some way."

Again, Don's words express the purpose and vision of the now famous, TWRnet! "We didn't have any axe to grind or hidden agendas. I think it was Diana Strong who said in one message, 'Regardless whether we are currently on staff or not, TWR has played a major role in our lives, and we want to continue to connect with the people who meant so much to us and with whom we served.'"

Currently there are over 200 people around the world on TWRnet, and it's growing every day. Some just read while others are more actively involved.

Don has done an outstanding job over these past few years, and he will continue to serve in an advisory capacity. Don sums up his feeling with the following: "In the few years of its existence, I've enjoyed the role of being the traffic cop in directing messages that come to me. If others have felt that they are more connected with their brothers and sisters in Christ with whom they've served, then it will have more than served its purpose. And it will continue to be even more effective as it moves under the umbrella of the TWR Alumni."

We express our gratitude to Don for his servant's heart in connecting the people of TWR by electronic mail. It is my goal to continue with the same vision and format that is presently in place and that is to communicate and connect with TWR people through a new email network at: EAlumni@twr.org.

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▶ Alumni Connection



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“My husband Kenneth Batchelder was a pastor for more than 30 years, and then he served as temporary pastor with TWR on Bonaire when the present pastor at that time had to return on medical leave. Then we served as New England representatives from 1989-2003, until Ken died of a heart attack and cancer.

Our territory included all of New England, and New York. For four or five years he was also trained and worked with Global Focus. Trans World Radio was a vital part of our lives as we believed there was no greater, or faster, way to spread the Gospel.

I am delighted that all those who have served so faithfully will just not be forgotten but can continue to be a vital asset to TWR. I do

dreadfully miss Ken’s ministry traveling in all of N.E., as we shared God’s Word, displayed TWR, and recruited in all the churches. My prayer is that the seed sown there will multiply and bear much fruit. My heart is still with TWR, and I can never pass a church without thinking. ‘I wonder if they have heard of our ministry with TWR... they need to know of God’s power and saving Grace.’”

Let me know how I can pray or be of service.

Sincerely in Christ,

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news & events





Because You Asked

Many Happy Returns by Carol VanDyken

Meeting Dave and Flo Carlson is truly a pleasure. They have quite a set of experiences with TWR to relate! Retired, after 40 years with TWR mainly in Monte Carlo, the Carlsons have settled in Bradenton, Florida. But not quite *that* settled!

Dave and Flo have come to a most surprising and happy place in their lives. South Africa is their home for five months (Sept '03-Jan. '04), while Dave uses his skills once again in Public Relations, contacting churches to raise funds for TWR-SA. Someone is not complaining about this short-term assignment, and that would be Karen Avella, their only daughter, with her husband Jim, who work with TWR near Johannesburg! Dave and Flo could not have imagined that someday they would come to South Africa and be able to stay with Jim and Karen in their apartment. With Karen living away from home for most of her life as an MK, staying with them now is a special joy.

Dave and Flo know the suburbs of Jo-burg pretty well, as it is a return assignment for them. They spent three years there (1974-1977) introducing South African churches to the work of TWR, right in the middle of their 20 years in Monte Carlo.

Regarding their career, Dave shares: "We have never regretted being missionaries with Trans World Radio. Our lives have been filled with blessing as we followed God's leading."

The blessings began in 1963 when they saw God raise support in wonderful ways while on deputation. Shortly after their arrival in Monte Carlo, Karen was born in Nice—such a joyful event after 14 years of marriage! Flo's primary ministries through the years have been mother, secretary and mission hostess.

Dave has seen his gifts in communications, broadcasting, writing and PR used over the years as the Monte Carlo station broadcasts went out. "What a thrill it was for me to serve the Lord in

these two main interests of my life—public relations and broadcasting," Dave says.

Known as the "golden voice of Monte Carlo," one of the highlights he relates is producing TWR's first program for women, *Woman to Woman*, with Mrs. Norah Freed. "Fifteen minutes to lift your heart in praise to God," he would say, in introducing her each week. Dave recalls: "It was an immense pleasure to produce *Woman to Woman*, and an immense privilege to show numerous people our station and magnificent antenna facilities on Mount Agel, 2,500 feet above the azure blue Mediterranean Sea. And to think that this was the only Christian station for many years in Europe—that fact drew Flo and me into the work in 1963."

When we asked Dave and Flo what God is currently doing in their lives, they spoke about how He is widening their vision through the years spent overseas, and deepening their own commitment to missions. "Increasingly, across Flo's and my lifetime, the Lord has graciously done a deeper work of grace, which we pray has equipped us with the 'full armor of God.' We pray that He will continue to wash us, cleanse us, fill us and use us to be those "missionary vessels" fit for the Master's use -- *for such a time as this.*"

Today, as retired TWR missionaries, Dave and Flo are as active as full-time staff. When they are in Florida, they speak in missions conferences, do pulpit supply and keep in touch with supporting constituency. Their contact address is: 11819 14th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34212, or dcarlson@twr.org.

Thank God for joyful, faithful servers like Dave and Flo. What a pleasant place in their lives to which they can return, serving God in ways they love!



Guest Writer

Blended Voices and Reconnected Hearts

Reflections from Glenda Lowell



As the group gathered for the Trans World Radio Alumni Reunion on October 24-26, 2003, God blessed us with a lovely weekend.

From the moment we entered the TWR lobby, our first impression was the din created by excited voices greeting old friends—some for the first time in 20 or 30 years. But it was a beautiful melody and as new faces appeared throughout the events, the refrains of musical happiness crescendoed much like an orchestra performing in a concert hall. The conductor for this event was, of course, our Heavenly Father.

The oldest person present was 90 and the youngest 3 years of age with many “in between” folks, too. The times of reminiscing were filled with laughter, tears and songs of yesteryear, which added nostalgia for those of us who could remember. Lovely solos, duets, and choral pieces were performed by missionaries who had not sung together for many years. The comment, “same sound, different bodies” brought peals of laughter after the men’s quartet sang together for the first time in decades.

At one event, the MKs (missionary kids) were called up front to perform some Sunday School songs they had learned years before, then and now, under the direction of Warren Jones. It was quite hilarious to witness MKs ranging from the age of 5 ½ to approximately 50 years playing KAZOOS again!

As the entire group sang a hymn of praise, Tom and I stopped singing to just “listen” to the blended voices and reconnected hearts of this Trans World Radio family. Tears blurred our vision as we realized that throughout the past 50 years, Almighty God had reached down from on high to touch each of these hearts and move them in

some way to invest their lives in service with TWR, and all for one purpose: to Tell the World of Redemption in Jesus Christ.

In his welcome message on Friday evening, Tom expressed his gratitude for those who were willing to leave the comforts of home, cross cultures and give a portion of their lives to this ministry. Certainly a blending of talents was represented in this group of 170 people. Many who planned to participate were unable to and had to cancel at the last minute. However, there was a cross section representation of those who managed to travel long distances from North America, Canada, Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and from “down under” as far away as Australia.

Mrs. Betty Jane Freed shared reflections of her early experiences with Dr. Paul E. Freed, TWR’s founder. Few had heard this dear lady speak before, and her thoughts captivated our interest as we listened to a “history” lesson that was heartwarming.

For many of the TWR alumni present, this was a first introduction to President David Tucker as he gave his personal testimony and shared his vision for TWR’s future. Several coworkers who are on the front line today shared the burden of their hearts for reaching the lost for Christ through radio broadcasts, lending physical aid for destitute people and giving hope for eternity to those without hope.

In the communion service on Sunday morning we were all challenged by a powerful message from Hans van der Steen on being servants. Under the direction of Ken Ashton, we were challenged with God’s grace to take “One Step More” into the future ministry of Trans World Radio. Truly this weekend was a blending of voices and reconnected hearts as we praised our Lord together.

“You Know You Were a TWR Missionary If...”

- Cockroaches have been given pet names by your children.
- You’ve ever done your Christmas shopping from the Sears catalogue in August.
- Taking your wife on a cruise means circling the island five times.
- You can explain the what, when, where, and how of the “green flash.”

Announcements

To help underwrite the costs of producing the TWR Alumni web site, the printing/ mailing of The Connection, and the TWR Alumni Directory, please send your free-will gifts to TWR with a **memo line note: “TWR Alumni”**. Thank you for your support!

A TWR Alumni Directory should be completed by January 2004. Anyone who wishes NOT to have your name, address, phone number and e-mail address included, please contact Dennis Ford at dford@twr.org or call 623-544-0323.

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of the TWR Alumni is to: connect and communicate with TWR Alumni through effective care, resulting in a continued partnership to “reach the world for Christ by mass media so that lasting fruit is produced.”



Dennis & Carole Ford





HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES:

Understanding the past, the key to the present and future

by Bill Mial



Those of us who knew and loved Paul Freed were often amazed at his single-mindedness on two basic points which were the all-encompassing passion of his life. He loved to express them in simple terms, (1) Everyone needs to hear about Jesus (2) You need to give everything to the Lord.

Sometime I marveled at this brilliant, capable man, who whether in front of thousands assembled for a Missions Conference, or just our small TWR staff family, would essentially say the same thing in slightly different terminology, using different Scriptures and with different illustrations. One could not miss the message, and would be continually amazed at the impact he had on his audiences.

In Mission conferences and staff retreats, the results were the same: people were ready to give their all to the Lord and do whatever they could to make sure everyone hears about Jesus. How interesting that one of the favorite songs that Betty Jane Freed sang in Dr. Freed's meetings was "So Send I You." (John 20)

The challenging, penetrating words of our Lord in John 20:21 "as the Father has sent me, I also send you" riveted my attention one day and focused it on the life and ministry of Dr. Paul Freed and Trans World Radio.

These words were spoken as Jesus concentrated on post resurrection Kingdom activity and was preparing his disciples for how it was all going to work in the future. The Cross was behind Him, and His departure from the earth was just around the corner. What more significant words could we focus on and yet, our Lord was equating His "call" with that of his disciples.

I pondered their meaning as they related to Dr. Freed. It suddenly occurred to me that Dr. Freed was “the initial sent one” for the ministry of TWR. “As the Father has sent me, I also send you (Paul Freed) !”

What above all else do we learn about the “sending” of our Lord to earth? Might it be the clear, almost simplistic emphasis, on His mission, The Cross. The Scriptures speak of His single-minded, determined journey toward Jerusalem, Golgotha, Calvary, the Cross where He paid the price and redeemed humanity.

It is only now, several years after the passing of Dr. Freed, that I realize that this man whom God has used to put in place a global infrastructure for the spreading of the Gospel, was driven by a passion and mandate from our Lord, “everyone needs to hear”....”give the Lord everything.”

Paul Freed was an evangelist at heart and not a “radio missionary.” He had been sent to Spain as an evangelist to evaluate the situation for the spreading of the Gospel in that country and took a side trip to Tangier at which time he met Peter Harayda and was challenged to use radio as a means of reaching the people of Spain.

How many times we would hear him say, “I am not in love with radio,” or “I am not married to radio.” It was simply the fact that he saw radio as the best way to accomplish

the calling... “Telling the World of Redemption.” In fact, it is interesting to note that the first legal name of the organization was “International Evangelism” with no mention of radio ! It much more accurately reflected the vision.

Why is all this so important as we find ourselves moving quickly toward the celebration of Trans World Radio’s 50 Anniversary? It is because if we are not careful, we could find ourselves so immersed in change, (new leadership, new strategies, new technologies, new structures) that we suddenly think we have lost our way and have become sidetracked.

All you have to do is listen the heart of our President, David Tucker, and you will quickly realize that his passion for evangelism, discipleship and church planting perfectly reflects Paul Freed’s vision... “everyone needs to hear”... “we need to give the Lord everything.”

To put it in more contemporary terminology, the FORM may change from super power transmitters and high gain antennas to local FM stations, the Internet and Palm Pilots but the FUNCTION remains the same... “everybody needs to hear about Jesus”... “Telling the **World** of **Redemption.**” Give Him your all!

William P. Mial



Paul Freed
President 1954-1994



Tom Lowell
President 1994-2002



David Tucker
President 2002-present

