

The

Connection

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NEW METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTION OF *THE CONNECTION*

The Alumni Advisory Board has decided to cut some of our expenses by sending *The Connection* by e-mail. For those who are unable to receive it in this manner, we will continue to print and send it by snail mail. Paul Amos reported that our current list of alumni numbered 689 as of October 2006. A later figure supplied by Dick Olson gives us 935 names. This includes everyone that the mission is aware of from volunteers to retired employees. Some 800 copies are currently printed and distributed.



THE AABOARD PRESENTS A PROJECT

The AA Board wants to encourage TWR to continue to give the TWR Alumni Organization its assistance and backing. We currently receive financial help as well as advice and guidance from Cary's human resources department. However, we would like to reciprocate this confidence by inviting the alumni to participate in a yearly missions project. We are suggesting that as you feel led and as God enables to send a financial gift to TWR and identify it as for the Alumni Project. For the year 2007 three projects have been recommended. **We are asking you to vote for one which will be our special interest this year.** Please send your response by the 15th of March to Skip Britton at skipbritton@earthlink.net or by letter to Joan Britton at 148 Dovenshire Dr., Crossville, TN, 38558. The recommended projects are:

- 1) **The Spanish-language children's program *Pedrito el Pulpo*.** Children by the thousands are listening every week and requesting the storybooks and other materials. Rallies are sponsored and school kits are distributed which include the storybooks and a CD of a Pedrito program. In the past four years 29,056 people attended these rallies, with 2,779 decisions for Christ. In addition, 2,757 school kits have been given to needy children.
- 2) **A youth program in Arabic and Berber.** There is a \$35,000 matching grant for this project. By helping to sponsor this, we will bring it closer to the goal.
- 3) **A transmitter project for the Northern part of Benin.** Ministry is going on in a number of new languages in the region. This outreach is especially directed to those in an oral and storytelling people group.

We trust that you will consider these ideas and pray about participating.

RETIREES HONORED

In October 2006, the following couples were honored at TWR's Cary office, joining the growing number of TWR retirees: Dennis and Carole Ford, Roger and Carolyn Hixon, and John and Sue Roessner.

We wish God's blessing and direction as you enter this new phase in your lives!



CHANGES... CHALLENGES... CHOICES

The TWR Alumni Advisory Board met in October 2006 to discuss and make decisions regarding the future direction of the TWR Alumni. With the retirement of Dennis Ford as the Alumni Director, we face changes, challenges and choices. In this first issue of *The Connection* for 2007, we pass on to you the decisions, direction and development of our organization. Attending the meetings were Dr. Duff and Marge Brown (whose term has ended), Duane and Millie Gow, Rodger Groff, Rob and Linda Lincoln, Denny and Susie Milgate, Jeanne Olson, Ann Polloni, Chuck and Barbara Roswell, and Skip and Joan Britton. Art and Karin Thompson were unable to attend, as he had been called to serve in jury duty. John Polloni was unable to attend because of his health at that time.

Our special guests on Saturday morning were Samuel Chiang, Chief Operating Officer for TWR, Tim Klingbeil, Chief Development Officer, and Kris Carraway, Director of Human Resources. Samuel gave us an update on TWR worldwide, current projects, involvements and needs. He also introduced the new leadership structure called the Global Coordination Group. It consists of a maximum of 12 persons, comprising a core group, and "invitees" representing all the regions and some of the key areas of global operation. Tim Klingbeil informed us about three recommended projects for the TWR Alumni. Kris Carraway is our liaison with TWR and brought us up to speed on our status and situation in the absence of an Alumni Director.

Your AA Board members for 2007 are: Skip and Joan Britton (chairperson and re-elected for a three-year term; Duane and Millie Gow (one year remaining); Rodger Groff (two years); Rob and Linda Lincoln (elected for a three-year term); Denny and Susie Milgate (two years); Jeanne Olson (re-elected for a three-year term); John and Ann Polloni (one year); Chuck and Barb Roswell (one year); Art and Karin Thompson (two years).



Who to Contact:

- * For the database and webpage,
Denny Milgate (dmilgate@twr.org)
- * For the Alumni webpage,
Rob Lincoln (rlincoln@wisdomonline.org)
- * For comments and articles about *The Connection*,
Joan Britton, editor (skipbritton@earthlink.net)

CHANGES: *The Connection*, after this issue, will be sent primarily by e-mail. Those who are unable to access e-mail and wish to continue receiving a printed copy of *The Connection*, should notify Kris Carraway at Trans World Radio, PO Box 8700, Cary, NC, 27512-8700. It will also be posted on the Alumni webpage. (Please note: our webpage is currently down.)

CHALLENGES: Without an Alumni Director, the advisory board is attempting to take over the responsibilities that Dennis Ford did so well. We are interested in helping you connect with one another and with the ministry of TWR. Therefore, we value your prayer support, your ideas, suggestions, and assistance. We can definitely use those who are willing to interview TWR alums for our “getting to know you” section. Again, we would appreciate suggestions of those for whom you would like to hear updates.

CHOICES: We invite you to participate in a TWR Alumni missions project. See this issue’s opening article for details. We have the support of TWR and encouragement for the TWR Alumni to continue and to grow. The AA Board is suggesting that we form TWR Alumni chapters in different parts of the US and Canada, and also in other countries. See the article below for further details.

TWR ALUMNI FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITY IN 2006

Prepared by Carol Witthun

2006 Income	\$(2,727.71)
2006 Expenses	
Postage	\$1,041.48
Printing	\$1,750.60
Travel (mileage/airfare/car rental)	\$ 2,162.00
Lodging	\$ 174.81
Phone	\$ 402.98
Internet	\$ 450.08
Meals	\$ 55.20
Entertainment	\$ 21.44
Other office expenses	\$ 598.39
Office Expense-Alumni Directories	\$ 364.00
Total Expense	\$7,020.98
Net Income & expense	\$4, 293.27

Please note that during 2006 we had an Alumni Director and approximately \$2,500 were for his expenses.

NOT ENOUGH TIME OR MONEY TO GET TO CARY FOR A REUNION?

How about copying an idea from colleges and think about forming TWR Alumni area chapters -- unofficial, fun get-togethers with those living near you? We can probably supply you with names and e-mail or snail mail addresses for those in your vicinity so you can personally contact them. Actually, the Chicago area folks have been doing this for several years. It may be a picnic, or a dinner together, or a special celebration. Once they even planned a weekend retreat. It was great fun.



These area chapters would choose their own agendas and the events will not always be the same. The idea is to get folks together in fellowship. If you want recent information from TWR, it can be sent to you. Take a photo and give us the names of your attendees, and we will feature them in *The Connection*. If you let us know in advance, we will put the dates and the location on our webpage and/or in *The Connection*. You may discover TWR Alumni in your area that you were unaware of. This may encourage others to start their own TWR Alumni chapters. Remember that an alumnus is anyone who has ever walked through a TWR door to serve. Current missionaries and staff of TWR are also welcome to participate. Be creative, and tell us about your event!