

Humility^{is} **ALWAYS** Helpful!

confessions of a father

By Dennis Ford

"My Dear Son:

I confess that I am often amazed and sometime stunned by the timing of matters out of my control. Yet down deep in my soul, I know that God loves me perfectly and His ways are always best. When I sometimes face unexpected and unwanted events that suddenly upset my plans and my pocketbook, I end up being humbled by my lack of faith and confidence in God. He knows when I need to be taken down a peg or two, because; "humility is always helpful!" When participating with the numbing sin of pride, and enjoying sailing through life with the arrogance of self-centered thought, I am sooner or later brought face-to-face with my weakness in faith, and humbled by the abundance of pride. The confession for sin and the forgiveness of sin are so liberating and maturing. "Burdens are lifted at Calvary."

Sometimes when incompetent people cross my path, I find that I can become critical and judgmental, especially with those who are inept in what they do or say. When I hear in my inner ear the condemnation of their imperfections, it isn't long before I become aware, by the Holy Spirit, that on my part it is nothing more than malignant pride. "Lord, forgive me and help me "... in humility consider others better than yourself." (Phil 2:3). Even in my older years, I am still convincingly aware of my old sin nature and the need to humble myself before a perfect God. I look forward to the day of being in His glorious presence to be "like Him" and enjoying the flawlessness and faultlessness of Heaven. "Humility is always helpful!"

My Son, I believe that all of us, to some degree, struggle with unplanned events and inept people that come into our lives. Yet if we really desire inner peace and retain a loving unity with one another we will need to follow the instructions of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-11.

1. Unity is the Message (vss. 1-2)
2. Humility is the Mode (vss. 3-4)
3. Christ is the Model (vss. 5-11)

Son, as you and I live and move in our journey of life, may we always be reminded and encouraged by the truth that; "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6). "Humility is always helpful!"

Thank you for sharing these moments with me. I love you!

Dad."

Editors Note: 2005 is the year for **Truth and Reconciliation** within the TWR Alumni. May each of us in our search for oneness in Christ and unity of fellowship follow the model of Jesus Christ. Remember this truth: whatever humbles me, helps me!



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Benin Transmitting Station Project



Christians around the globe have responded generously to TWR's appeal to build a new medium wave (AM) transmitting station in Benin. Currently, 95 percent of the project's need has been committed or given; however, wheels are in motion and work already has begun at the site in West Africa.

Garth and Fiona Kennedy, who previously served as missionaries with TWR, are in Benin to assist in the building of the transmitting site. In 2003, the Kennedys supervised the building of TWR's Côte d'Ivoire national office amidst the civil unrest that plagued the

country. For a computer rendering and floor plan of the Benin facility, visit TWR-Africa's Web site at twrafrica.org and click "Benin Transmitting Station Project Update."

In June, a tower, small bulldozer and tractor were shipped to Benin. Upon their arrival and clearing of customs, the containers will be transported by road to the building site. In the meantime, Garth and a team of local workers have begun clearing the land; digging a well and the footings for the building; and building a fence around the property.

UPDATE

BECAUSE YOU ASKED



Louis & Sylvia Muggleton i n t e r v i e w by Jeanne Olson

Louis and Sylvia Muggleton, who played a key role in making sure that the programs went out over the right frequencies, have served the Lord faithfully for many years in TWR. Here is a little of their exciting story.

Qn: How and when did you learn of TWR? When did you become involved?

Ans: In April 1961, while on holiday in East London, South Africa, we learned of TWR through Rev. Jack Murray, of the European Christian Mission. Jack gave us the address of Dr. Ralph Freed. I wrote to him on 5/6/1961, offering help in antenna design and radio-wave propagation based on my 17 years of training, research and experience.

On 5/13/1961 Dr. Ralph sent a reply that made us rejoice. I still have copies of the two letters on file. He, Dr. Paul Freed and Bill Mial were in a conference with consultant engineers from Geneva when my letter arrived. To his amazement, my letter described the very things they were discussing. He welcomed my plan that I was seeking employment in a British University, where my research could be on projects aimed at helping TWR. We would travel to Monte Carlo regularly for consultation. In the same mail, a letter accepting my application to the University of Edinburgh for a lectureship in electrical engineering, specializing in communications, arrived! We heeded the Lord's call and I resigned my senior post. We sold our home and traveled the 8100 miles from Rhodesia, by way of South Africa, to Scotland and I served part-time with TWR as Technical Adviser for 17 years.

Qn: What was your full-time ministry with TWR?

Ans: With the expansion of the work to Bonaire, Swaziland, Sri Lanka and Guam, I took early retirement from my university position. In 1979, as Director of Propagation, International, we joined TWR full time. We retired from an operational function in 1991.

Qn: The Lord gave you many exciting years of service with TWR, have you continued involvement in your retirement years?

Ans: We continued to serve in an advisory capacity as Assistant Missionaries because initially there were numerous inquiries

from the regional Frequency Managers as they employed the computer software I left for their use. The programs "IONS" and "SKYWAVE" were used to select suitable meter bands for the broadcasts from each station. Later I wrote the training manual "Strong Clear Signals", published by TWR, Cary. We have also represented TWR in churches, and fed prayer requests to the Church Prayer meeting. I have had to retire from the missionary committee because my poor hearing makes it difficult to participate.

Qn: How did you work as a husband and wife team?

Ans: Throughout our marriage we supported each other, especially in prayer. Whether in parenting our 4 sons, managing the home or the office, we have been in it together, with Sylvia leading in some areas and Louis leading in others.

Qn: You have 4 sons, can you tell me a little of your family?

Ans: Yes, we have 4 sons. Each one committed his life to the Lord at a tender age. All are married and we have 9 grandchildren. They presently make their homes in England and Scotland, with one granddaughter in South Africa training to be a missionary with YWAM. We are also expecting another grandchild soon. We pray daily for each family that all may grow steadily in grace.

Qn: Can we go back in time a little? Where were you born and when did you meet?

Ans: Both of us were born in South Africa. We met in Port Elizabeth in 1940 just before Sylvia began her teacher training. Because of Louis' service in WW2, which was followed by 3 more years of University education, it was 7 years before we were able to marry. Sylvia taught Home Economics for two years in Rhodesia before our marriage.

Qn: How do you continue to be involved with TWR today?

Ans: We are each in our 83rd year and we continue, in God's grace, to enjoy a ministry of intercession for Trans World Radio.

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