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From the Chief Executive Officer,
Dr Russell Farnworth.



“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

The church has always encountered persecution, something that manifests itself in so many different ways. Whatever you are facing today I hope you find it a privilege, as I do, to stand alongside the body of Christ and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world encountering unimaginable suffering just for placing their faith in the Lord Jesus.

In this edition of *Listening World* we pay tribute to believers and seekers alike in Nigeria and Iran. Both countries have been rocked by tumultuous militant or political situations, yet TWR’s ministries are prevailing in even the most volatile parts of the world.

TWR’s new *Hope Within Reach* drive champions that very provision of Gospel joy in otherwise hopeless situations. It is such a blessing to know that some of our most fearless listeners are receiving vital encouragement from a range of programmes, old and new, that keeps the weary fed and sustained with the very words of the Bread of Life himself.

Thank you again for supporting this ministry and praise the Lord for his precious Word that will not return void, wherever it is preached.

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Speaking Hope in Nigeria's Storm of Insurgency

TWR has begun a year-long focus called *Hope Within Reach*. Our purpose is to show how God is using TWR's media ministry to bring the hope of the Gospel within reach of people even in the most volatile and extreme situations.

Initially, we're examining how the hope of Christ is being heard by people in the midst of conflict and upheaval, and nowhere is this more relevant than in northern Nigeria.

Broadcasts for the Beleaguered

TWR Nigeria has been broadcasting Bible teaching through programmes like *The Way of Righteousness* and *My Story With God* – both developed to address questions of Muslim people. These are transmitted in the heart languages of the region, including the tongue of the Hausa people, at a time when insurgency and violence threatens entire communities.

The programmes are broadcast from TWR's Oasis transmitter – established in 2020 at the West Africa Transmitting Station especially to reach the people of Nigeria.

And now the team is introducing a wave of new content, with production having just finished on a Kanuri language version of *The Prophets*. This programme is designed to show people of other faiths just how Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and the eternal Saviour of the world – not merely a wise man.

TWR Nigeria has also been distributing radios and audio devices so more and more people can listen. The output is delivered online and on the ground through partnerships and ministries like *Women of Hope* – bringing the light of Jesus to the very darkest places.

Extreme persecution

According to data from **Open Doors**, more Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country in the world. Last year the organisation found that 3,490 of the 4,849 martyred Christians worldwide were Nigerian.

TWR's international director for West and Central Africa Rev Abdoulaye Sangho says that Christians in Nigeria live a faith marked by constant fear, including 'attacks on villages, kidnappings, forced displacement and destruction of livelihoods'.

These attacks can occur in a range of places, including churches, while families are also experiencing conflict between different members – especially where new believers are going against the religion of their parents. One listener asked us for a covert device to continue listening to *Heralds of Hope* after her parents cut off their phone connection.

And one of the most moving listener responses was given by Aisha*, who gave her life to Christ only to encounter what she describes as a

'storm' in her family home. Praise the Lord that she found crucial hope via TWR amid heartbreaking alienation and abuse:

"My parents did everything in their power to silence my faith. They starved me – days without food. I was beaten severely... I was locked out of the house repeatedly — punished for attending Bible studies, for daring to find comfort among fellow believers... But my faith did not falter... Thank you, TWR, for being there from the very beginning, to show the way, to encourage and to comfort – may God bless you for all that you do."

On top of this we received an update from a Kanuri speaker who drew strength from *The Way of Righteousness* after fleeing their home, and we were also given information about a Fulani community who converted to Christianity and started building a church – all after listening to *Thru the Bible!*

Praise the Lord for the blessing of the good news even amid the most difficult circumstances.

Discipleship for Men

In the chaos some find themselves on the wrong side of the law. However, it is exactly in the plight of that situation that many have encountered Gospel hope through TWR.

Before his mandatory change of address at the Aba Correction Centre, Gilbert* considered himself strong – a fighter, a man of the streets – until, in prison, he discovered he was lost. Thankfully the truth came to him through **TWR Radio 1476**. The hope found only in Jesus initially entered his prison cell through the airwaves, before touching his very own heart.

It turned out that Gilbert was in the best possible prison for a new believer because it was one of the first to run the *Every Man A Warrior* discussion group. Gilbert was one of seven inmates at the jail who were among the first to be introduced to the two-year course.

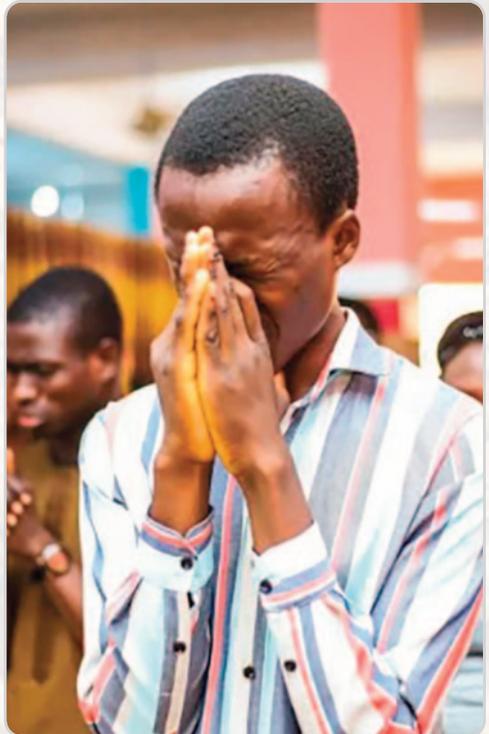
The discipleship programme, which takes

participants through three books, has now launched around the world. EMAW shows men how the scriptures can help them in a range of areas including money, marriage, raising children and dealing with hard times.

TWR Nigeria Director Joshua Ironi says that more than 75 men in his purview have now been through the entire EMAW curriculum. It is hoped that the course in Nigeria will be as successful as its rollout in Kenya, where chaplains in all 125 of the country's jails have now been trained to lead it.

Do join us in praying for the continued success of this ministry among the men of Nigeria, and thank God for the continued transmission of the good news to communities otherwise fragmented by insurgency, family breakdown and despair.

*Names changed for security purposes.



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Sunday on TWR

TWR BIBLE

Midnight to 6am

00.00 Max McLean reads the Bible -
pure and simple!



TWR INSPIRE

6am to 12noon

Join Amy Oakley for inspirational Bible teaching to edify you in your faith and prepare you for the week ahead.

- 6.00 Leading the Way
- 6.25 The Verdict
- 6.50 Search for Truth
- 7.05 Today with J. John
- 7.30 IFL Weekend with Chuck Swindoll
- 8.00 The Bible Explored with Rico Tice
- 8.30 Moody Presents
- 9.00 All Souls Langham Place
- 9.30 Renewing Your Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 9.56 The Sermon
- 10.10 Know the Truth Weekend
- 10.35 Living a Legacy
- 11.00 Steve Brown Etc.

TWR LIFE

12noon to 6pm

Join Dave Piper for programmes with encouragement and challenge for the whole family!

- 12.00 The Bible Study Hour
- 12.26 Building Relationships
- 1.15 HomeWord Weekend
- 2.03 Team Jesus
- 2.10 Treasure Box
- 2.25 Commission
- 2.40 Paws & Tales
- 3.10 Faith in a Digital World
- 3.40 First Person
- 4.05 Truth for Life Weekend
- 4.30 The Same Commission
- 5.00 Bold Steps
- 5.30 Truth for Today

TWR FOCUS

6pm to Midnight

James Maidment-Fullard guides you through programmes that help you gain a Christian understanding of the world around you - including news and current affairs from our Manchester studios.

- 6.00 Word Alive from GNBA
- 6.28 Christianity Works with Berni Dymet
- 6.55 TWR Wavelength
- 7.00 A Christian Response
- 7.30 The Capernwray Programme
- 8.00 NewsDesk
- 10.00 The Supplement
- 11.00 Political Exchange
- 11.30 NewsDesk Lite
- 11.45 Every Man Global

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TWR **TALK**

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- 6.30 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 6.55 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 7.25 A Different Perspective with Berni Dymet
- 7.35 In Touch with Charles Stanley
- 8.00 Renewing Your Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 8.30 Mission 66
- 9.00 Know the Truth with Philip De Courcy
- 9.30 Turning Point with David Jeremiah
- 10.00 Today's News Review from our Manchester Studios
- 10.15 Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee
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- 12.00 News from our Manchester Studios
- 12.30 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 12.55 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 1.25 A Different Perspective with Berni Dymet
- 1.35 In Touch with Charles Stanley
- 2.00 Renewing Your Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 2.30 Mission 66
- 3.00 Know the Truth with Philip De Courcy
- 3.30 Turning Point with David Jeremiah
- 4.00 Discover the Word hosted by Mart De Haan
- 4.15 Thru the Bible with Dr. J. Vernon McGee
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TWR **CHOICE**

6pm to Midnight

Dave Piper presents TWR favourites to help you in your daily walk with God.

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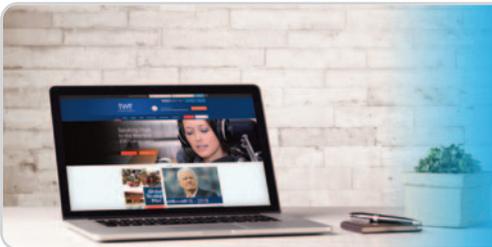
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In Your Listening Guide

A Christian Response

A *Christian Response* looks at how believers interact with some of the major issues in communities across the UK and around the world including poverty, human trafficking, immigration, problem debt, criminal justice and the concerns of older people. Church leaders, charity staff, experts and volunteers discuss biblical responses to social problems – looking at the role of prayer, practical action and political intervention.



**Tune in on Saturday 7am and Sunday 7pm
or listen at www.twr.org.uk/ondemand**

Faith in a Digital World

In an age where the average UK adult spends nearly two hours a day on social media, this series explores how Christians can thoughtfully engage with digital platforms while remaining rooted in faith, community, and spiritual disciplines. Through conversations with theologians, mental health professionals, influencers, and ministry leaders, *Faith in a Digital World* examines both the opportunities and challenges of living in a hyper-connected world.



**Tune in on Saturday 3.10pm and Sunday 3.10pm
or listen at www.twr.org.uk/ondemand**

Know the Truth Weekend

Through expositional preaching and teaching by Northern Irish pastor Philip de Courcy, *Know The Truth* provides theological content 'standing firm for Christ and on the unchanging truth of His Word'. The ministry already features on **TWR-UK** during weekdays so that believers are encouraged in their faith to live biblically, equipped to serve in their local church and community, and engaged in sharing the Gospel.



Tune in on Saturday 10.10pm and Sunday 10.10am

How Persians are Hearing the Gospel Amid Crisis and Conflict



Under the regime that took over Iran in 1979, Christians in the Persian-speaking world became all too familiar with persecution. Christianity was made illegal and followers of Jesus were punished severely and openly harassed for their faith. Some were imprisoned and even killed.

Conversion to Christianity or sharing the Gospel with Muslims became strictly forbidden. The regime began regarding Christians as national security threats, treated the Bible as propaganda, and even criminalised the singing of worship songs.

Those who confess Christ have for decades risked forced participation in mandatory religious re-education courses; restrictions on travel and communication; imprisonment; flogging; and sometimes execution. Yet despite these grim realities God cannot be stopped, and TWR is playing a key role in bringing the hope of Jesus to millions of Persians.

Uprising

The Iranian crackdown in January left thousands of protesters dead and many more injured, before military intervention began targeting the regime the following month. Internet shutdowns by Iran's government earlier in the crisis hid the true scale of unrest from the rest of the world. But that hasn't stopped the message of Jesus.

TWR's Farsi Ministry is working tirelessly and continues to reach Iran via medium-wave radio programmes and has three online stations on the air: Persian World Radio; Persian Word of

God radio (including in the Dari and Luri languages); and Persian Worship Radio.

Ongoing ministry

Amid renewed conflict this year and a volatile tussle for change, millions began praying for a different future in Iran – a country that TWR has been reaching for decades with the eternal and saving hope of Jesus Christ.

Trans World Radio's work in Iran dates back to 1982 when **TWR Canada** launched its Persian ministry – in a year when there was no safe place to study God's word. However, the period after this saw remarkable breakthroughs.

Until clampdowns last year TWR was seeing marked progress with online access as the government began selling VPNs. Scriptural teaching has also been transmitted through radio broadcasts, social media, emails and WhatsApp in a country that became all too used to bans on physical Bibles and Christian materials.

So as the latest chapter emerges in this tumultuous country and millions hope for a better future, do pray for TWR's ongoing ministry at this crucial and pivotal time.

Pray also for the safety, strength and resilience of our ministry team; for the welfare of listeners and their ability to encourage one other; for innovation and new ways to connect; and for the wisdom of key political voices advocating the reforms that could one day expand access to the Gospel across the Persian community.

Prayer Matters

Speaking Hope

From April to June we invite you to join us in praying for **TWR's** ministry in different languages around the world and (at the weekends) in the UK.

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAYS

Pray for the *Hope Within Reach* initiative that champions Gospel hope for communities in the most volatile parts of the world. Pray for those in the midst of conflict and upheaval, that they may draw peace from the good news delivered by TWR.

TUESDAYS

Pray for the church in Nigeria, where more Christians are killed for their faith than anywhere else. Pray for new believers facing the prospect of family alienation for turning to Christ, that they will be strengthened by Gospel hope broadcast by the Oasis transmitter.

WEDNESDAYS

Pray for **TWR's Farsi Ministry** – that they will overcome communication barriers amid recent conflict. Pray for the Persian people in Iran, especially for courageous Christians there, and that more people would turn to the truth.

THURSDAYS

Pray for TWR's many programmes blessing millions around the world, including *Heralds of Hope*, *The Way of Righteousness*, *My Story With God*, *The Prophets*, *Women of Hope*, *Men of Courage* and *Every Man A Warrior*.

FRIDAYS

Continue to pray for all those who connect with us through **TWR360**. Pray they are encouraged as they listen to Bible teaching in their own heart languages.

WEEKENDS

Please pray for TWR's ongoing work in the UK.

Pray for new UK programmes *A Christian Response*, *Faith in a Digital World* and *Know the Truth Weekend* – that listeners will be blessed as they are broadcast from this month.

Pray for the UK production team's many decisions on news bulletins, panel guests and programmes. Give thanks for **TWR-UK** chief executive Russell Farnworth and the board of Trustees as the ministry is developed.

Prayer is the backbone of TWR – and we are so grateful that **you** stand alongside us in intercession! God delights to change people's lives and we are amazed and humbled that He allows TWR to be a part of it all.

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