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From the Chief Executive Officer,
Dr Russell Farnworth.



As the global pandemic continues in many nations, people are soul searching and asking questions! Globally, we are a fearful people, but it says in Psalm 91 that God rescues us from fear. He promises to be with us in trouble. As we put our trust and our refuge in the Lord, it will be amazing to see what he does. If we believe him and move forward, I believe God will do some tremendous things.

Jesus died so that we might have hope in times like these. Listeners are letting us know they take comfort in what they hear from TWR's programmes. Some have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

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New TWR Outreach Brings Gospel to Baka Villages

“The Baka are just waiting for us to bring the Word of God,” Pastor Anath Ndoukou said as he prepared to bring Gospel programmes to villages in northern Gabon. “They cannot do this job alone.”

A trip in autumn 2021 undertaken by Ndoukou’s team to distribute 200 radio players was part of a brand-new outreach, the first TWR ministry to the Baka of the Central African rainforest.

Known far and wide for their short stature and masterful knowledge of the forest, the Baka today struggle against discrimination, social exclusion, loss of their traditional lifestyle and sometimes abuse. They were historically known as Pygmies, though this term is no longer considered respectful.

“Abandoned and rejected by the national government and society in the areas of health and education, they need to hear that there is a loving God who cares for them and longs to make them part of his family,” said Ndoukou, TWR’s coordinator for Central Africa ministry. One of several pygmy ethnic groups across the region, the Baka are facing threats to their way

of life as farming, logging and even conservation efforts reduce their access to the forests, according to humanitarian and media reports. A United Nations investigation found evidence of persecution by paramilitary-style “eco guards” originally deployed to help with conservation efforts. The guards reportedly treated the Baka as sub-human, humiliating and beating them and even burning camps.

Another group’s missionary efforts to evangelise the Baka had been largely unsuccessful. Living conditions can be harsh, and when those missionaries eventually left, evangelical pastor Edzang Celestin began visiting the village and witnessed to the chief, who gave his life to Christ. Celestin appealed for media players containing Gospel programmes to distribute among the Baka, and Ndoukou and TWR responded.

The radio players were loaded with digital programmes such as *The Story of Jesus, From Creation to Christ and Why Does Man Fear Death?* in Fang and French. Although the Baka’s first language is Mvai, many also speak Fang, the main

local language, and French, Gabon's official language. Ndoukou said he's confident that TWR's desire to have a studio in the region to translate and produce more programmes for these and other ethnic languages will one day be realised.

Joining Ndoukou and Celestin on the trip to connect with the Baka and distribute radios were his wife, Charlene, leader of the **TWR Women of Hope** ministry in the area; supporters of TWR's ministry partner in Gabon; and local authorities. They visited multiple villages, first presenting a radio player to each chief and then giving out radios to other Baka families and praying with them.

One of the village chiefs said, "I thank the Lord for the good that he is doing. Right now, we have a radio, and through this radio, we will listen to the Word of God. When we listen to it, hearts will change."

"These gifts come from God who thought of us to bless us through the visit of his servants," a woman villager said. "I thank the Lord for those who brought us these radios so we can listen to the word of life that transforms hearts."

Ndoukou said his vision for the Baka, as they learn from the Bible teaching on the digital players, is that many will become believers and then listening and prayer groups will be formed. Eventually, some of these groups would organise as churches, he hopes.

Ndoukou plans to return to the area to evaluate whether these early steps in the new ministry

are having an impact in the communities. And Pastor Celestin will continue to minister among the Baka, providing spiritual follow-up.

"Today, the Baka people can listen to Christian broadcasts in their local languages," Celestin said. "These gifts [of the radio players] have impacted their lives and brought a lot of change in their community because they are a neglected, despised and forgotten people. They have understood that God loves them. It is a gift that has marked their lives."

Will you join us in praying for this promising outreach to the Baka?

- Pray that many of the Baka will listen closely to the Bible-based recordings and give their lives to Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the recordings and in-person ministry will have a growing impact on the lives of the Baka and then through them on people of the surrounding area.
- Ask the Lord to move in this society to address the problems of alienation, discrimination and even persecution facing the Baka.
- The Gabon area in which the Baka live is recognized as a seat of witchcraft in Gabon. Pray that the light of the Holy Spirit will shine brightly through the lives of new Baka believers and that the darkness will retreat before the power of God.

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

- 6.00 Treasured Truth Weekend
- 6.25 The Verdict
- 6.50 Search for Truth
- 7.05 Unlocking the Bible
- 7.30 IFL Weekend with Chuck Swindoll
- 8.00 In Touch Weekend
- 8.30 The Bible for Today
- 9.00 All Souls Langham Place
- 9.30 Renewing You Mind with R. C. Sproul
- 9.56 The Sermon
- 10.10 Every Last Word
- 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
- 2.05 Tales from the Ark
- 2.10 A Visit with Mrs G
- 2.25 Commission
- 2.40 Paws & Tales
- 3.10 Viewpoint
- 3.40 First Person
- 4.05 Truth for Life Weekend
- 4.30 The Books That Shaped Us
- 4.45 TWR-UK: Sharing Christ's Transforming Love
- 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 Faith in Science
- 7.30 The Capernwray Programme
- 8.00 NewsDesk
- 10.00 The Supplement
- 11.00 The Political Exchange
- 11.30 NewsDesk Lite
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*Join us to start your day with inspirational
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wherever he has placed you.*

- 6.00 Telling the Truth with the Briscoes
- 6.30 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 7.00 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 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 Unlocking the Bible with Colin Smith
- 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
- 10.45 The Verdict with Pastor John Munro
- 11.10 Truth for Life with Alistair Begg
- 11.35 Living on the Edge with Chip Ingram



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12noon to 6pm

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- 12.00 News from our Manchester Studios
- 12.30 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 1.00 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 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 Unlocking the Bible with Colin Smith
- 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
- 4.45 The Verdict with Pastor John Munro
- 5.10 Truth for Life with Alistair Begg
- 5.35 Living on the Edge with Chip Ingram



TWR CHOICE

6pm to Midnight

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

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- 9.30 Turning Point with David Jeremiah
- 10.00 The Front Page from our Manchester Studios
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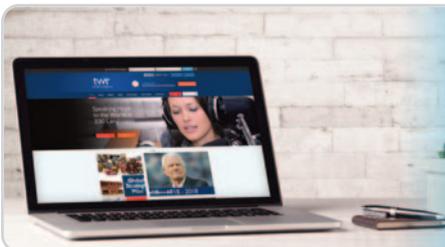
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In Your Listening Guide

The Books That Shaped Us

Join James Maidment-Fullard in a series of programmes which celebrate the love of books! James will be joined by a different guest each week to discuss their favourite books – books like *Mere Christianity*, *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*, *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom. Guests include Andy Bannister, Director of the Solas Centre for Public Christianity and Jo Frost from the Evangelical Alliance.

**Tune in on Sunday and Saturday at 4.30pm
or listen at www.twr.org.uk/ondemand**



Faith in Science

Humanity is surrounded by science - whether it's the technology we use to communicate and travel, the processes by which we wage war or the amazing biology which allows us to eat, move, breathe and live. We can use science to understand the world around us and to improve our experience of life itself - but we can also use science to exploit the planet, and God's creation. Join Dave Piper to explore the question, can science help us to develop our faith? Can a closer study of the Creation lead to a deeper relationship with the Creator himself? Or will science tend to lead us away from Scripture, and away from God?

Over 13 weeks, we'll meet scientists from all fields, and all points in their careers, including: Tom McLeish, the University of York's Professor of Natural Philosophy; Kate Ellis-Sawyer, a PhD student in chemical synthesis at the University of Bristol; Dr Anna Pearson, a research scientist at Cambridge Quantum Computing and Professor Sir Colin Humphreys, Professor of Materials Science at Queen Mary University of London.

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



TWR-UK: Sharing Christ's Transforming Love

In this series of programmes James Maidment-Fullard catches up with TWR staff who are using radio and other mass media to share the Gospel around the world in places such as China, India and Africa. We'll be joined by TWR International President Lauren Libby, TWR-UK CEO Russell Farnworth and Director of TWR Women of Hope Dr Peggy Banks, amongst others, to explore some of the amazing work the Lord is doing around the world through TWR.

Listen on Sundays or Saturdays at 4.45pm



TWR Global Projects

A quick look at just a few of TWR's projects around the world...

TWR360

While radio is still a primary form of media in many homes around the world, a growing segment of the mass media world today is digital, and TWR is leading the way in developing digital tools for spreading the Gospel. TWR360.org is our online source of Christian content in 100 languages, and people go to it roughly half-million times each month for inspiring messages, music and radio streaming, HD videos, sermon podcasts, the audio Bible, the *JESUS* film, and more produced by TWR and over 296 of our like-minded ministry partners. A mobile-phone app is also available. People access TWR360 from 227 countries and territories each month, a truly global reach.



A Jungle Radio Station for Suriname

The Wayana and Trio are two tribes in Suriname that were led to the Lord by missionaries Ivan and Doris Schoen beginning in the 1960s. Through the Schoens' hard work teaching literacy and translating the Bible, nearly all the Wayana and Trio are literate and followers of Christ today with a thriving church among them. The Schoens' son, Tom, and his wife have joined TWR as missionaries to lead a radio station project for the Wayana, who believe radio is the key to discipling their people throughout the

jungle. As farmers, fishermen and game hunters, they are going deeper in the jungle to find new sources of food and fertile fields for planting. Travel along rivers in the jungle is difficult, but radio is the way they want to unite, encourage and minister to the tribes. TWR missionary Steve Shantz put it this way: "These indigenous people groups who were once unreached are taking the Gospel to neighbouring tribes and villages. That is our dream in missions, and that's what the Wayana are doing."



Dr Luke

Dr Luke is an evangelistic health and hygiene programme written by a long-time missionary doctor who loves to bring a biblical perspective to life's health challenges. Over 100 episodes cover topics such as cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, aging and heart issues, and include recent special programming on Covid-19. Listeners of this popular programme like to become more educated and make healthy lifestyle changes, such as a woman in Africa who underwent treatment for breast cancer because of the programme. *Dr Luke* has been produced in 15 languages and airs widely across Latin America and the Caribbean, India, and about 20 countries of Africa.

Because you cared...

Extending the reach of the good news

The Way of Righteousness

TWR has set a three-year goal to add 30 new language translations of this very effective radio programme, 10 each year for three years. We are on track thanks to your generous support. *The Way of Righteousness* explains the Scriptures to Muslims and points them to Jesus Christ. Listeners tell us the programme helps them understand what Christianity is all about, and some have turned to Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



Middle East Outreach

Among TWR's Arabic programmes broadcast throughout the Middle East is *Hope for Syria*, a radio programme that for almost a decade has been encouraging Syrians to have hope in Christ while war rages in their homeland. It's a challenge for our in-country staff to produce the programme amid economic hardship and unreliable internet and transportation, but they continue because it is the only spiritual encouragement some listeners will receive. A Syrian listener wrote to say, "I listen all the time to your episodes. The talk is relevant to my situation and to many others, too." Your gifts help TWR to keep *Hope for Syria* and TWR's other Arabic programmes on the air. Thank you!



Russian Broadcasts

Your support of TWR's Russian broadcasts ministers to listeners who deal with some very challenging situations in their families, such as alcoholism and drug addiction. One listener even shared how mothers of disabled children can be strengthened by the programmes: "Thirty years ago I gave my heart to Jesus Christ. I listen to your programmes all the time, and they fill my heart with love for Jesus. I listen to *You Are Mine* with tears in my eyes. There is so much pain, grief and suffering in the lives of mothers of disabled children. I cry and pray to the Lord." Thank you for your support which touches the hearts of Russian speakers in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.



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

The area in which the **Baka of Gabon** live is recognised as a seat of witchcraft in Gabon. Pray that the light of the Holy Spirit will shine brightly through the lives of new Baka believers and that the darkness will retreat before the power of God.

TUESDAYS

Ask the Lord to move in Gabon society to address the problems of alienation, discrimination and even persecution facing the **Baka**.

WEDNESDAYS

Please pray that TWR's global initiatives to reach **Muslims and Buddhists** will have a life-changing effect on the hearts of our listeners.

THURSDAYS

Pray that listeners of the **Dr Luke programme** will have improved health and meet the Great Physician.

FRIDAYS

Pray that online listeners will find their heart languages on **TWR360**.

WEEKENDS

Please pray for TWR's ongoing work in the UK.
Pray for the **production team**, that they will have **wisdom** and **creativity** in bringing the Word to the World.
Join us in praying for our **listeners**, especially those who are isolated or housebound. Please pray that the Word will be **powerful and effective** in their lives.

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.