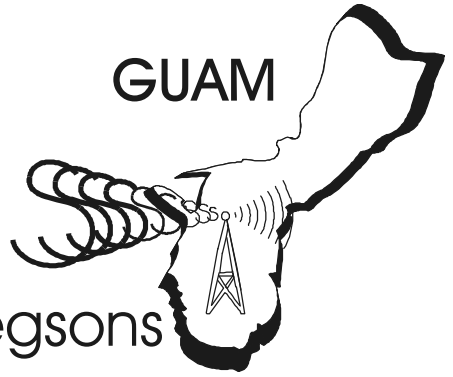


# SIGNALS



A news letter from the Gregsons

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**TWR Global Systems Administrator Meetings**

Doug traveled to Cary N.C. in late March to meet with the Systems Administrators (SA) from all over the world to discuss changes and obtain training for managing the TWR computer networks. The meeting theme was "Helping Each Other" and the objective of the meetings was strategizing how we could work together better to function as a global team. This is a challenge considering we work in offices spread throughout the world. The meetings were successful in that we were able to share with each other about our various systems, discuss common problems and find solutions as a group.

Many topics were discussed, however the most significant area covered was that of security. Since all of our offices must use the Internet in one way or another we are exposed to an ever-increasing number of security problems. Please pray for us in our efforts to work securely as the world's computer security threats become more diverse and complex.

One major event that occurred at the meeting was to bid farewell to our



**Enjoying good food at the SA meetings is a tradition!**

Chief Technical Officer, John Baines. Please pray for John as he seeks God's direction for his next assignment. We expressed appreciation for his many years of faithful service in his position at TWR. John's CTO position will be succeeded by Mark McKinney. Mark comes to TWR from "Youth With A Mission" where he worked with his wife in counseling ministry. Before his work with YWAM, Mark worked for many years in the information technology / information systems industry.

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## TWR Asia technical challenges:

In our last letter we mentioned that TWR Asia's region is being redesigned from top to bottom. One of the main reasons for change is to be more responsive to the countries we reach. Doug's job is to create a safe and efficient computer infrastructure to assist in responding to these challenges. Let me try to better illustrate:

- **Challenge:** For the year 2003, the total number of postal letters delivered was 10.38 billion, (China Post Annual Report <http://www.chinapost.gov.cn/fzqk/2003-nb/chn/04.htm>), but the total SMS "Short Message Service" sent by cell phones was more than 220 billion (BBC News, quoting Xinhua <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/3548388.stm>).
  - **Response:** SMS ministry is working in the Philippines. As demand for cell phone media increases in China and all over Asia, pray for our ability to bring the Gospel to the lost using this technology.
- **Challenge:** Internet activity in China is on the rise-- "China Ends 2004 with 94 Million Internet Users" (Internet World Stats <http://www.internetworldstats.com/articles/art045.htm>). This is a 20% increase in the last 6 months.
  - **Response:** Monthly Chinese Bible teaching audio downloads on TWR's China ministry website <http://www.ktwr.net> has increased to 10,000 hours a month. This ministry is growing all the time. The new TWR English learning site <http://abc111.net> is always looking for help. This site is one way to benefit students and present the Gospel. If you feel you could write a short story to help teach English, please let me know and I can get you in touch with those who work with ministry development to get you started.
- **Challenge:** China's growing economic class-- "China's economic reforms have benefited hundreds of millions of people, giving them a better diet and better standard of life", BBC News <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3743332.stm>
  - **Response:** TWR has recently partnered with [Crown Financial Ministries](#) to produce programming into China via shortwave and Web cast. Millions are listening, and according to TWR's field workers in the region, they are eager to know how to apply biblical principles in handling their money. Crown's mission is to equip people worldwide to learn, apply and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him and help fund the Great Commission. The Crown program is aiding people in their daily lives.

One listener recently wrote: *"The content is good in helping me understand how to handle money. Although money can give us material wealth, the Bible told us not to depend on money that is unpredictable, because money will not buy us peace, nor can it buy us life. God understands us more than we do ourselves. He knows how much we will need at different times, and He will provide for us. We should let God build us up to become a person who knows how to use money. This program is suitable for every listener because all of us have to face money, and we want to know how to be a 'winner' in managing money in real life."*

## On the Home Front:

*"Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.."* (Ps. 48:1a) We have seen some major spiritual breakthroughs with neighbors and we attribute it to the prayers that have gone out on their behalf. We couldn't begin to update you on all that is happening with neighbors in this short letter. If you are interested in hearing more send us an email and we will be happy to give you more details.

Denise feels that she and the kids have made steady progress with home schooling in all areas. They have participated in a few activities with the Guam Home school group such as a mini conference, various field trips and a geography fair. We visit the pool occasionally with friends and have taken a few months of Chinese class.. Awana is finished for the year and we hope to attend a VBS, being fairly confident that we will be able to bring some neighbor kids along.

One personal area of concern is Denise's battle with a hereditary skin condition and a serious infection that results from time to time so we would appreciate prayers as she tries to keep it under control.

Until next time . . . Blessings in Jesus,

Doug, Denise, Sarah and Joy



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