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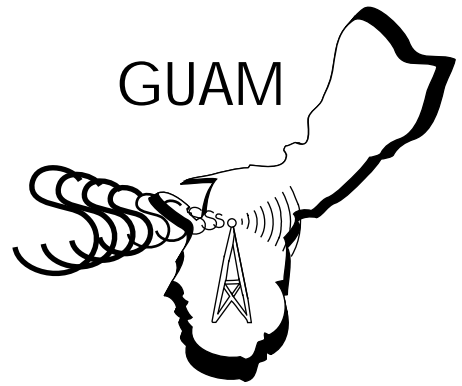


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# SIGNALS

*A news letter from the Gregsons*



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Warm Guam greetings from our family to yours,

We trust you had a nice summer. For us we barely notice that the season has come and gone since the weather always feel like summer here and our schedule doesn't change too much during the summer months. We are sad that the mangoes in our yard are gone, though! We are into our rainy season -- the season for typhoons! We are thankful for God's protection thus far, especially since we don't have the personnel we would need for fast typhoon recovery. It has been four years since a major typhoon here and many fear we are "due" for another big one!

## Listener Groups

What is a listener group? Trans World Radio defines a listener group as a number of people that gather together around a radio to listen to a Gospel broadcast. **Hebrews 10:25** encourages us with these words: *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* If you or I want to worship with other believers we have many possible options available to us. If we need a Bible or Christian books we can go to the local bookstore and buy what we need or want. This is not true for many countries in this part of the world. The Chinese, for instance, do not have that kind of freedom and thousands of people gather quietly in house churches to worship together.

Believers gather in various parts of Indonesia in listener groups as well. This country continues to be plagued by political and economic strife. Believers have been persecuted and churches burned. Yet, the radio ministry in this country has been exploding with new shortwave programming as well as programs on 13 local stations.

Religious persecution persists in Myanmar. This may explain why we hear of a dedicated listener base in that country as well. In December 2000 it was estimated that 2766 listeners in Myanmar listen regularly to TWR's Burmese broadcasts. Over recent months, upwards to 1,000 Burmese people (primarily Christians) have sought exile by coming to Guam and petitioning the US government for political asylum. Many have since left Guam for the mainland US.

## Radio Church Kits

*Radio Church kits* are most common in China, but are also being distributed in other countries. These kits include a small radio, Bible, study materials, and a program guide. Trans World Radio is committed to an ongoing project to disseminate thousands of these vital kits to the house churches in the world's most populous country, with a goal to distribute **10,000 kits in China in 2001**. *Please pray for God's protection and guidance for those who are distributing the radio church kits across China and in other places.* Our research has shown that Chinese listeners desire a more in depth type of biblical training. Therefore over the past year the Chinese programming department has been thoroughly evaluating and making adjustments to the programming schedule. One of the broadcasts that recipients of these kits can tune in to is TWR's Seminary on the Air program, designed to better train Chinese house church and lay leaders.

Good Bible training is also critical in Vietnam -- a country with a population of 80 million people and only one bible college. Even that one Bible college has been closed for 25 years! A recent letter from a KTWR listener in Vietnam made us aware of **124 listener groups** in one village alone! *Pray that the church in Vietnam would be given more freedom and pray for wisdom in determining the best way to gather feedback from our listeners.*

### Doug's Work

Since we last wrote, Doug has taken over the work of the Information Systems. He has been very busy with various projects to upgrade the computer systems and digital audio system, increase security on the internet, and set up disaster recovery procedures.

### Denise's Work:

Caring for Sarah continues to be my main priority. While much of the mission work I had been doing previously has been moved to other places as Trans World Radio regionalizes, there are still opportunities to help out. Recent involvements include keeping track of prayer requests, praises and announcements for the staff, acting as prayer letter coordinator, and working (along with Doug) with the committee that is preparing a video for use during furloughs.

### Home News

It is our prayer that Sarah will soon be a big sister! As we write this letter, it appears the Lord is opening the door for us to adopt; however there is a lot that will need to occur before that can happen. *Would you join us in praying for the Lord's guidance and open doors according to His will.* It is a very exciting but emotionally stretching time!

Sarah is well into her *terrific* two's. Her expanding vocabulary allows for more advanced conversation and she often gives us the "play by play" of daily activities and observations. It is great to see that she already has a sense of humor! In her experimentation with language she has begun to address us formally as "Mother" and "Father" (completely on her own!) And I suppose you could say that she is beginning to witness in her own way when she breaks out singing "Jesus Loves Me" or "Jesus Loves the Little Children" in the line at the post office!



Sarah at Guam's July 21st Liberation Day Parade

We are looking to return to the States for our furlough in the summer of 2002. We will be happy to meet with churches and individuals at that time so we would like any feedback from you regarding potential appointments. Please let us know of any expected changes in your current support rate. This will help us to evaluate the amount of support we will have to raise.

Until next time,  
In Christ's Love,

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