

The LeCureux's Letter

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Prayer and Praise

- **Praise** - Trans World Radio's 50th anniversary.
- **Praise** - A successful frequency coordination conference in Dubai.
- **Praise** - A short-term worker will be arriving in March to help us with many projects that have been on hold since we are short of staff.
- **Pray** for our staff on Guam: Sabin family, McIntyre family, Ross family, Binder family, White family, Lincoln family, Gregson family, and of course the LeCureux family.
- March and April will be months of painting our towers. **Pray** for those who will be heading up this project. (Phil Binder and Jim McIntyre)
- **Thanksgiving** - Debby and I are thankful for each one who faithfully supports us in this ministry. We are so thankful for the many Christmas gifts. We also had some very large year end support gifts which helped greatly in our support shortage.

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 50th anniversary for Trans World Radio. It has been our privilege to be a part of this ministry for the last 12 years. Our family has grown and changed through these years and Trans World Radio has also grown and changed. Even though TWR has gone through many changes, the purpose always remains the same and that is to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ.

In 1954, Trans World Radio was one station reaching one country in one language. Today, TWR is considered the most far-reaching Christian radio network in the world! We are broadcasting in more than 180 languages and dialects from 13 super-power transmitting sites and by satellite around the globe. TWR also broadcasts via more than 2300 local FM transmitters and receives more than 1.5 million letters per year from listeners from over 160 countries.

A listener in Indonesia wrote:

"I want to introduce myself to you. My name is This is my first letter, but I want to tell you that my family and I have been listening to your programs regularly for several months. Your airing time is so good for us. At 6:00 in the evening, we can sit together as a family and listen to you. You changed our lives, especially my wife's. She used to go to the witchdoctor every time she got sick, because her father encouraged her to do so. But you helped her to know the truth. Thank you for that."

In February, my co-worker, George Ross, and I had the privilege to attend another "High Frequency Coordination Conference" (HFCC). This time it was hosted by the Emirates Radio in the beautiful country of United Arab Emirates. The reason for this conference is for us to make sure that there won't be anyone interfering with our frequencies. This frequency period (there are two periods in a year) we had to change a number of our frequencies due to propagation. This is a challenge as there are very few available frequencies in our region. But we have a God who continually directs us to the available frequencies at just the right time. On the back of this letter, I will focus more on the conference and include some pictures. We have many stories to share of how God worked in both George and I during this trip. Thank you again for the part that you share in this ministry.

In Christ,

Jeff and Debby LeCureux

Jeff, Debby, Kevin, Laura and Greg LeCureux

George Ross and I left on February 5th for a journey to Dubai, U.A.E., that was going to show us how powerful of a God we have. We went into this conference with an almost impossible task. We had two-thirds of our broadcast schedule that would have to be changed, due mostly to atmospheric conditions that prompted us to change frequencies. We first had to go to our TWR offices in Singapore for some meetings. There we were able to talk with both our South East Asia Department and our North East Asia Department on what we were facing. They promised that they would pray for us during this conference. So, off we go to Dubai for a week of coordination! When we arrived to Dubai at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning, we did not have any idea how we were going to get to the hotel. But to our surprise, we were met by a group of Arabs who were dressed in white robes! They extended a very warm greeting and George and I were placed in a very fancy car and driven to our hotel. That was only the beginning of a perfect week. We made the theme for the week on Thanksgiving. George and I would spend a lot of time that week just giving thanks to our God for what He did each day.



You may be wondering, "What exactly happens at these conferences?" Well, more than 70 countries are represented by around 125 delegates. More than 80% of shortwave frequencies used around the world are coordinated in this conference. From early morning until late evening, we are using all the computer programs that we have to find open frequencies. At the same time we are talking with other broadcasters to clear any interferences that we may have. It was a blessing to see the head of the Russian delegation come to our table to clear a frequency that they had with us. We also had very positive experiences with the Chinese delegation who were very cordial to us. In the past, they were very hard to coordinate with.

Throughout the week we were provided with fabulous buffets for breakfast and lunch and were entertained with wonderful evening meals. One evening meal was an invitation to dinner by "His Highness Sheikh Abdulla bin Zayed Nahyan". He is one of the seven rulers of the Emirates. He flew in with a military helicopter and joined all the HFCC delegates for dinner at another Sheikhs house. The setting was an open courtyard. What an experience that was.

The week definitely was a success. God showed us exactly what frequencies we were to use. By the end of the week, we had all our frequencies and collisions solved. The trip ended in another unbelievable story (we have many stories to share). After the conference we headed back to Singapore to give an update of the conference. When we left Singapore we had to go through Japan to get to Guam. After going through security and wandering all over two terminals, George realized he lost his hand held computer (PDA). We asked at two information desks if anyone found it. Of course, nobody had. But while we were at one information desk, something kept prompting me (I know now it was the Lord) to go over to this barrier wall. Finally, after 5 minutes of this "pushing" me to go over their, I finally surrendered. I walked over to this wall and up on top and out of sight was George's PDA. I was in shock!! God had to prompt that person who found it to place it on top of this five foot wall, and then He had to "push" me to this 4" x 5" area to find the PDA. It could have been anywhere in this huge airport. Words can't describe how shocked and how thankful we were to our Lord. George turned his PDA on and it came up in a Bible program. The verse it showed was Psalm 107:1 "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." **So ended an unbelievable trip with a theme of Thanksgiving.**