



### **December 2015 Merry Christmas**

Dear Friends, at the end of a wild and crazy year we would like to slow down for a just a moment, look back over the year's ministry and thank each of you for the friendship, prayer support and financial support which has enabled us to continue to bring Christ to the World by radio. Large or small, the part that we each play in the Lord's plan is vital. We pray you will continue to partner with us until every person from every tribe, tongue and nation has had the chance to know Jesus Christ.

The second half of the 2015 was especially busy. Since we last wrote we have had a mini-furlough trip across the USA and Guy has taken three ministry trips to Asia. We had a wonderful time renewing our relationships. It is always a joy to meet in person.

We finished our trip across the USA with a wedding and a funeral. The last weekend in July, Matt and Toni were able to have the public wedding celebration that they had been looking forward to since their private service in 2013. Our two families and their friends turned out in good numbers to enjoy their renewal of vows and a fun reception.

The wedding celebration was bitter sweet since Chris's dad, Bob Gunner passed away just before the wedding. We were thankful that since our return from Asia we have had more time to spend with Dad. The Lord provided by allowing us to have a good visit at the beginning of our trip. We didn't realize at the time it would be our last. During the funeral we listened to many stories of his influence in peoples lives as an athlete and as coach at Winona State University where he taught.

### **Proud Parents at Matt and Toni's Wedding**



### **Guy's Ministry Update**

Guy continues to adjust to his role as International Service Coordinator, but it isn't easy. In recent years most of his work was with capital projects. It is easy to know if you have accomplished anything when all you have to do is look for the new building, new studio, or new transmitter and shoot a photo. Although Guy has wider influence now, it is also harder to know if anything has been accomplished through his work. Team building, coordination, strategic planning

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and the routines of management are vital to the success of any organization but so far they don't give that satisfaction of a job well done in the same way that the dedication of a new facility does. Guy would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and perseverance as he continues to adjust, learn and grow in his position.

#### Language Coordinator's Meeting



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In early December a committee of three of our Language Coordinators, field directors who are also responsible for program production in Ethnic Minority Languages, met in Hong Kong to discuss the organization and expansion of our ministry to ethnic minorities in Asia. Much of our programming to these people, who are not from the predominant cultures of Asia, is broadcast on shortwave. The goal of the meeting was to generate ideas of how to give more focus to this aspect of our ministry. We hope to expand our broadcast hours and add languages so that more of these people will have Christian programs in their own heart languages. It was Guy's privilege to facilitate the meeting.

#### Asia by Media Steering Committee

In December, Guy attended the Asia by Media Steering Committee meeting in Singapore as the representative of FEBC Intl. This group

serves to promote collaboration and cooperation between the many ministries using media to reach people for Jesus in Asia. The meeting included representatives from TWR, Reach Beyond, IBRA and Christian Vision. Discussion of coordination in Indonesia and enhancing our collective ministry in Central Asia were key topics.

#### International Service Team Mid-Year Team Meeting



#### Family News Update

Family news this year is all upbeat. We continue to develop our church relationships in Castle Rock and have been able to contribute to ministry. Chris has been working with ladies who are interested in becoming full time missionaries. Her health has been good. Guy has been working when he can with the Men's Ministry.

James and Lauren are both continuing to work towards their respective degrees. We may have two graduations this spring if everything goes to plan. James will graduate with an associates degree and Lauren with a BS in history.

Thank you for your prayers for all of us. We continue to slowly adjust to life and ministry from a US base, but it isn't easy. After three years we are still pretty Asian.

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