

## THE HAAS HAUS







ABOVE: TWO TABLES OF FRIENDS SEATED AT THANKSGIVING

The world didn't end December 21 but 2012 has and that's incredible enough. The past three months have been exciting. October 26-28, Andrew helped host the annual CCM (Christian Concern for Muslims) event at TWR. The event went well, but his service isn't over. Andrew was elected Chairman of the CCM Executive Team for the next two years! It's an honor to serve as well as an opportunity to serve in new ways.

In November, we introduced three local families at our church to our tradition

of celebrating Thanksgiving. They had heard of this American holiday but appreciated experiencing it first-hand.

We're both happy that the production and editing of *The Way of Righteousness* is complete! We found a lot of little things that our voice talent need to redo, but Russel & Heidi have been very gracious to return to the studio to fix everything.

We spent Christmas Eve with South African friends and Christmas Day with TWR coworkers. On Dec. 20 a group of us took Holly out to her favorite Lebanese restaurant to celebrate her 37th birthday.

We were frequently asked if we're "going away" at Christmas as many South Africans take a trip during the summer holidays. We'll stay in Joburg till we start a two week vacation a month after Christmas. On January 25, Holly's parents, brother & pregnant sister-in-law are due to arrive! We're looking forward to the Beech family being all together.



PASTOR RUSSEL ABRAHAMS



HEIDI TRESSEL



ATTACKING A 2LB. TURKEY LEG

## SOUTH SUDAN











South Sudan gained independence from Sudan (a.k.a. "the North") on July 9, 2011. Decades of persecution have brought various Christian groups together in a way seldom seen in other countries. October I-4, Andrew and two TWR colleagues conducted a workshop with about 20 people from denominations, NGOs, and missions organizations who all serve South Sudanese people groups. We met at an Episcopal Church guesthouse in Juba, the capital of this new country. We are trying to encourage working groups to follow up on opportunities God is providing to reach this underdeveloped country.

This coming year Holly will explore new ways to be involved in TWR (health permitting), while Andrew will be more focused on ministry to unreached and oral people groups. Thanks for your prayers and support.

Happy New Year,



