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Film, Radio and Concern

Cru Video Training

The first week of October was excellent. For the cost of meals Andrew learned digital video camera work while helping The JESUS Film Project document the Xhosa language premier of Magdalena. Lots of mistakes were made but with the help of Adam Jones (shown right) we were able to learn from them.

CCFM

Sorry for all the similar abbreviations! The first two letters stand for Cape Community. This radio station has been broadcasting for over 20 years. On a walk in July, Holly and Andrew visited this station together and were invited to return. So the day after the video course, Andrew returned to teach workshops on oral communication and storytelling for three days to various volunteers and employees.

CCM Annual Partners Consultation

The day following the orality workshops, it was off to the conference Andrew organized for Christian Concern for Muslims. Praise the Lord everything went well and people appreciated the "Storytellers Like Jesus" theme. Unfortunately Holly was struggling back home dealing with two drain clogs and a pipe leaking into our guest room. Just a reminder that we depend on daily prayer support!



LEARNING VIDEO: (FROM LEFT) JOHAN, GERDA, ADAM, ANDREW, KATHERINE & TARA.

BELOW: THE FIRST SHOWING OF MAGDALENA IN XHOSA WAS IN THE KHAYELITSHA TOWNSHIP.



December plans

For Holly's birthday, Dec. 20, we're getting together with friends at a Lebanese restaurant which is one of her favorite treats.

We're very thankful that for the second year in a row a supporting church is sending us for a two-night hotel stay to get away and go through DIY marriage retreat materials. Please pray for us December 21-23 as we look back over the past year together and seek God's wisdom for the coming year.

Like a lot of people, we're eager for the release of the second Hobbit film in December. Did you know JRR Tolkien was born in South Africa and lived here until he was three? He claimed to have few memories of SA, except for a vivid encounter with a large spider, an experience put to good use later on in his writings.



CCFM STUDIOS IN MUIZENBERG



Listener Story

“As the agent of Jesus, you changed my life!” says a listener to TWR from East Africa. But things were very different 24 years ago.

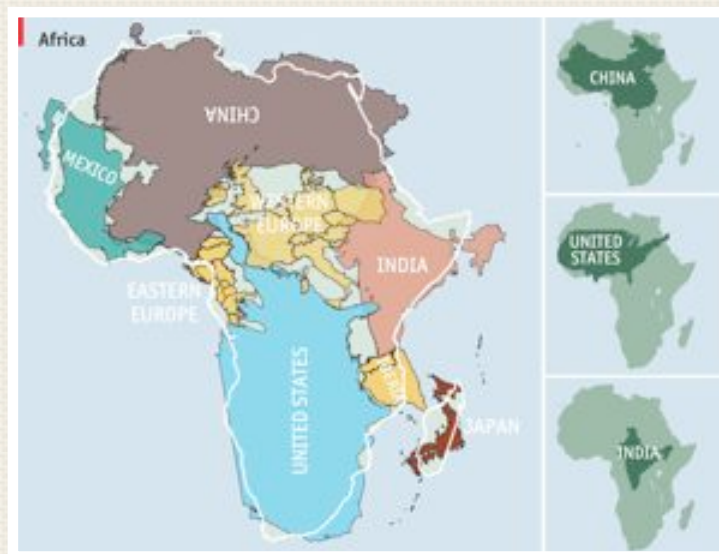
In 1989, Wakshuma was a young man living in a communist-governed country. “Life was very difficult for me,” he says. “My mother was very poor and couldn't care for me. My father had died.”

In this setting he found comfort and encouragement from TWR broadcasts and the letters received from a TWR missionary in the listener response department. “The letters changed the course of my life. The letters encouraged me to follow Jesus”, Wakshuma says as he found comfort reading the Bible and study materials sent by TWR.

In those days, the communist directive of his country dictated that people could not be Christian. Churches were blocked off and people forbidden to attend. Wakshuma recalls the day of his most difficult persecution. “I was very young. They forced me to walk, on my knees, over rough gravel. My knees were cut and bleeding and I was in tears. But I went home and listened to the TWR programs and was encouraged.”

Today, Wakshuma is electronic media division director for the Ethiopian Evangelical Church's communication service – a partner of TWR – which produces 14 TWR series in several languages!

TWR touches men and women, youth and children across Africa daily, over FM, AM or shortwave radio, through cell phones and the Web. The number of text messages, phone calls and listener visits is as varied as the peoples of Africa. But each person plays a vital role in God's plan and purpose. May each of us echo the words of Wakshuma, “So now I am here serving God!”



FLAT MAPS DISTORT THE GLOBE PROGRESSIVELY TOWARD THE POLES. SINCE THE EQUATOR RUNS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF AFRICA, MOST PEOPLE DON'T APPRECIATE THE SIZE OF THE SECOND LARGEST CONTINENT. TWR-AFRICA ATTEMPTS TO SERVE LISTENERS SPREAD OVER VAST AREAS!

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial support. We pray your family has a Merry Christmas this year!

Sincerely,

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