

THE HAAS HAUS



40th Anniversary

TWR's first shortwave broadcasts to Africa aired from Swaziland on November 1, 1974. Since January 2nd of this year, Andrew's been helping TWR Africa plan 40th anniversary celebrations. At long last, the big day came. Two events were held, one at the Swaziland Transmitter site and the other at a small church around the corner from the Africa Regional Office in South Africa. Both were well attended and focused on praising God for what He has done over four decades of missionary broadcasting.





TOP: 40^{Th} Celebration in Swaziland ABOVE: Adam Rozanas packing CDs (this friend returns to Illinois Dec. 12 after serving three years in our office.) RIGHT: THREE COWORKERS PERFORMED AS A BELL CHOIR AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN 40^{Th} EVENT.

The preparations were bigger than just events on a single day. There were videos produced as well as the writing, editing and printing of a 52-page history book distributed at both events. We posted 40 days of milestones to social media (twitter.com/twrafrica & facebook.com/twrafrica) that counted down to the anniversary starting Sept. 22. The Broadcast Team gave away 94 music CDs to randomly selected listeners.





40TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK (download PDF at ahaas.com)



JAMES BURNETT'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA



DAN LÖKANDER HEARD ABOUT SWAZILAND SHORTWAVE IN 1974 AND HAS LISTENED TO TWR THE 39 AND A HALF YEARS SINCE.

TO HOLLY'S RIGHT IS EDITH KLEYNHANS. HER LATE HUSBAND EVERT WAS THE BUILDER WHO COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SWAZILAND TRANSMITTER

A Praise and a Prayer Request

We've been trusting God the past few years to provide funds for medical care Holly needs that isn't covered by our medical insurance. We've only brought this to the attention of a few churches and friends, however, we've watched God raise thousands of dollars in a few months annually since 2011. This year, we had a family member offer to give again even though we hadn't reopened our "Medical Fund." We both felt that we shouldn't accept the gift ourselves, but look for someone to pass this blessing on to.

Soon after, a friend told us about Lucky, a I 3-year-old Zimbabwean boy whose father died of an illness, and whose mother went back to Zimbabwe for medical care. He was left with someone, but not being well looked after and was taken in by a friend of Holly's. When we learned he needed medical care, so we started using the money we could have received for Holly to pay Lucky's expenses. He had a dentist visit (filling two cavities), a vision check (20/20), and a full physical. Unfortunately he has an illness, something we suspect he was born with as part of his mother's unnamed "medical issue." Please pray for wisdom in helping Lucky and so we do what we can to aid the start of his teenage years.



In the meantime, we marvel at the Lord's provision. Even though we didn't approach anyone, God has prompted several people to give virtually every penny of the money we planned to ask for Holly's healthcare! It's divine confirmation that helping Lucky is something God wants us to do right now. Holly's friend is traveling in December to vacation with family. Please join us in prayer as he stays with us over the holidays.

Christian Concern for Muslims

The annual CCM gathering in Durban went well, but Andrew was happy to finish his term as Executive Team Chairman. The event was a rousing success (and Andrew's replacement was elected to serve for the next two years.)

The main speaker was Andreas Maurer (author of Ask Your Muslim Friend) who spent 15 years in South Africa working among Muslims. He flew in from Switzerland while Gordon Hickson of the Mahabba Network also traveled a long way to bring encouragement of what God is doing in the UK, as British churches begin to reach out to the Muslim immigrants on their doorstep.



GORDON HICKSON & ANDREW AT THE 2014 CCM PARTNERS CONSULTATION.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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