

HAAS STORYBOARD

We're so thankful to have our first home in North Carolina. Just when we were getting exhausted from living out of suitcases, God provided a place at Siloam Missionary Homes in January where we can stay for up to a year. An hour's drive from TWR's office in Cary, Siloam allows us to become more involved with coworkers and start putting down roots as we finish raising support.

Holly's focused on settling in and visiting doctors to ensure she's healthy and to deal with side effects (e.g. headaches and trouble sleeping) while continuing to wean off medications. She's also challenging her brain by taking a 15-week online science course. February 24-26 she drove to Charleston, South Carolina for the missions weekend at East Cooper Baptist Church.

That same weekend, Andrew began four weeks in Florida visiting over a dozen churches who have a history in the past five to ten years of financially supporting TWR or one of our missionaries. For the next month, he's reaching out to 35 similar churches in North Carolina. We realize that most of the people we speak to aren't called to support us personally. But success isn't measured by how quickly we reach full support. Success is finding ways to equip and bless local congregations to discover and achieve their destiny of involvement in the Great Commission. We're encouraged that we've reached 90% and we feel encouraged that the last pledges needed will appear quickly, probably from somewhere we least expect.



Candace plans the next shot in South Africa with Kayla and Andrew.



Andrew's parents visited over Easter weekend. Valerie Smith (above left) showed Linda and Louie how she produces Women of Hope radio episodes. If you visit North Carolina, please let us know so we can treat you like family and give you an office tour, too!

Our department leader and friend, Tyler, suddenly stepped down from the leadership of TWR MOTION in January due to a family crisis. This is an unexpected setback for our team just when we were poised to have an energetic launch year as the newest ministry of TWR. The remaining staff are still committed and excited about the many ways visual media can reach unreached people groups with the good news of Jesus. Please pray for Candace Mackie, who's stepped up as interim leader of TWR MOTION.

The LORD is not surprised by this and even though the team is currently short staffed, we are just two of five missionaries actively raising support to join the team full-time. The daughter of a TWR missionary couple Holly has known for 20 years just applied to serve with TWR MOTION also. So at least half a dozen new team members are getting ready to step into full-time roles plus some current volunteers. As Pastor Anthony Spero told me years ago, "What you build, you must maintain. What God builds, he will maintain."



Holly and Candace have discussed how Holly can be involved with TWR MOTION once the last of the support we need is raised. The plan is for Holly to help guide the training of TWR national staff around the world. With Holly's cross-cultural experience in staff development, she's been offered the role of Training Strategist. A part-time volunteer, who will be working with Holly and helping implement training, is Simone Keith. Simone was born in Brazil and speaks English, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian. She is currently a professor of video at NC State and also teaches at nearby Duke University. She's done video work for TWR in the past and next year retires with full state benefits allowing her to become a self-funded volunteer for TWR MOTION. Meanwhile, Simone (shown with Holly on left) is eager to find time to conduct trainings even before then.

We praise God that Andrew's February trip to South Africa was a complete success. In the photo at right, he helps Candace and Kayla safely transport the camera to a wide rock in the middle of the Umgeni River to film women washing clothes (below).

The three-minute finished video publicly released in April for the launch of the new flagship website, twrwomenofhope.org. Titled **We Are** the film shows women around the world who represent the diverse audiences touched by TWR Women of Hope. This ministry first began in 1997 (the same year we both began serving in missions).



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