



# Sing Praise!

TWR CANADA PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR  
OCTOBER 30 - DECEMBER 31, 2022



# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*“Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.”*  
(Psalm 29:1-2)

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” by Reginald Heber is a beautiful song echoing the truth of who God is. He is merciful, he is mighty, he is three in one, and he is the One who deserves all glory.

Whether it is early in the morning, late in the night, or anytime in between, we are called to ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

In our short lives, we will not have enough time or words

to sing all the praise that God is worthy of, but we are still called to give glory to God in all things, recognizing who he is and what he has done. He is holy and he has created us to give glory to him.

May all God’s works praise his name, and may we raise our voices to join in praise every day and in every moment. No matter our circumstances, may we have the confidence to sing out, “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

To check out our playlist of the songs included in the devotions, please visit [www.twr.ca/singpraise](http://www.twr.ca/singpraise)

## Training

Around the world, pastors and church leaders don’t have the same opportunities we have in Canada to grow in faith and leadership. By partnering with the Church in training, we build a stronger global Church, helping local churches better grow in faith and reach their communities with the hope of Christ.

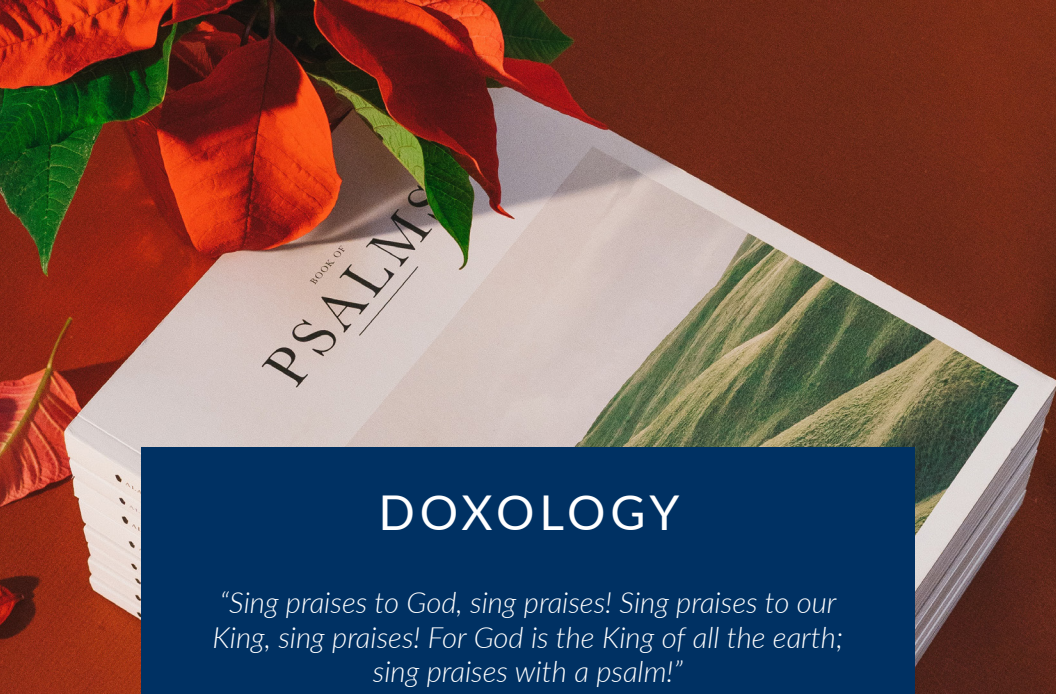
## October

- 30. Praise God that Discipleship Essentials and Leadership Essentials are being used to train small group leaders in the Philippines!
- 31. Across India and Bangladesh, radio home group leaders are trained using Discipleship Essentials. Pray that they will effectively take what they learn and teach it to those in their radio home groups.



## November

- 1. Pray that Leadership Essentials would help small group leaders across the Middle East and North Africa be better equipped to lead.
- 2. Pray for the many Chinese pastors and church leaders who attend training seminars, workshops, and other events in Canada and online. Pray that what they learn would strengthen their ministries and build up healthy churches.
- 3. Pray for God’s protection over online platforms which are used by Christians for training and fellowship, particularly in parts of the world where it may be unsafe to gather in person.
- 4. Persian ministry conferences allow believers to gather safely for fellowship and Bible teaching. Pray for a time of nourishment and refreshment for attendees.
- 5. Pray for our TWR Women of Hope coordinator in Mali, Jeanne, as she speaks at conferences and events on topics such as family dynamics, the education of children, and emotional pain.



## DOXOLOGY

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!"  
(Psalm 47:6-7)*

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

Thomas Ken wrote these words as the closing verse to three of his hymns, and they have since been well loved by many as a call to praise the LORD. This call is also seen time and time again in the Bible, such as in Psalm 47 where we are called to praise God our King.

He created this world and all that is in it, and he rules over it all in mercy, justice and

love. The LORD is our King; all creatures and all angels and all of creation are called to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. As we grow to know God, our eyes are opened to see his goodness and our hearts are inclined to delight in him more and more.

May our knowledge of God grow into love for God and lead to praise of his holy name.

## Chinese Ministry

Our Chinese ministry includes SOTA, our 3-4 year seminary program for the Chinese church, as well as other ministry initiatives including Discipleship Essentials, *Bible Stories Alive*, and training events for Chinese church leaders.

6. Please pray that more brothers and sisters would enroll in the SOTA program to better equip churches across China.
7. Though the Chinese ministry has begun implementing DE, they are doing so carefully. Please pray for wisdom to determine the best strategy to share this resource in 2023.
8. As we prepare to release an app containing the *Bible Stories Alive* books in Mandarin, please pray that these stories would grow the faith of children and families as they read and listen.
9. Pray for SOTA missionaries to find encouragement through the missionary fellowships. Many have had to leave their mission fields to return to their hometowns because of COVID-19, political, health or family issues.
10. Praise God for our new SOTA student who serves in Nepal and a missionary couple from a new SOTA centre who have recently joined the missionary fellowship!
11. Pray for the preparation of new SOTA courses. Pray that the instructors will receive wisdom and strength from the Holy Spirit to develop course materials according to the needs of the students.
12. Praise God that despite the ongoing pressures from the government, the Chinese ministry team can still minister to those in their network.




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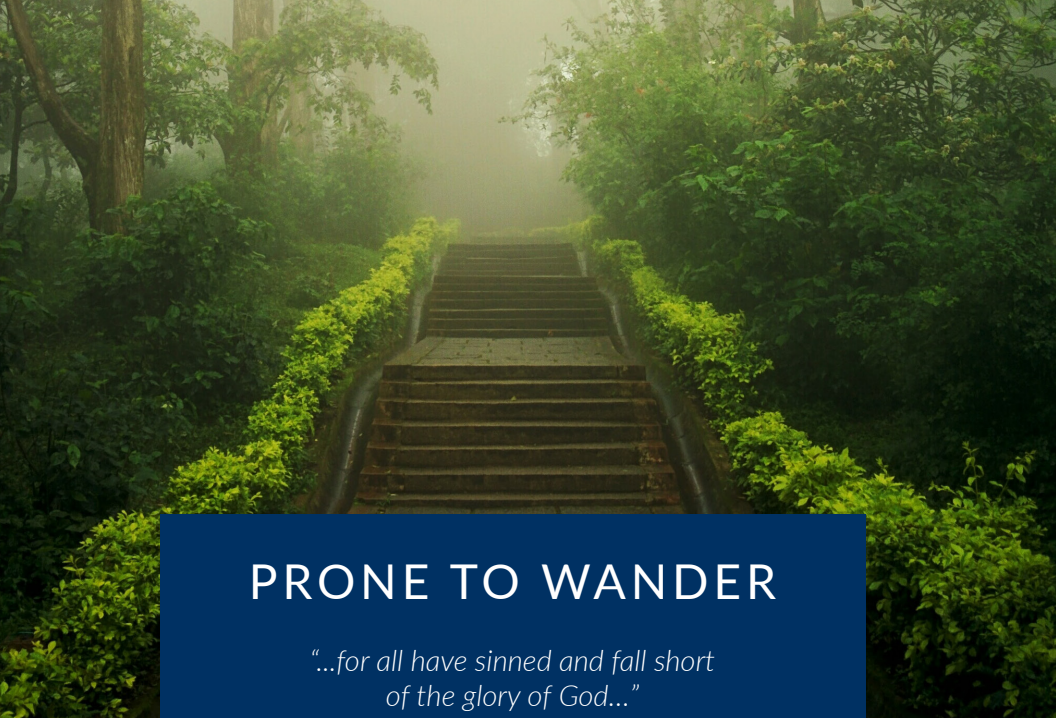
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**PRONE TO WANDER**

*"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."*  
 (Romans 3:23)

God's Word is never shy in pointing out that we are sinful people. Every single one of us has sinned and continues to struggle with sin every day. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Robert Robinson describes it this way: *"Prone to wander, Lord I feel it/Prone to leave the God I love."*

Sin is so deeply ingrained into who we are that each and every one of us is prone to leave our God. We all fall short and are in desperate need of help. The song then goes on to say, *"Here's my heart, oh take and seal it/Seal it for thy courts above."*

When faced with the reality of all the ways that we have fallen short of the glory of God, all we can do is turn to the LORD for help. Romans 3 goes on to say that although we have sinned and fallen short, through Christ we are justified because he died in our place to save us.

When we find ourselves wandering and turning away from the God we love, may we remember the grace of God and ask that he would take and seal our hearts for himself.

**Discipleship Essentials**

Discipleship Essentials is available in more than 15 languages and is used by individuals for personal study and in thousands of small groups in Canada and around the world.

13. Praise God for the DE radio program, broadcast in Spanish across Latin America and the Caribbean, and in French across West Africa. In both languages, this is a much-loved program. Praise God for the spiritual growth occurring in the lives of listeners!
14. Please pray for the continued translation and production in Spanish, Hausa and Indonesian. Pray for the translation and production teams, as well as for those who will use these resources.
15. Praise God that the full set of resources in Amharic and Vietnamese are now available online! Pray that these would be a blessing to people as they grow in faith.
16. TWR Canada missionary, McDaniel Phillips, works with our DE champions around the world. Pray for him as he supports the champions in their work.
17. Pray for DE champion Elena in the Philippines. She shares DE and trains church leaders through the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of the Philippines. Praise God for the growth in faith we are seeing as church leaders are trained and receive resources.
18. Pray for DE champion Mamdouh as he leads Together Network across the Middle East and North Africa, training believers to share their faith and create spiritual movements using DE and other resources.
19. Using DE in China means a shift to discussion-based small groups, which requires training leaders in a new way of leading. Pray that DE will equip more Christians to serve the Kingdom.




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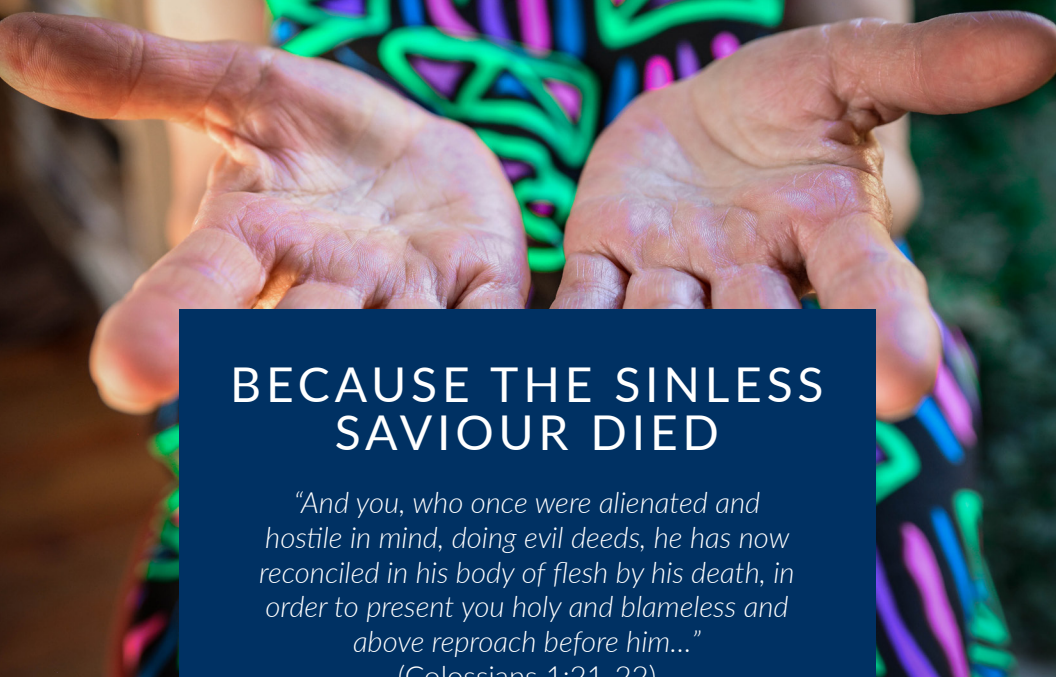
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## BECAUSE THE SINLESS SAVIOUR DIED

*“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...”*  
(Colossians 1:21-22)

Whether a person was born and raised in a Christian household, didn't come to know God until late in life, or never comes to know and love God, the Bible makes it clear that we were all at one time or another hostile towards God. God is holy and we are insistent upon sinning and having our own way. Our souls are held captive to our sinful nature and we have no means of breaking free on our own.

However, there is a way to be free and at peace with God instead of being hostile toward him. “Before the Throne of God Above” by Charitie Lee Smith is

a hymn rich in its descriptions of the beauty of God's grace and speaks to our sin dilemma: *“Because the sinless Saviour died/My sinful soul is counted free/For God the just is satisfied/To look on him and pardon me.”*

Jesus, the sinless Saviour, lived, died, and rose again to free our sinful souls and to reconcile us to himself.

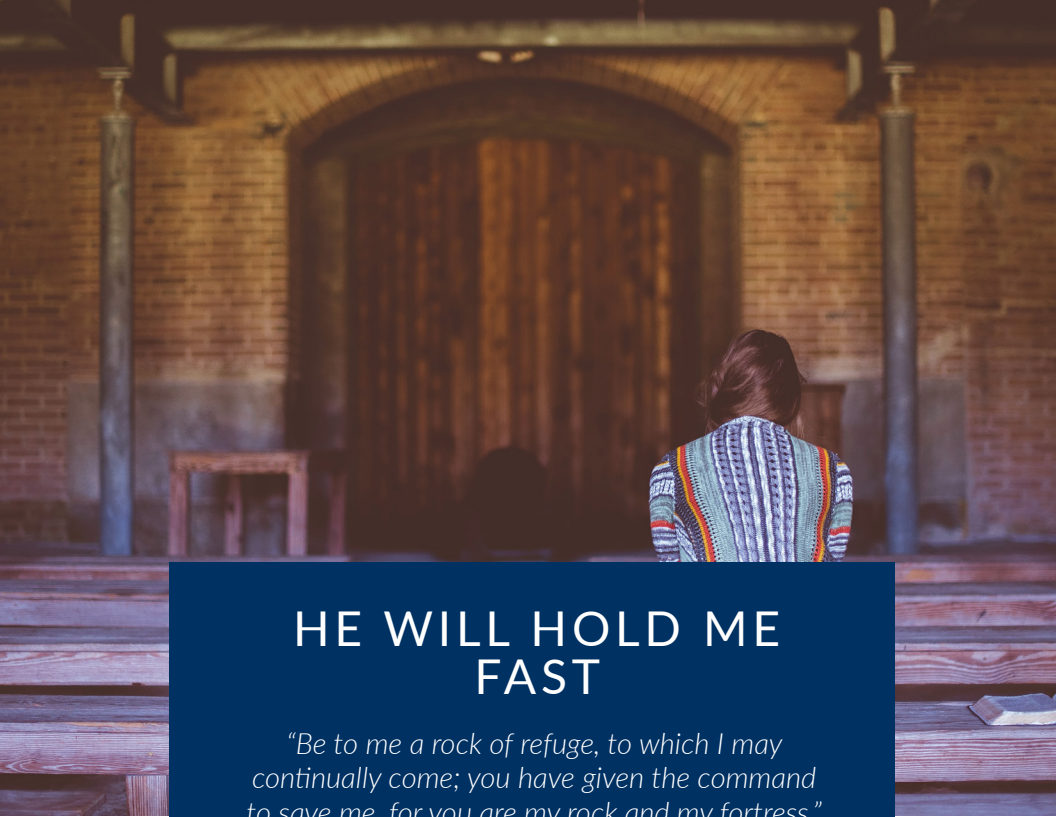
When Satan tempts us to despair and tells us of the guilt within, let us look to Jesus and trust in what he has done to free us from our bondage to sin.

### Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean

Broadcast from the island of Bonaire, TWR programming can be heard across much of northern Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as from local FM stations. Local teams also share the hope of the gospel through on-the-ground initiatives in their communities.

20. Praise God that RTM Cuba has been able to provide many resources digitally to the listeners who request them! Pray that those sent by mail are received as the postal system in Cuba continues to be almost non-existent.
21. The team at RTM Cuba continues to write and produce *Messages of Faith and Hope* and *Our Home*, which are broadcast from the Bonaire transmitter. Pray for all those listening across Cuba, seeking hope and encouragement in the midst of an economic crisis.
22. Pray that God would provide RTM Cuba ministry leader Alberto with encouragement, wisdom and strength as he leads the ministry.
23. Pray for plans to translate a subset of DE into Peruvian Quechua. There are few, if any, discipleship resources available in this language.
24. TWR Canada missionaries Henry and Anna Penner, along with their children, are returning to Canada at the end of the year. Pray for them as they wrap up their ministry in Bolivia.
25. In Uruguay, the program *Against the Current* encourages young adults to listen to God's voice and direction. Pray that those listening would stand firm in their faith when culture challenges them to do otherwise.
26. Pray for the RTM Colombia team as they continue to seek an office space. This will allow the team to work more collaboratively and centralize their program production and distribution.





## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

*“Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.”  
(Psalm 71:3)*

God is a rock and refuge for those who trust in him. God’s people can always come to him. He cares for them and will not leave or forsake them.

The song “He Will Hold Me Fast” tells of many instances of God’s steadfast love and the ways Christ holds fast to those he loves. *“Those he saves are his delight/Christ will hold me fast/Precious in his holy sight/he will hold me fast/He’ll not let my soul be lost/his promises shall last/bought by him at such a cost/he will hold me fast.”*

Even if we are abandoned and forsaken by the world, the LORD God loves those he has saved, and he will not leave them. Christ is our Saviour, our rock, and our refuge. When he holds someone in his hands, he will not let them go but will hold fast to them in his love and grace.

Let us lean upon him and trust in his unfailing love forever. Let us hold fast to him, believing that he will hold fast to us.

### Women’s Ministry

TWR Canada’s ministry to women includes TWR Women of Hope, which equips women around the world to understand the Word of God, grow in faith and discover the hope of Jesus.

- 27. Pray for the *Women of Hope* programming that provides both spiritual and practical teachings for women. Praise God for the change in listeners’ lives and communities as a result of this program!
- 28. Praise God for the husbands who are also encouraged by *Women of Hope*. As they learn to love Jesus more, they become more sensitive and loving towards their wives and families, and households become safer and happier!
- 29. Around the world, thousands of women pray for the ministry of TWR Women of Hope each month. Thank God for these faithful prayer warriors.
- 30. Jeanne is the TWR Women of Hope coordinator in Mali. Because of the impact of the ministry in Mali, she has been invited to speak at churches and conferences in Burkina Faso and Guinea. Praise God!



### December

- 1. 2022 marks 25 years of TWR Women of Hope! Praise God for the legacy of this ministry and pray for a fruitful ministry for years to come.
- 2. Pray for Dr. Peggy Banks, global leader of TWR Women of Hope, as she leads the ministry.
- 3. TWR Canada missionary Jonathan Griffiths is a consultant with TWR Women of Hope. Pray for him and the global leadership team as they strategize and make plans for the future.

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# COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*  
(Genesis 3:15)

*“Come, thou long expected Jesus/Born to set your people free.”*

Ever since the events of Genesis 3, God’s people have waited for the promised One who would come to set his people free. After Adam’s first sin, the world waited for the fulfillment of God’s promise to Adam and Eve. Though Old Testament believers could not put a name to this promised One, we now know that Jesus is the long-expected Saviour and Messiah.

Charles Wesley wrote “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” which stands as a beautiful

reminder that Jesus is our strength and consolation, the hope of all the earth, the desire of every nation, the joy of every heart, and the long-awaited child and King who was born to save his people. The One who has been waited for has come and he will come again!

As we head into the Christmas season, let us trust in him with patience and assurance believing that he has come to set his people free and that he will come again to lead us home.

## Media Players

Whether listening to content in a group on a media player or privately from an SD card on their phone, these devices provide biblical teaching directly into the hands of people in their heart language.

4. Pray for the thousands of radio home groups across South Asia who listen to Bible teachings on a media player together and discuss what they have learned. Pray for growth in faith.
5. At DE conferences around the world, attendees often receive an SD card containing DE in their heart language. Pray they would take this resource and use it to share the gospel and grow in faith.
6. Praise God for media players and other forms of portable media, which allow us to share the hope of the gospel with the world!
7. In some areas of the world, it is dangerous to have Christian materials. Pray for safe distribution of resources using discreet methods.
8. In partnership with Thru the Bible, we have recently distributed players to countries such as Liberia and Kenya. Pray for those who have received a player.
9. Earlier this year, we sent media players to Niger with a missionary from Humboldt Alliance Church. Praise God that these players were an answer to prayer and have had a positive impact on the community.
10. As we plan for media player distributions in 2023, pray that those who need to hear the gospel will receive a player in their heart language.




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# O COME ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

*“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*  
(1 Corinthians 6:11)

“O Come All You Unfaithful” by Sovereign Grace Music plays on the classic Christmas carol “O Come All Ye Faithful” and presents a beautiful message of hope for those who fear that they might not be counted among God’s faithful ones.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 makes it clear that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God and then proceeds to list off several disqualifying sins that may leave us in despair. It is easy to look at that list and many other verses in God’s Word and come to realize that we are guilty. In so many ways, each one of us

has been unfaithful. And yet 1 Corinthians 6 goes on to tell us of the beautiful hope we have in the newborn Saviour. Through him, we are washed, sanctified, and justified before God.

*“So come, though you have nothing/Come, he is the offering/ Come, see what your God has done/Christ is born for you.”*

When we recognize our own unfaithfulness, may we also recognize that Christ was born for us and that through him we are counted as faithful.

## Africa

From radio broadcasts to capital projects to on-the-ground ministry and the work of missionaries, our reach across Africa is vast, just like the region.

11. Pray that God would work through our two programs in Burundi, *Good News for All* and *Jesus is the Answer*, to change the lives of listeners.
12. Pray for TWR Canada missionaries in Eswatini, Greg and Ingrid Clarke, as they support the work of the transmitter site through their roles of station director and finance manager.
13. Pray for the distribution of the *Knowing God* drama series on media players for the Aringa people in Uganda. Pray that many would come to know the Lord through this program.
14. TWR Canada missionaries Steve and Teresa Murray have been in South Africa for nearly a year. Praise God for the work they have already done there and pray that their work would continue to be a blessing to the ministry.
15. In Kenya, *Bible Stories Alive* continues to have a profound effect on the lives of children! Pray that the children could continue to visit the radio stations where they participate in the program and share poems, riddles, songs and stories.
16. Last month, the TWR team in West Africa held a leadership training event for new leaders and partners across the region. Pray for the attendees as they implement their new knowledge into their ministries.
17. Pray for the development of new programs and initiatives across Africa. The teams on the ground are developing new and creative ways to share the gospel and disciple believers in the best ways for their communities.




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## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.’”  
(Luke 2:10-11)*

*“Hark! The herald angels sing/‘Glory to the newborn King!’”*

These words penned by Charles Wesley speak of the angels’ declaration of the birth of the King who had come to save the lost. The angels had good news that was worthy of proclaiming, and they declared it to onlooking shepherds. The shepherds watching over their sheep were the first to hear this good news of great joy, but that good news continues to be good for all who hear and believe.

When the shepherds heard this good news, they then declared it to others. Now we have heard this good news and it is still worth proclaiming! The news of Jesus’ coming is good news that ought to be proclaimed to all who will listen!

As Christmas approaches, may we be filled with love for our newborn King, and may we delight in him and declare the good news of who he is and what he has done!

### Media Content

Our media content comes in different forms: audio, video or text resources. But what unifies it all is the hope and truth of the gospel.

18. Pray for the production teams in Quebec as they produce programming such as the *Parole Vivante* TV show and Heralds of Hope’s *Moment of Hope*.
19. In Sri Lanka, the production team for *God’s Unique Book* creates Bible-based programs focusing on current events and listener questions. Pray for wisdom as they produce new programs.
20. The Persian ministry team has been developing a new program for youth, as well as a program designed to be shared on social media. Please pray for the team as they continue working on these programs.
21. The team in Serbia is translating and producing a series of biblical videos and songs for Roma children. They report that only four songs exist for Serbian Roma children. Pray that these videos and songs would introduce these children to the hope of the gospel.
22. Pray for the Arabic and Spanish *Bible Stories Alive* production teams, including TWR Canada missionary Jeremy Mullin, as they produce the stories out of the TWR Canada office.
23. CultureCross is a video-based series designed to encourage and assist Canadian Christians in sharing the gospel with their newcomer neighbours. Pray for the ongoing video production.
24. The SON-Lift series began as a program to share the gospel with unreached people groups in China. Pray for the production team now creating this series in Japanese.




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## JOY TO THE WORLD

*“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.”*  
(1 John 4:14)

Isaac Watts wrote, *“Joy to the world, the Lord is come/Let earth receive her King,”* and joyous this is indeed! Jesus has come! The Father has sent his one and only Son into the world as a baby to be the Saviour of this fallen world. Truly, he is the greatest joy this world has ever and will ever know.

The Saviour reigns and the heavens and earth rejoice! That baby born in Bethlehem is God with us and he has come to redeem all creation. He humbled himself on earth to raise us up to life. He was born

so that we could be born again. No more will sin and sorrow grow, for Christ has come to make all things new.

This year may the joy of Christmas not be lost on us, but may we see the beauty of Christ and rejoice in the knowledge that he has come! In every joy that this Christmas season brings, may we be reminded of the even greater joy we have in knowing Christ, and when we feel that joy is hard to find, let us look toward him trusting that he is enough.

### Praise God!

As we end 2022 and look ahead to 2023, let us take some time to look back at the year and praise God for his faithfulness. God is good!

25. Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the birth of God’s Son who he sent from heaven to earth. Praise God for the hope of salvation and his endless supply of goodness and love.

26. Praise God for the increase in children attending *Bible Stories Alive* listener groups in Kenya! One pastor reports having



more than 700 children attending weekly, up from 300 in 2020.

27. We know of at least 21 people who professed faith in Jesus at Persian ministry conferences this year. Praise God!

28. Praise God for the many ways he protected the TWR teams in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus this year. Pray that he would continue to protect and provide for these teams as they speak hope to their nations.

29. Thank God for our faithful financial and prayer supporters who partner with us to share the truth of the gospel with the world and disciple believers.

30. Praise God for a new program for families in South Africa. Some of the programs are based on TWR Canada’s Families Following Jesus series. Pray that this program would encourage families to grow in faith together.

31. As we head into 2023, we praise God for 50 years of speaking hope to the world through TWR Canada. Thank God for providing for the ministry which allows us to bring people to Christ through media content, training and technology.

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## About Us:

Using media, we partner with churches around the world to share the message of salvation among the nations.



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