



Signals from Ted & Dawn Siemens Serving with TWR

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Face-to-Face

Most days I (Ted) meet with people online, from my remote office in South Dakota. Last November Dawn and I revisited our TWR offices in Cyprus and the Netherlands. Meetings, yes. But so much more! We interacted in the office, chatted in line for the coffee machine, fellowshipped over mealtimes, prayed together, and got caught up.

My daily work is mostly with people involved in media content production. I do not often meet with the finance people, the HR or IT teams but through our visit, I could.



Reports and updates in staff meetings help us stay informed about the TWR ministry all around the world. But being onsite interacting with some European Ministry Directors face-to-face enabled us to hear their new opportunities, their progress, and challenges they and their teams face. In the Netherlands I even met with people from partnering ministries.

Each day our schedules were filled as we reunited with our TWR families, church families and neighbours. What was the last thing before checking in at the airport? We took time to catch up with a long-term friend and co-worker!

Thank you for faithfully praying and supporting us as we uphold people creating and sharing Gospel-centered media so that lasting fruit results!



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Imagine my (Dawn) delight when we were asked to come to England to care for our granddaughters while their parents would go to a conference in Greece. This was an answer to a prayer or a longing that I didn't realize I had. Not only would we have time with our son's family, but it would also provide the chance to fly to our former host countries of Cyprus and the Netherlands.



Since transferring back to South Dakota for Ted to work with TWR remotely, I developed a sense of isolation. For almost 31 years Ted and I had both been a part of TWR. Though I had two very young children upon our arrival on Guam, I happily helped at the office by answering listener mail from China. Later, I got involved with Project Hannah (Now called TWR Women of Hope). In 2001 we transitioned to Europe and lived in the Netherlands. I immediately began language learning where I met immigrants from the very countries that TWR's media programs were reaching out to. Meanwhile, I joined staff meetings and remained involved. I was also involved in TWR's Member Care Media. Eventually, I was reintroduced to Project Hannah/Women of Hope in Europe and became the coordinator for all of Europe & CAMENA. Continuing to serve with Women of Hope when we moved to Vienna, I also had the opportunity to meet women who had sought refuge in Austria. I learned first-hand about their culture and circumstances. The same thing happened when I moved to Cyprus.



In each country, my life involved TWR people – colleagues and their spouses. We didn't all go to the same church or live in the same neighbourhoods, but we were doing life away from our passport countries - together. We prayed together, celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, and encouraged or comforted one another. Our cultural backgrounds varied, but we shared a passion for sharing the gospel via media. I was a part of a team that was right next door! This had been my life until April of 2023.



On November 13, we flew to Manchester, England and based ourselves there for the next month. We flew to Cyprus and then later to the Netherlands. Spending time in our former host countries was the balm I needed. And watching Justin, Brittany, Kennedy and Hailee adjust to life in their new host country reminded me that God is always at work! He is working in and through us wherever we live. Arriving back in South Dakota on December 13, I felt refreshed. Though I long to live overseas, God has been teaching me that this earth is not my home. **He is!**

