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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Back in tech school we had to draft a paper about ourselves. My conclusion was in reality a purpose; I gave the quote – “Only one life, ’twill soon be past; Only what’s done for Christ will last.” Seeing the seriousness of spending one’s life with eternal results, I was motivated to enter full-time Christian service, as a missionary to Puerto Rico - initially, to build a radio station.

Barbara and I have spent a lifetime in missionary radio broadcasting. Broadcasting is mass communication, a special corner of ministry. Instead of dealing with small groups of people in a personal and intimate way, we offer the gospel of the grace of God and God’s Biblical principles for life to multitudes of people. Keep in mind, everyone in Puerto Rico has a radio – in their home, shop, or car. We speak to each person not a few times a week, but every day, around the clock. Naturally, we could not give numbers as to how many were listening, because we didn’t know at any given moment who was being affected or how their lives were being changed. We just knew that we were making the Word of God available as He has instructed us to do. I was reminded of times past when I might be in town on a remote broadcast and a businessman would come over to tell me that he grew up listening to our station; his grandmother had it on in their home all the time, an

example that people were being reached. It’s hard, even for me sometimes, to imagine the very importance of being on the air, in homes and cars every single day, all day long, spiritually feeding the people of Puerto Rico. It was a full ministry and using the terms of the business world - a highly successful one.

My second love is teaching. There were many opportunities in our local church to teach Sunday school or preach in the morning service (no, not on the radio; we used local Puerto Ricans who speak proper Spanish to do that). Barbara’s passion is Pro-Life awareness, and she did have opportunities to develop that ministry, sometimes even on the radio. After our involvement in radio broadcasting terminated, we shifted to short-term teaching opportunities among other fields of Grace Ministries International. This was an exciting change, as we expressed in our last newsletter. And the opportunities were ample. It was another way the Lord directed and satisfied our hearts’ desires in a fulfilling way.

Two new vexing dynamics have entered our lives. Perhaps you have also met them. Their names are Health and Age. They tell me that with old age, the body starts to fall apart. I don’t think it should be that way, but sure enough it is gradually happening. Our minds are not as quick, and that’s not good in our line of work. I grew up with a day divided into groups of three: working, sleep-





ing, and personal maintenance (like eating and hobbies). Now a fourth consumer of time has crept in - that of doctor appointments and medical care. All of this to say, we are not as efficient to do ministry as in younger years. And so, THE TIME HAS COME. Yes... the time has come to step out of full-time ministry, which has led us to officially retire from Grace Ministries International.

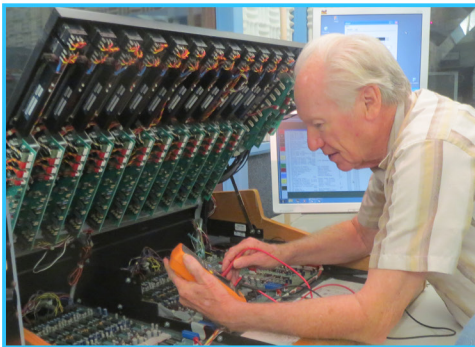
This is where you come in. We would read our donor list each month and were humbled by the faithfulness of so many over the years who kept us on the field. We were very serious about our responsibility to those of you who, what should we say - sacrificed? - went out of the way? - did without some things to keep us on the mission field? Moving people from spiritual darkness to spiritual light was your ministry; we were your "feet." We will be forever grateful to you.

Here is a good place to mention that GMI has several fine missionaries that are still short in their monthly support. If you feel you would like to transfer what you have given to us over to them, check [gracem.org](http://gracem.org) for their profiles.

We have traveled many a blessed mile together on this spiritual journey over the years – to God be all the Glory!

Very appreciatively,  
Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower

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And when I am dying, how happy I'll be,  
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C.T. Studd



Lawrence keeping the equipment working



Barbara at the mimeograph machine... remember those



Barbara speaking at a Pro-Life seminar



Lawrence controlling a live program



Lawrence and Barbara designing a new program log



Tirzah grew up in radio and operated the station after high school



Lawrence job was to climb and paint the radio



Lawrence and Barabara at the WCGB radio station



Barbara working in the office