

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - December 2018

Hi from Bonaire,

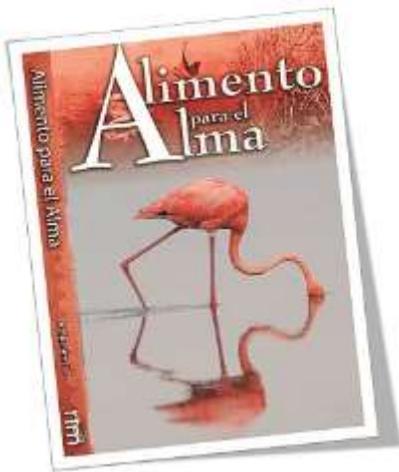
I'm happy to again report that the new 450 kW transmitter is still running perfectly. Just this week, we were visited by a couple from Colombia. They said that they can hear TWR - Bonaire in Medellin, which is great news. It turns out that the husband has been listening to TWR Bonaire for more than forty years. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior while listening to the Bonaire broadcasts while he was in prison back in the day. He is now a Pastor/Evangelist. We gave him a copy of the 2019 edition of the devotional booklet *Alimento Para El Alma*. It has a flamingo on the front cover and a feature about the Bonaire ministry on the back cover. You would have thought that we gave him a gold ingot, he was so pleased. We get visitors like this two or three times a year, mostly by pastors who think of TWR as their mentor, as they grew in the Lord and then entered the ministry. I think it is a "bucket list" sort of thing, to visit the station that has played such an important role in their lives.



In September, I mentioned that we had had to discontinue the online streaming service that parallels the programming on our 450kW transmitter. Well, we are streaming again, on a test basis. Hopefully we'll get all the bugs worked out soon and can again promote it, far and wide, as another way to listen to the TWR programs from Bonaire. In the mean time you just might be able to find the stream at: www.twr.org/800AM

The team at *El Faro de Redención*, a new Spanish language radio program for Cuba by Haven Ministries, has been doing a particularly good job at connecting with listeners on a personal level. Here is what one listener recently told them: *"It is a pleasure for me to listen to your programs. I've been a Pastor for more than 30 years on this beloved Island of Cuba. I am one of the Christians who lived through the hard years when many said that in the year 2000, there wouldn't be any Christians left in Cuba. In those days, TWR was a source of nourishment for our faith. What a joy to now hear programs produced for Cuba, with preachers, worshipers and testimonies from this beautiful island!"*

Sandra and I went to Penney Farms, Florida in October for the memorial service for her mom. We prayed long and hard that Sandra's epilepsy wouldn't interfere with the plane flights, as well as the activities of that week. The Lord answered those prayers and Sandra had a bare minimum of seizures during the trip. As a side note, I was able to listen to the Spanish broadcasts from Bonaire most nights while we were there. The signal was weak but listenable if one was motivated.



By the way, if you'd like to get your own copy of the 2019 edition of the *Alimento para el Alma* devotional booklet, with my Flamingo picture on the cover, for the low low price of \$7.50, you can call 1-800-880-5339 or head to this link.

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