

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - March 2019

Hi from Bonaire,

We recently celebrated the first anniversary of the dedication of our 450kW transmitter. On the evening of Jan. 31, during our English language block, TWR President Lauren Libby, and *Footsteps* radio host Andy Napier were on the air live, speaking to our listeners by means of *Zoom* session from the TWR office in North Carolina. They reviewed highlights of the launch ceremony 12 months ago; read responses from listeners in Cuba, Venezuela and other countries touched by the expanded signal; and prayed that this "bigger voice for Jesus" will have a growing impact on the lives of individuals throughout the region.

The next morning at 6am, it was time for the Spanish broadcast marking the anniversary. Gabriel Fernandez, who is usually on the air during that time slot, sent greetings from Venezuela. The other hosts were on the air live from Chicago and Canada. Annabel Torrealba, a veteran broadcaster and TWR's ministry director for northern and central Latin America and the Caribbean, chatted with Steve Shantz, TWR's vice president for the region. I played the music selections and short features, like *Luis Palau Responde*, from Sub-1 here on Bonaire.



Also, during the last week of January a tornado did some serious damage to Havana, Cuba. Haven Ministries, who produce *El Faro de Redención*, prepared a special program in response to the storm, and we worked with them to get it on the air right away. We were thrilled when their producer reported that he could hear the program loud and clear in Havana that night. Dan Warne, the speaker and director of the program said, *"Tragedies, like last week's tornado, prompt big questions in people's hearts and minds. Radio provides an important space to speak to hurting hearts and minds."*

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