



Speaking Hope to the World



### PRAYER REQUEST

- **Praise for God’s provision for TWR during 2020**
- **Health and safety of our staff during these days of the pandemic**
- **For Jim’s and my health. I have been battling a very bad Fibromyalgia flare up and depression**
- **We praise God for you, your friendship, prayers and support and His faithfulness**

Dear Friends and Family,

Warm New Year’s greetings to you from Florida – where it’s not that warm at the moment (just our cold-blooded opinion ). It was wonderful to hear from a number of you at Christmas, which truly blessed our hearts. Last year was a tough one but we praise God for His faithfulness and that He never changes despite our ever changing and shifting world.

Around Christmas time, I was checking out of our local grocery store and noticed a couple magazine type publications each featuring a representation of Jesus and mentioning something about his birth and relating to the implication of His life. These magazines were laid out next to other publications mentioning such things as what the Queen of England was doing in quarantine and items talking about the popular people of the day, as per usual. How interesting, I thought. The popular come and go but they can’t get rid of Jesus. Over 2000 years and He is still talked about every year in some way in secular media, even showing up at checkout counters. It made me smile, as I love Him, as you do. Yes, we each have to make a decision about Him, who He is and if we will follow Him or not. One cannot get around Jesus.

Our TWR President, Lauren Libby, recently reminded us that God is still in the business of calling people. God called the prophet Jeremiah at a young age to serve Him. I love Jeremiah 1:5: Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as my chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you....(Amplified). Have you ever felt *not* approved? I have. But I have learned that as His child, He approves of me. He has called me and Jim to serve Him and He has called you, too.

We recently had a special staff meeting time (via Zoom) with our Cary, NC, office where we were honored for our years of service with TWR. We had received a box in the mail and told not to open it until in staff meeting. So, we were good and didn’t :-). What a wonderful surprise when we did open it in the staff meeting to find this beautiful plaque!

This past year brought many emotional challenges for us, probably me especially. We have always enjoyed serving overseas. But it seems God now has us here. We look forward to continuing serving with TWR as volunteers and seeing what that will look like this year with the ongoing pandemic.





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– A 25-year-old *Thru the Bible* listener in Turkey

*During this time of pandemic, a lot of people I know have had losses. But for me it became a time of salvation. I've been listening to your programs for one year. At the beginning it was like collecting information for me, but in time something has started to change my heart. After I lost a friend because of COVID-19, I started to ask more questions about the future and about life after death. I didn't find any answer that covered my fear during this time. But after listening to your programs with a new attitude, I felt freedom in my heart and decided to give my heart to Christ. Now I know what will happen to me, even if I die."*

Would you pray that God will open the right opportunities for us? We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership with us and TWR.

We were encouraged this past year to see God's provision for TWR globally in 2020. He has blessed the ministry and we thank you for your part in that. In these dark days of global turmoil and pandemic God's truth is being proclaimed by TWR through our extensive radio network, online video and mobile apps. Our listener response is always encouraging. During this time God is drawing people to Himself all around the world as they listen in their own (heart) language. God is calling people to Himself and they are responding!

Thank you for your partnership with TWR and us! Know that you are prayed for regularly.

Our love in Christ,

*Karen, for both of us*

Jim and Karen Avella . . . and Pepper



With Karen's Aunt Verna (one of her mom's younger sisters) and Uncle Ramon Bundy around Christmas.