

# Until the Whole World Hears

The Becker Family M&M's - June 2020 Update

## COVID-19

The term COVID-19 is likely to bring an avalanche of thoughts, feelings and emotions to everyone on the globe! Many are still suffering and buried in physical, emotional, and spiritual hopelessness. This is why TWR Asia developed *From Despair to Hope*, a series of evangelistic programs that share the hope of Christ amidst the coronavirus outbreak. Produced in a variety of Chinese languages, this program is reaching hearts! Read the responses from Chinese listeners below:

"The programs are done very well. The message is simple, direct and specific!"

"May your service to the LORD lead those who thirst for life to Jesus! May His abundance satisfy every person that comes to seek Him!"

In Becker-land, the coronavirus pause has been a welcomed break and an opportunity to reflect on our first year on Guam. It has been a recalibration to focus on the most important things as we move forward. We continue to pray that God would show Himself throughout the world; He certainly has in our tiny piece of it.

## The KTWR Infrastructure — "Refresh" Project

The sunny, tropical, marine environment of Guam makes the island beautiful and lush. However, it is also extremely harsh on the towers and transmission equipment at KTWR. The sun overhead exposes hardware and painted surfaces to brutal UV rays and heat. Salt spray from the ocean constantly wafts over the antenna field, coating it with salt spray. The grass quickly engulfs guy wire anchors and rusts them through. In this invasive environment, no matter how much effort is applied to keep things running, there comes a time when an extensive overhaul is necessary. That time has come for KTWR.

A phased approach for a complete refurbishment of towers, antennae and transmitters is currently being initiated. Darin and Linda Alvord served KTWR on-island last fall. They gave of their time and talents providing extra support where needed most. Previously, Darin worked in the telecommunications industry and is a consummate problem-solver. Darin has been selected to head up the KTWR "Refresh" project and we couldn't be more thrilled! He will be splitting his time between Guam and (their home in) California. Please pray with us for his team, for wisdom for dividing the phases, for worker safety and for God's provision to allow KTWR to continue to spread the Gospel into the Asia region.

*But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14*

Micaiah and Mahala are sad to announce that all Teen Missions International summer 2020 trips have been cancelled. Please email mahalamaebecker@gmail.com for more information or check out teenmissions.org. Please be looking forward to trip announcements for 2021!

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## Praises

\* The Weaver family is heading to Guam to serve with the KTWR team-arriving in July.

\* Guam has slowly begun the process of "opening" the island as COVID-19 cases have remained low in recent weeks.

\* Since KTWR is considered essential infrastructure, we have been permitted to continue broadcasting throughout the pandemic!

## Prayer Requests

\* Ministry balance, marriage resilience and godly parenting.

\* Friendships for the Beckers are in high demand! Please pray for "people" for our family.

\* Mitch's roles as the facilities and station manager-more help is needed.



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ABOUT THE KIDS - One Year Later: As the academic year is coming to an end (the weather feels like summer all year!!), a “shout out” to some amazing, resilient, enduring, ever-enthusiastic Becker kids is in order. This time last year we had just received our furniture (after being transient for almost 6 months), and we were swirling in a new and very different culture. Now, one year later, Mahala (17) is mid-way through her “senior project” to receive her licensure as a cosmetologist and will begin coursework with Bethany Global University this fall. She is (im)patiently waiting for Guam’s government to open in order to receive her driver’s license (she’s anxious to run mama-errands of course!!). Micaiah (15) and Matthias (13) have each served some 1000 hours at the site learning about facilities, engineering and field maintenance (including bush cutting). Aside from their coursework and some airsoft play in the jungle, they also serve our local church. Matthias is the cheerful face who greets church-goers each week (before COVID-19) and Micaiah serves as a sound-tech and cajon player for the band. Oh, and more bush-cutting (the nature of the tropics!!). The four eldest children have continued with mixed martial arts training this year, via Zoom; Matthias is currently waiting for his new black ghee as he has transitioned to his advanced belts! Micaiah, an engineering-minded introvert, NEVER misses snuggling his mama goodnight though he has far outgrown her in height and his voice sounds like a bass drum. Moriah (11) is ahead of everything academic and has been working to become the “muffin maiden” - a breakfast helper by her own title - to supplement feeding the family “army” at breakfast. She has listened to hundreds of hours of audios about historical characters and characters of faith, and gobbled up the content of two science textbooks about land and sea animals this year. Melea (8) is nearly finished with her multiplication facts (HOORAY!) and completed curative this year. She is a kindred friend to the little boys and a profoundly thankful soul. Mahala is teaching the middle four children piano lessons weekly. Malachi (5) finished kindergarten and has proudly read 100 early-reader books. He LOVES to color and draw, especially bakery items, cars and emergency equipment. He can explain a cube, cone and cylinder and has mastered counting by 2’s, 3’s, 5’s and 10’s. He, like his daddy, insists on wearing a belt and pants each day. His hair is slicked back before most other Becker feet have hit the floor. Manoah (4) has remained intact another year; visits to the emergency room during the pandemic have been nil. He loves Duplos and he has moved to non-sleeping nap times. He helps the family by dumping the trashes and washing produce and he always has the longest list of “yays” at the dinner table.

OK...so why the long list...isn’t this supposed to be a letter about the ministry happenings? Oh, it certainly is! You see, in a string of seven it can be hard to keep track of everyone, but these kids are worth knowing. They are brave. They miss “home” but persevere in unfamiliar territory like champs. Can’t recognize the food? They take another stab at it (literally). Making friends is slow, yet they continue to reach out. Although their parents have been distracted with surviving the upheaval and finding their footing in missions, which is very different from the military realm, smiles and snuggles have not been slighted. Through it all, they have continued to pursue the LORD in spite of a sublimely trying year. These young people, sincerely, are the unsung heroes and examples of Jesus. THEY are the missionaries. They are the true bearers of Christ’s name, young though they are.

1 Tim 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.