

Happy New Year from The Dan Blossers

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Dear Partners, Friends and Relatives,

We thank the Lord Jesus for the year that has passed as so many, many good things came our way and to the TWR Ministry. We look back in great awe at how God has blessed us and TWR this past year. And now we look forward to seeing what He is going to do in this new year of 2020.



As far as we know we will continue on with the ministry with TWR that you know we have been involved in for more than 40 years. We have quite a few prayer requests for you in this letter about TWR ministry. Please pray for problems with what we call our "Oasis" transmitter that has been fully funded, all parts and equipment are on site and engineers are working to get it on air. But they continue to have problems and we have yet to get the programming broadcasted. It seems to be a spiritual warfare problem (as all are) but this transmitter, located in the seat where Voodoo began in West Africa, will be reaching into largely Muslim Nigeria and into the area of the infamous terrorist group, Boko Haram. It seems to be a special target of Satan as it seems he is doing all he can to stop this transmitter from broadcasting! As you pray for this, please also pray for our missionaries at the Transmitter Site there, who are facing difficulties. Pray for their protection, health and spiritual well-being.

A recent news article said, "We should keep our eyes on what is happening in the news because it gives insight into what God is doing in the world". In light of that, recent news is that Iran has the fastest growing Church in the world at the moment. So through all the reports of turmoil going on in that country, we can see that God is working even if it seems He isn't. It is reported that thousands of Iranians have turned to the LORD through media outreach; dreams, visions and personal witness. So it is a time for Christians to double their praying for Iran during these tumultuous times and for God to raise up a just government that will protect and allow His Church to grow. Ahmad's Story below is witness to how radio, the internet and social media, all of which TWR uses, are accomplishing God's purpose of evangelism in Iran.



When Ahmad was young, his father was arrested and eventually died in prison during the political upheavals of the region. Growing up, Ahmad conducted his homework with the radio on. Often in the afternoons, he would pick up a channel from abroad that talked about Jesus. After hearing about an offer to get a free New Testament he mailed a request to receive one. He received a New Testament and a poster of Jesus. Ahmad was a devout believer of the Islamic faith but one night he had a dream that

Jesus came walking toward him, but as he got closer, Ahmad was shocked to see the face of Jesus reflecting the face of his older brother. Earlier, his older brother, had told him about Jesus, whom he had heard of in Europe. Finally, Ahmad decided to read the New Testament. He fell in love with Jesus' words of life, joy, peace and hope and began to share them. But he was told he would be reported to the government if he continued to talk about Jesus. Eventually, Ahmad left his country to find religious freedom and studied abroad. There he was able to learn more about Jesus and eventually accept Him as his Savior.

This is just one of the testimonies of Iranians who are coming to Christ. TWR broadcasts in Farsi and Persian into Iran. God is working and as we continue to pray, He will continue to use not only Christian media, the internet and social media as well as dreams, visions and personal witness to change Iran.

And one other country we want to hi-light is China. They have been increasingly restricting Christians and have been “deporting” missionaries who have gone there, not as missionaries but business people, teachers, etc., in order to share Christ. Also, the internet is not as anonymous as it once was. As the use of facial recognition software on smart phones is introduced, which so many Chinese use to access the internet, other ways to reach them must be introduced. As one of our Regional Directors has stated: “For TWR, this presents a strong value proposition for radio and DRM ministry to China.” Another director explained DRM: “This is digital shortwave broadcasting technology that is able to transmit radio broadcasts with the huge reach of traditional SW yet with a digital FM-quality signal. DRM also offers the unique advantage of being able to simultaneously broadcast a second signal on a subcarrier channel. For example, while an audio program is being broadcast, relatively low bandwidth content such as sermon notes or a transcript for that program could be simultaneously broadcast as a text file. Both could be received by the listener who has the right type of digital receiver. The content could be saved onto the receiver or on plug-in media such as a USB stick, SD or micro SD card, etc. TWR Guam has this capability and may be using it in the future. Pray for this opportunity to be used and that more and more Chinese will be able to get these DRM radios.

******By the way, have you ever wondered just how much we broadcast? Well, TWR broadcasts 9,195 hours of programming globally — PER WEEK! That’s 478,140 hours every single year! And if you’re doing the math in your head, let us help you out: there are only 8,760 hours in a year, which means we’re broadcasting nearly 55 times over, every single hour of every single day. With TWR and media, the gospel never sleeps!*

****** Please pray for these broadcasts and everyone and everything that is involved in getting them out to those who listen in the 230 languages of TWR broadcasts.*

And lastly, pray for us that God will continue to use us in TWR and other areas as He wishes, and to continue to provide all that we need to continue being used of Him. We are well and thankful to be able to carry on serving Christ and we appreciate and thank each of you who pray for and support us. May God bless you richly in this new year of 2020.

Because of the Kingdom,

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What we look liked in November!