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Speaking Hope to the World

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How are you handling this new world of the Covid-19 virus? How quickly things have changed, haven't they? What we took for granted just a few months ago, we can no longer assume. What will our world look like in a few months or next year? We all hope it won't be long until things return to normal. But we all know the future is uncertain and we really don't know what lies around the corner. Is it possible that a small microscopic thing can bring such changes to our world? Our world is reeling from the ramifications of the virus. Most countries around the world have been stopped in their tracks. In our TWR sphere, we have great news to report!



Ready for our first virtual career fair

A few weeks ago, 158 TWR staff from around the world gathered on a global Zoom teleconference as our TWR president, Lauren Libby, read from Psalm 46 and reminded us that we should be still and know that our God is in control. Lauren also mentioned, "God is allowing this to happen to make His presence known. He is shaking the earth, shaking the nations and shaking each one of us." He added, "People are quarantined globally, consuming media, listening to radio, looking at video on their smartphones. They are open to the spiritual world, and they are downright scared! People are looking for answers. God has raised up TWR for such a time as this. Now is the time to use the big voice Jesus has given TWR!" Yes, TWR has become more important than ever! Our TWR360.org website (which now has 89 different languages available) is being accessed like never before, as 60% of those logging in are new visitors! New radio content that relates to the virus is being broadcast on all our transmitters. The truth of Jesus is going out as never before! When Jesus ascended to heaven, he left a Church that gathered in their homes. Now again today, we the Church are gathered in our homes. Only this time we can hear and share the Gospel from all over the place. Easter Sunday, we attended four different services streamed from different parts of the country. Anyone who wants to hear the truth cannot say it was unavailable.

Debbie and I feel privileged and excited to have a small part in it all. We saw this really cool video recently (<https://www.twr.org/hope-knows-no-barriers>) and it spurred us on, realizing that God gives us all an opportunity to spread the good news. It's kind of like the virus, but in a positive way. It will die out if we don't pass it on.

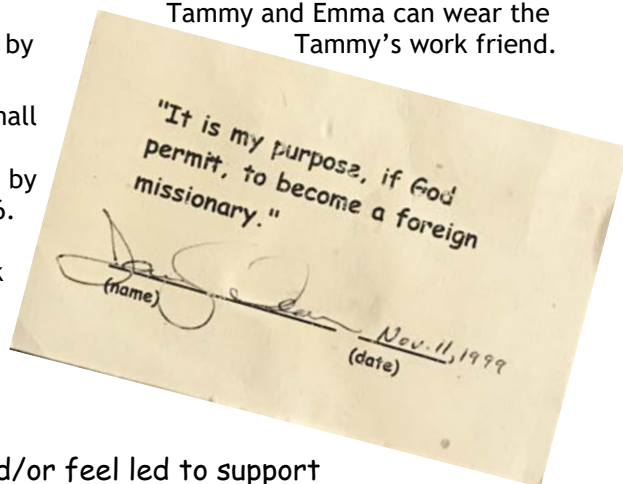
One couple I've been coaching is being asked to leave to help our Guam radio station as soon as possible even though they only have about 1/3 of their support. They never expected to leave in the middle of this crisis. It is neat to read what they wrote recently! Their names are Jeremy and Tammy Weaver, and their kids are Emma and Cole.

"Conventional wisdom suggests that during an unprecedented global pandemic you do not quit your jobs, sell your house, and move across the world. Yet when TWR asked us in March if we would consider going to Guam earlier than we were forecasting, we only had one answer: YES! For us, it is an answer to prayer; we had been hoping to go before Emma started high school. Tammy, Emma, and Cole are all excited to go. The Guam team is in urgent need of additional hands, and TWR let us know that my engineering experience is needed as soon as possible. TWR leadership have authorized funds to supplement our support until we are



100% funded. Since we had already booked a May vision trip to Guam, we will be able to change our flights for a summer departure (June or July) to give us time to wrap up our life in Alaska and for coronavirus restrictions to lift so we can travel safely. We will continue to trust God to build a team around us. So, life just got really busy for us. We decided to sell the house (instead of rent it) and have been working hard to get it ready to list. Every day is filled with decluttering, painting, fixing, and cleaning. So, if you think of us, pray for a quick and painless sale. Please pray also that we will be able to travel without difficulty when the time comes.
Tammy and Emma can wear the masks that were made for them by Tammy's work friend.

"One of the things we found when cleaning was this small wallet card that says, 'It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary.' The statement was developed by the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions in 1886. I signed that card when I was on the missions team at my Bible college in 1999. I had forgotten all about it, and I think it is so amazing that I found it while packing to go overseas! We don't know how everything is going to work out with the move, but we are just taking steps forward knowing that if God is for us, then it will happen."



Should you want to know more about the Weavers and/or feel led to support them, please go to the following link:

<https://www.twr.org/global-staff/jeremy-and-tammy-weaver>

Blessings!

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