

January 2019



Speaking Hope to the World

Dear Praying Friends,

The year ended with a very busy fall season that included many opportunities to share the ministry of Radio Trans Mundial in a variety of contexts. Let me tell you about a few of them...

La Fiesta del Pueblo: This day-long street festival in downtown Raleigh celebrates Hispanic culture and is attended by thousands. Several of us went to meet people and give away resources that we pray will be a blessing to the Spanish-speaking community in the local area. We also pray that it will increase awareness of RTM as a source of sound, biblical teaching here in the US.

9Marks Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Along with other representatives of TWR, I attended this pastor's conference to take advantage of the opportunity to bring TWR into the awareness of hundreds of pastors with a heart for missions.

TWR Women of Hope Prayer Luncheon: I was invited to share about RTM USA at this prayer group that gathers monthly to pray for women all over the world. Latin American women were the focus of prayer for the month of October. It was a pleasure for me to be with them and share what we are doing to reach the lost and equip believers throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

TWR Cary Building Rededication: Things have finally returned to "normal" after the fire that we experienced last December, and the building was rededicated. It was a lovely event that was attended not only by TWR staff, alum, and volunteers, but also by many people who were instrumental in rebuilding and restoring the building: fire fighters, contractors, restoration specialists, town council members, etc.

Tours of the building were offered, so I was able to share about the RTM USA ministry several times. There were potentially unbelievers in the groups, so I also made sure to share the Gospel!

Without a doubt, the most exciting thing about the TWR building rededication was the fact that Jim and Carol Munger came from Miami to attend! Since Jim's retirement as Director of the TWR Spanish Ministry, and Carol's retirement as Coordinator of RTM Listener Services, we have missed them so much!

When we saw them coming, we all ran out to the lobby to greet them - there were lots of smiles and hugs, and a few tears of happiness!



A HAPPY REUNION AT THE
TWR BUILDING REDEDICATION

Christian Library International (www.cli.world) is a local ministry that distributes Christian books and Bibles to US prisons, and disciples prisoners. I met with Kathleen Skar, the Director of CLI and she described to me their constant need for Christian materials in Spanish. With that information in mind, we did an end-of-the-year fundraising appeal with our listeners allowing them to donate our RTM produced devotional, Alimento para el Alma, to Christian Library International, for distribution to prisoners.

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An ongoing project for the season has been the **development of a Fundraising Curriculum**. Working with several others from the Latin America and Caribbean Region, we are developing a curriculum that will be used to train representatives from each of the Latin American Partners. The goal is for each partner office to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to raise funds in the context of their own country in order to expand ministry to the people of their country.

December 2 was the **30th anniversary of the passing of Dr. J. Vernon McGee**, author and teacher of the *Thru the Bible* program. Our relationship with Thru the Bible continues to be central to much of the ministry that we do from the Cary office. We received the following feedback from a listener in Caracas, Venezuela, that encourages us to be faithful in the ministry that God has given us:

I am finally able to write you, brothers. May God continue to bless you. Each day I marvel even more what the Lord is doing with my faith through your program. Above all, I am receiving much guidance to apply in my home and with my married children. I now better understand that I need to respect their lives because they are in the hands of God. Many thanks.

And now, the new year is upon us!

This time last year we were still reeling from the December 20th fire, which happened to coincide with Jim's official last day in the office. Even though in some ways it felt like I was shot out of a cannon and into the fray, I am thankful to God for his faithfulness to me and to our entire team as we essentially reinvented ourselves.

I feel excited about the coming year and am eager to see what the Lord has for us! Thank you so much for joining me in this adventure through your prayers and support.

May God richly bless you and your family throughout 2019.

Rejoicing in the Lord,

Elisa Keepe