

He has a what?

Have you ever heard of a **lung hernia**? No? Neither had we, until recently. In late June, during a follow-up visit with his heart surgeon, Marvin expressed concern about a bulge that would appear under his heart surgery incision each time he coughed, laughed or sneezed. The space between the ribs where the surgeon had gone in to do the heart valve repair in May had not healed. It usually heals after several weeks, but in Marvin's case it had not.

The heart surgeon, who has done hundreds of these minimally invasive heart surgeries, said that there is always a small chance the space does not heal up, but it is very rare. Marvin was told to keep an eye on it. If it wasn't gone in three to four weeks then we would have to see a thoracic surgeon. You probably already know where this is going. It didn't heal up, but got worse. We went to see a thoracic surgeon who told us Marvin had a **lung hernia**. Never heard of that before. Marvin was scheduled for **lung hernia** surgery so that a piece of mesh could be put behind the ribs to close that hole. More surgery? We were not

"Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope." Acts 2:26

happy to hear that news. Marvin was just getting back to normal work days and strength from his heart surgery. On August 29th we headed to the hospital at 5:15am for an 8:00am surgery. The space that had not healed was larger than anticipated so the surgery was more extensive. Marvin spent the night

in the hospital and came home the next afternoon. He was told that he would be out of work for a few weeks. He also was not allowed to lift over 10 lbs. for 4-6 weeks. At his recent follow-up appointment, he was informed that everything looked great. Marvin did complain that he was just tired of being tired. The Dr. reminded him that he had undergone two major surgeries in a short span of time. It will take several more weeks before some normal life can return. Though we would not have chosen this road, we are very grateful to God for good doctors and hospitals. We're also grateful for successful surgeries and all the dear people who pray us through them. Thank you! We look forward to a normal life again after this recovery time! Marvin will be glad to get back working on TWR audio projects. He also wants to get our bushes trimmed. But while we recover we will wait on Him who is always with us and goes before us!



Our daughter, Larissa, has been battling an uncomfortable eye issue for the past six months. She also has a lump in her lymph node near her ear. It turns out there is a connection between the appearance of this lump and her eye issue. The lump was biopsied on the 29th of August. After two weeks of waiting, the results came back negative for cancer. Praise the Lord with us for that great news! Next step was for her see a specialist at Duke Eye Center and hopefully get some answers. On September 18th Larissa and I (Landrie) headed to Duke. Within five minutes of the Dr. being in the room we had a diagnosis, a plan of treatment and a promise for a complete cure. I saw hope and relief

dawn in Larissa's heart and on her face. We both cried. The lump by her ear will disappear when the eye problem is cured. Praise God with us for answers to prayer!

Hurricane Dorian came through Wilmington, NC, where both Marc and Larissa live with their families. Though the wind was a bit scary through the night hours, they only lost power for a short time and there was no flooding. We weren't happy that they stayed, but we kept in touch and prayed a lot.

You never know what is going on in our lives between our prayer letters and yet you pray. We are so thankful for those prayers more than we can express. We pray for you all each morning and if there is something specific that you would like us to pray for, please let us know!



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REACHING THE DIASPORA - a dispersion of people from their homeland

When we think of a particular language broadcast, we usually are thinking about people who speak that language who are living in their home country. That is particularly true for radio broadcasts that are purposely beamed into their home country, to the exclusion of the rest of the world. But that is not the case with programs that we distribute via the internet. When we put a language on the web, it can be accessed almost anywhere in the world including the original home country for that language.

TWR recently looked at the impact immigration has on our internet listening audience on TWR360.org. We expect to have listeners in multiple countries for major languages like English, French, and Arabic. During a recent study of a 7-day period we had listeners to English content in almost every country of the world. French-speaking content was accessed by users in 86 countries. Arabic content by users in 73 countries. The major international languages are not alone! Here are a few other statistics of users in their home country along with the diaspora who were also accessing TWR360 in that language:

Russian – 43 countries	Dutch – 18 countries
Japanese – 18 countries	Farsi (Persian) – 26 countries
Polish – 14 countries	Romanian – 55 countries
Portuguese – 28 countries	Serbian – 12 countries
Mandarin Chinese – 39 countries	Hebrew – 70 countries

We praise the Lord for the ability to share the Gospel with users in both their home country as well as to the diaspora spread around the world. We currently can do that in 80 languages on TWR360.org. We look forward to adding more soon. We have added language #80 on TWR360. GUARANI is spoken by about 4.6 million people in Paraguay. There are also small communities of Guaraní speakers in Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina. Guaraní is one of the official languages of Paraguay, along with Spanish. The Bible-based resources we can offer in Guaraní are *Thru the Bible* and the JESUS film.

Please pray for the many listeners to TWR! Thank you!

A listener from India:

I really wanted to grow closer to God and learn more of the Bible. However, my impaired eyesight often prevented me from going to church regularly, accessing fellowship and studying the Word. It was a blessed day when I happened upon a TWR radio program while toying with my old transistor. It was difficult for me to find the same station again, so I searched online with the help of an app that assists visually challenged people like me. I found a TWR website and it connected me to a plethora of resources. This was a gold mine in itself! I have become a regular listener ever since. I listen to the programs in Deccani, Marathi, Sindhi, and Hindi. Once, I even sold some shares so that I could invest in a good radio. It is my heart's desire to help people like me from the blind community to get better access to the Word of God and not to miss out on any spiritual growth. God keeps bringing people into my life who bless me with transistors. I, in turn, give these away for free to visually impaired people so they can listen to TWR India radio programs. Last month, I was able to distribute 16 radios. I pray for these programs to change their lives as they have mine!

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