



**Dear Praying Friends,**

We have greeted you in this way so often before. However, this time I felt like I really needed to let you know how much your prayers have meant to us over the past five months. We are sorry we were unable to send out a July prayer letter because of

***Pray for one another...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16b***

life's traumatic events. On Wednesday, April 25th, Marvin went to see our GP Doctor. Something just wasn't right and he wanted the Dr. to check it out. The Dr. immediately sent him to the Emergency Room. After a four-hour wait late that night Marvin was admitted to the hospital due to a suspected bleeding ulcer. On Friday he finally had an Endoscopy. The GI Doctor confirmed Marvin had two ulcers, but they weren't bleeding at that time. Marvin was put on a med to help heal those ulcers and told he could go home the next day (Saturday). Early, the next morning, the nurse called asking me to come in as soon as possible. My husband was not doing very well at all and he wanted me there. So began a day I don't think I will ever forget. Marvin kept having episodes of rapid breathing, heart racing and breaking out in a drenching sweat. He was scared and kept telling me that something wasn't right. That afternoon he passed out and was unresponsive. It scared me. I was taken out of the room while lots of medical staff descended upon the room. Marvin did finally come to and was tested for several things. Later his GI Dr. came in, reviewed the test results and things started happening. Marvin's hemoglobin blood level had dropped to a six. He was given two units of blood, taken to ICU and preparations began for another Endoscopy. Scoping showed that a blood vessel under the one ulcer had burst and Marvin was bleeding out. The GI Dr. clamped off the bleeders. Marvin was kept sedated and intubated for twelve hours. He



also received another unit of blood. After seven tiring days in the hospital, on May 2, Marvin was able to come home. He was extremely weak and had to use a cane. He was unable to work in May and could only work a few hours each day in June. It has taken over four months for him to get most of his energy and stamina back. He is still not up to 100% full strength. We learned after the hospital stay that when your hemoglobin blood levels gets as low as six, you can suffer a heart attack or there can be other serious complications. We know that God had his hand on Marvin and that He has left him here because He has plans for him. Do your prayers mean anything to us? YES! Especially in times like these they mean so much to us.

In June I went to my cancer Dr. for my six months blood work and checkup. My counts have gone up four points. The Dr. said he wasn't worried and everything else looked good. Did it bother me? Yes! It took me a day and much praying to digest that news. I go back in five months. Are we thankful for your prayers? YES! We're very thankful!

***Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17***

Since the fire at TWR in December it has been a long haul of constant change. Things are not quite back to normal yet at TWR, but it is very close. I am back in my work area and am so thankful for space to work in. Marvin now has a more permanent cubicle to call his own. He is thankful to unpack boxes and make some order after months of chaos. All studios are back in working order and being used. Some things still need to be done, but all is coming along. TWR is waiting on the final inspection and getting the certificate of occupancy so everyone else can move back into their work spaces. A rededication of the Cary office building is planned for October. Have your prayers made a difference? YES! I know that the whole staff of TWR in Cary are thankful for your prayers as we have endured the trauma, upheaval and chaos. The Lord has never left us and it is only by His grace and strength that we can serve Him each day! Thank you for praying for us and TWR!

***Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12***

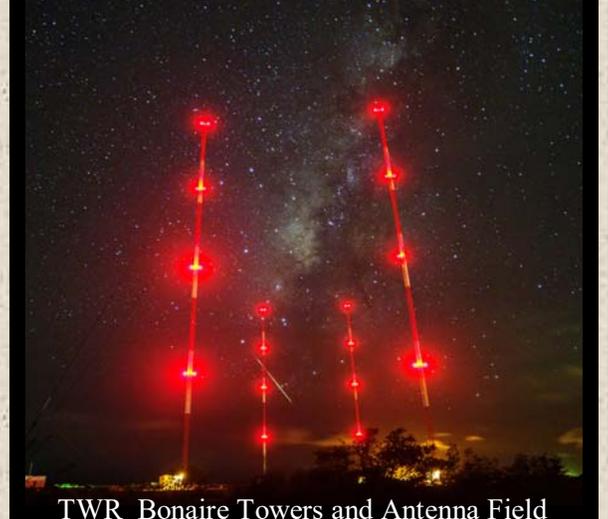
## **Bonaire Transmitter Power Upgrade**

Last year we asked you to pray for TWR's incredible **Bonaire Transmitter Power Upgrade** project. Because you and many others prayed, the Lord has brought TWR through this project. It took many hands and countless hours of hard work in all areas on all levels to bring this project to completion. Praise the Lord! We are now able to reach an additional 50 million more people. In the past several months we have been receiving encouraging responses like this one.

### ***New Signal from Bonaire Reaches the Guerrillas region of Colombia***

Though it is still early to know how big the impact will be of the upgraded signal in Colombia, TWR has heard from a pastor from the Arauca state telling us that in his city he can now hear the signal! This pastor lives in a very violent area. It is an area that is being terrorized by both FARC and ELN guerrilla groups and drug gangs. The pastor almost lost his son when a terrorist group threw a bomb into a store where his son was. The village where the pastor lives can only be visited with permission from the guerrilla groups. Without this permission, you risk being kidnapped or murdered. There used to be a 2,500-watt transmitter radio station in the area where this pastor lives. However, that station was overtaken by the guerrillas. The listeners to that station asked TWR **'how can we listen to you?'** Online radio was not possible since the internet connections are very slow in the rural areas of Colombia. Thanks to the **Bonaire Transmitter Power Upgrade** to a **450,000-watt** AM transmitter, listeners in this rural area of Colombia will be able to have access to God's message of hope in Jesus!

## **BONAIRE POWERUP**



TWR Bonaire Towers and Antenna Field



To let people know how to tune in, RTM (TWR) Colombia will distribute promotion cards to promote TWR's 800 AM station on Bonaire. The pastor also plans on helping by promoting the signal among the congregations of the ten churches he serves. TWR was informed that this is so important, because in these rural areas there is often nothing for the people to listen to. TWR has also learned that the hours that TWR Bonaire is broadcasting to Colombia is good (10 – 12 pm). Guerrillas don't sleep during that time. They have to be awake to be on guard and protect themselves. TWR is reaching exactly those areas where the guerrillas are located.

***With God nothing is impossible***, so please pray that God will help the guerrillas in their long hours of night watch to find TWR Bonaire and ultimately our Lord! Also, pray for the multitude of listeners to TWR and for all those who are hearing God's Word for the first time! **THANK YOU!**

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