

Blizzards and Pandemics

Landrie and I grew up where snowfall was measured in feet, not inches, and usually with a yardstick. Blizzards could close school for a week, cancel church services, make roads impassable and shopping impossible. Looking back to those times I pity our poor mothers. They bravely faced the experience of a half a dozen housebound kids with cabin fever. Three plus months of COVID-19 quarantine feels like very long blizzard that just won't go away. Instead of snow forecasts, we have news of COVID-19. But blizzards are regional, pandemics are not. Every person on earth, is experiencing in some way, this pandemic that has uniquely affected all of our lives.



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**God's not surprised! Look and see what the Lord is doing? Where is He working?
How does He want us personally involved? How does He want TWR involved?**

President of TWR, Lauren Libby, often reminds the TWR staff of these probing thoughts. He also stresses how important prayer is right now, because God is opening so many doors. TWR needs prayer for continued direction, wisdom, grace, provision, protection and strength. Opportunities to speak hope to a world that is struggling have been presented to all of us who know the Lord! God has pushed the PAUSE BUTTON on the world and is asking mankind, "Now will you think about Me?" Has there ever been a time when people have been more open to considering eternal issues than they are during this global pandemic? With time on their hands and questions in their hearts many have begun seeking the Lord!

Throughout TWR's history TWR's global network has frequently responded in times of natural disasters, war and today's pandemic with programs providing practical advice, trauma counseling, and spiritual encouragement while gently pointing listeners to Jesus. The Lord directed TWR to produce and deliver a mix of special COVID-19 relevant programs and radio spots with crucial information and spiritual content to people in Asia, Europe, Africa, India, Southeast Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and elsewhere. Special programs like *From Despair to Hope* and *Season of Hope* have been produced, translated, delivered and well received.

Not only is God drawing more people to Him and His Word around the world, but He also is bringing together His people to do it! Here are some encouraging responses to TWR's worldwide ministry outreach. Would you thank God for them? As you pray for us, please pray for them. Thank you!

From India, a response to TWR's Season of Hope program:

"Was hugely blessed by what I heard. Lauren, thanks so much for sharing the work of God through TWR worldwide! In spite of so many deaths and sickness and fear God has indeed drawn our attention to the greatest hope we have in the good news of Jesus Christ!! More people now than ever before are listening to the amazing work of Christ on the Cross. Thanks so much once again and yes, the church in India will never be the same! Our Lord God is turning this pandemic season into a season of Hope! God bless every person in TWR and may He alone be glorified!"

From the USA, a response to TWR's Season of Hope program:

"This program was very encouraging. I have been a Christian for over 65 years and due to the COVID-19, I am secluded in a small town with no open Church services and have little contact with others. My family all live 1500 miles away from me and to be honest, this is the hardest time I've ever encountered. I need encouragement daily to not give in to discouragement and despair and this program sure ministered. Thank you so much and God bless you all. I love the hymn done on this program too, by the way. I'd love to have a printed copy of it."

From Republic of South Africa, a response to TWR's Season of Hope program:

"Maranatha! Thanks for bringing Christ as the only hope. Hebrews 11:1."

From Guatemala, a response concerning Thru the Bible: "It has been a blessing to my life and many more since I give the study twice a day to several women in this quarantine. We finished Genesis and now we're going through Matthew. Thank you very much and blessings in your ministry and keep going because they help us understand the word of GOD."

From Germany, a response to Thru the Bible: "Thank you for this wonderful food for thoughts and explanations. The Bible not only wants to be read, but also to be researched and questioned, so that one matures from baby Christian to adult Christian. God's blessings to you and thanks again."

From northern part of Africa, a response showing God at work: "You encourage us greatly with your broadcasts. Now we are convinced that the true god is God the Father, not the god of the religion of this country who is just a deity among a multitude of deities. We give thanks and glory to Jesus Christ, the son of God, for it was through Him that this revelation of the real person of God the Father was manifested. When I said these things to the religious leader of our village, he agreed with me. This is a very nice man who is open to discussion. He told me, 'I believe you Christians are in the light. We, the followers of the religion of this country, are in darkness.' I said, 'Why don't you come into the light of Christ?' He told me, 'My mind has already come (to the light); only my body remains outside.' I am confident this religious leader will soon come to Christ in body, mind and spirit because he listens to a lot of your radio broadcasts. He is a man aged 73 and he has become my friend. I pray he will soon belong to Christ. He is a very friendly man and many will follow the path of Christ after him."

From a Sri Lankan pastor, a testimonial on the value of TWR's Radio Home ministry:
"Thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to start a Radio Home programme in our church. The importance and the value of such a programme is very much evident in this COVID-19 lockdown period. I was really worried and thinking how to share the Word of God with my church believers, and how to share the gospel as soon as the government announced a lockdown. But thank God I was able to use the Radio Home players you have given to nurture the believers of my church during this period. Every Sunday all our believers, including myself, get together at 10 in the morning and listen to a Radio Home lesson in our own homes as a church that is gathered by one spirit even though we are physically distanced. Also, these lessons have been very much important to me. There were times I got really discouraged, but I get motivated and energized when I listen to the Radio Home lessons. The most important thing is there are non-believers also living among our church believers' houses. Our believers use these Radio Home lessons to share the gospel with their own non-believing family members. I have heard already some of these non-believing family members accepted Christ after listening to these lessons. We thank God and pray for your ministry regularly."

From Brazil, a response concerning Mini Bible College: "I found the program walking on the website of Rádio Trans Mundial in Castilian. I heard about IBA years ago. The studies are wonderful, I enjoyed the Sermon on the Mount. I like the exposure of the Scriptures. The program also served me as a companion and consolation, in quarantine times because of Covid-19."

Praise and Prayer Items

1. Praise God that Larissa's eye surgery is scheduled for the week of July 6-10. Pray for success and good recovery.
2. Praise God that Landrie's six-month CLL cancer checkup in June was good. Her counts went down.
3. Praise God that we were able to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary (June 21st, 1975).
4. Praise God that we are able to celebrate our 36th year as TWR Missionaries (July 13th, 1984).

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