

**December 2019**

# THE HELMHOLDT HAPPENINGS

Newsletter from Jason and Adina Helmholdt

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.." Mark 16:15*

## THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

"Bon Bini"! This phrase is used in the Papiamentu language to welcome friends, family and guests to our island and hearts. We find it very fitting as we are "welcoming" a new season in our lives. As we celebrate our first year on the field many changes have been added to our days and as you know...it is always an adventure with team Hemy! We've added 4 beautiful kids to the Bonaire school system, quenched our desire for the native language through Papiamentu classes, conquered multiple scuba dives and have seen many exciting things happen at TWR. All while raising our goat, Mekkie!

All kidding aside, we have entered some challenging, yet rewarding, opportunities here on Bonaire. The children have all started school and are adjusting wonderfully. Extra effort is put into their language learning with individualized Rosetta Stone lessons and full immersion of Dutch in the classroom. It is so rewarding to watch them flourish in the culture and hear the way their tongues are adapting to speech in a new language. We are so thrilled to see what is to come with that! Relationships are budding and connections are happening everywhere; work, church, school and sports. Life has begun to take "shape" in ways only God had planned for us!

Jason has been working on bringing the pastors of Bonaire together in cooperation to reach the unreached of Bonaire in the community. He hosted a breakfast at TWR where 11 different pastors from all different denominations met together. Jason has also been taking part in a prayer meeting with these pastors and the Governor of Bonaire to pray over the government here. Jason had the opportunity in September to meet with local tour guides-in-training at the transmitter site to educate them on what TWR does. Now when they are giving island tours they can tell people from all over the world the great things God is doing in Bonaire through TWR!

Adina has taken over the children's ministry at International Bible Church, the church we attend. She has implemented a new curriculum and is currently working on the kid's Christmas program. Adina had a fun surprise as she was recently gifted with a sailing trip by one of the dear friends that she plays softball with. She truly cherishes all the friendships she has made here!



We had the opportunity to welcome some guests over the past few months. Jason's parents came down with Uncle Clark and Aunt Laura. We just adored loving on them and sharing life long memories. We had a great time showing them all around the island... and of course the kids enjoyed some much needed time with Gigi and Papa. We also had the pleasure of hosting a beautiful pair of supporters in November. We met at Cedarville University with an "only God" story and are now blessed with a richer friendship! It was great to give them more of a glimpse into all the great things God is doing through TWR in Bonaire.



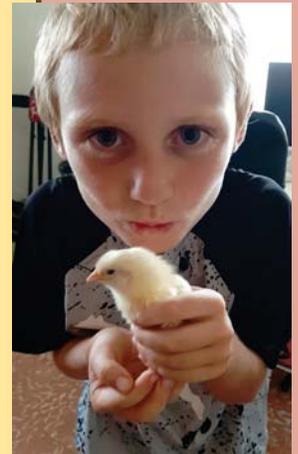
### Listener Stories

We had the pleasure in October to hear a listener story first hand from a family that visited our studio from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. They had listened to TWR for the last 50 years. One of the family members, Dr. Jose R. Tavarez Borrell said he got through college by listening to TWR while he studied. Here is part of what his wife said about the visit:



*"Once we arrived there, we could not believe that the station we had heard for 5 decades and had been blessed through, that we could be there and not only listen to it but see it with our own eyes. We could see the happy face on my husband José, and it was contagious to us all. God is good and grants us our requests! We thank God for giving us this great gift. Thanks to Jason, his wife and the great family of RTM for taking out their time. They welcomed us with love and made us feel like family."*

It was such a blessing for us to be able to meet people whose lives were impacted by and changed through the ministry of TWR Bonaire.



### Support Update

As we wrap up our first year on Bonaire, we want to thank everyone who has supported us through prayer and financial support. Over our first year of service our financial support has dropped slightly and the need still

remains. If you feel led by the Lord to join us financially in this adventure, please visit our website or contact us directly.

### Keep the Son in your eyes,

Jason, Adina, Ainsley, Isaac, Hazel, Jozie & Mekkie



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