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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



"Jumping into the new year...belly first!" This is a great way to describe the way we have experienced the first couple months of 2020. From Jason continuing to trudge through the chronic effects of the positive diagnosis of Chikungunya, to the bittersweet ache a momma's heart feels as her babes grow up, and the constant desire to be obedient in all we do...We're in this! It's just been that sweet feel of sting to our bellies as our adventurous selves are reminded, we are not made for this world. However, knowing that through the sting God is always working for our good, He gives us all we need!

We celebrated our oldest and youngest daughters' birthdays in the month of January. Ainsley is now 11 after her "Golden" birthday on the 11th and our youngest babe, Jozie, couldn't wait to turn 6 on the 29th. We had so much fun loving them and celebrating the unique gifts they each are. Ainsley grew a mermaid tail while Jozie enjoyed being a sweet bunny and rocking out a unicorn birthday party! As Jason and I reflected on these sweet times, we are so thankful for the



friendships that are developing in their lives. Please pray with us for Jesus-loving people to come alongside them and that their lights shine even in the tough moments.



Jason has been battling Chikungunya with minimal change. His joints take on the most pain and the frustration with constant fatigue is mentally draining. The doctors have instructed him to take "half days" of work and jump in the ocean a bit more for exercise and relief in the buoyancy of the salt water. We continue to pray for healing and for God to reveal His plan in this all. Adina is

trying to keep the family and herself as healthy as possible. We are realizing the island becomes like a cesspool of germs as the planes land & cruise ships port. She is still playing softball and was able to complete her first game as the pitcher with a 15-0 win.

At TWR, Jason is gearing up for a busy spring. We have some of our Latin America team coming in April to do a live fundraising event on the air. It is always fun to do these live events because we get live feedback from our listeners. At the same time, TWR's International board will be in Bonaire for their annual meetings. Jason is working on getting all the details set for that busy week.



Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for the kids' schooling. The progress of their Dutch language will dictate what class they will go to next year. We pray they will continue to get better at speaking and understanding the Dutch language.
 - Continue to pray for our project to translate our Spanish daily devotional *Alimento para el Alma* into Papiamentu. We are in the final stages and are looking forward to presenting this great tool to the island of Bonaire!!
 - Prayers as we start to plan our summer camp with the kids at church. Adina has been doing an amazing job since taking over the children's ministry. Camp will be the next big undertaking. Please pray that we can provide a weekend for kids to draw closer to their Lord and Savior.



Praise Report

- We want to praise the Lord for bringing in new supporters in the last few months. We have had a few new individuals and a church join Team Hemy!! God continues to show us that He is faithful in caring and providing for us!

Listener Letters

Cuba:

I am a housewife and I love to listen to the station and particularly your program. ... I encountered RTM when I was 8 years old. My dad and I listened to the radio station on a neighbor's radio because there was no electricity. We listened to a battery-powered radio... I thank you for the effort to transmit in Spanish. I met the Lord thanks to you in 1995. ... I thank God and you for being bearers of the good news of salvation, and I encourage you to continue. There are still many souls who need the Word of God. May God richly and abundantly bless your whole collective.

Ecuador:

Through this means, receive a greeting in the Lord Jesus Christ and a big embrace from the one who writes. I thank you infinitely for the way you have of explaining and practically analyzing the Scriptures so that we can understand and assimilate them. You cannot imagine how blessed I feel with the study. I really appreciate you because by listening to *Thru the Bible*, my interest and love for the Word of God has grown. Again, a thousand thanks because you are a blessing. You have encouraged me in my sadness. You have accompanied me in my solitude. You have comforted me in my disease. The Lord Jesus spoke to me through you, and it has strengthened me.

Keep the Son in your eyes,

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



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