

Dear praying friends,

We talked about the Latin American ministry last letter. Just afterwards, we received the following report from our TWR-Canada office about the Venezuela situation:

...in Maracay, Venezuela, Gabriel Fernandez trudges his way through the darkness up nine flights of stairs to the TWR, or Radio Trans Mundial Venezuela, offices and studios. In each hand he lugs a jerry can of gasoline. The complex where the office and production studios are located has been without electricity since March after the power transformer that supplies energy to the building failed. The power utility does not have the resources or parts to repair the power transformer; therefore, the gasoline Gabriel carries is to fuel a generator he managed to install on the roof of the building. The dire economic and hyperinflation situation in Venezuela has produced many hardships for its people. Many have fled the country in the largest refugee migration Latin America, or the world, has ever seen.

RTM Venezuela is a radio program production centre, and Gabriel is the host of a popular morning magazine show called *Despertar* or “Wake Up!” By running the generator, he is able to record the programs; however, it does not supply enough power to run both the recording equipment and the air conditioning at the same time. The recordings take place in the heat and humidity.

We asked Gabriel and his team if they would like to leave Venezuela and do their production in a country with better infrastructure. They replied, “If we leave, who will be here to minister to the people who are left in the country? How can we speak over the air that hope can be found through God’s Word in this crisis if we leave as well?” There is a new spiritual awakening in Venezuela, and the radio broadcasts are needed to support the Church in these days.

Last letter we said: “Venezuela is said to be the least churchgoing country in South America... is it possible that the political situation in Venezuela is allowed by God to get people to think about Him?” We think it’s not surprising that with the dire situation in Venezuela, there would be a spiritual awakening. Thank the Lord for dedicated workers who will stay and endure the privations for the sake of these precious souls!

Our Canadian director, Steve Shantz, shared that in Bolivia, hundreds of people come in by the truckload to Bible conferences, sleeping on the ground in a makeshift camp for several days to receive Bible teaching.

And in Cuba, the transmitter power increase to 450 kW has enabled many more people to listen. The producers of *El Faro de Redención* (“Redemption Lighthouse”) visited the island and reported:

As strong as the local station! We tuned the program in live with churches as far west as Los Palacios. People promising to listen in at the four churches where we passed out Bibles and then listened together with them to *El Faro*. Packed houses everywhere.

Incidentally, if you have a friend who speaks Spanish, you might like to share with them that TWR-Bonaire’s evening broadcasts are streamed online: <https://www.twr.org/bonaire-en-vivo>

We have more news in the prayer requests on the next page. Please join us in remembering them before the Throne of Grace.

Your Africa-Arizona missionaries,

Joe and Edna Miller

“Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.” (Heb. 13:18, ESV)

☪ Let's continue to uphold Gabriel Fernandez, his wife Oglá (that's not a misspelling!), and the dedicated group who are getting out Gospel programs from the “powerless” studio in Maracay. The Word of God is “powerful”!

☪ TWR's partner, *Women of Hope*, requests that we pray for the people suffering in Venezuela and the hundreds of thousands migrating to Brazil, Colombia, and other countries. Also, please pray for Christians who are trying to help them.

☪ In Cuba, Alberto Gonzales produces a daily five-minute program, *Mensajes de Fe y Esperanza* (“Messages of Faith and Hope”), to be broadcast back to his fellow Cubans. Brad Swanson, longtime TWR-Bonaire missionary, says, “It is pretty much impossible to overstate the impact that this program has had in Cuba over the last five years or so.” Please pray for the outreach of this program.

☪ Colombia is another country where dedicated Christians are trying to build a studio so they can produce programs within the country to reach their countrymen also. Such locally-produced programs have a special impact. Please pray that the Lord will prosper this project.

☪ Thank the Lord for the many who can now hear the programs from the newly-installed 450-kW transmitter! One listener from Central Mexico writes: *I would like to inform you that last night for the first time I was able to tune into your station 800 kHz from Bonaire, arriving loud and clear in Mexico. Thanks to our God for this radio ministry, now in this new phase with more power, to bring the message of salvation to more people!*

☪ Closer to home, we would appreciate prayer for our older daughter, Ruth. She is experiencing some medical (digestive) problems which have been building for a long time.

☪ And Ruth's daughter, Jagat, has been accepted into the honors program at Arizona State University and is trying to get the necessary funding etc. to start in September. With her knowledge of computer science, Hebrew, and math, we wonder what the Lord has in store for that girl! Please pray that He will have His way in her life.

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