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Greetings in Jesus Christ,

Isa 61:1 - The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

Jesus quotes this verse in Luke 4:18. The liberty spoken of is not political, it is about liberty from sin and its ultimate reward—spiritual death. This is the mission of Trans World Radio (TWR) to proclaim this good news to all the world in a language they understand.

Ministry News:

The Alliance for The Unreached—consisting of fifty-two partners including TWR, Bibles for the World, Operation Mobilization and Joshua Project—are constantly developing new and better ways to bring access to the gospel to the 2 billion people who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

TWR's Silk Road Transmitter is now on the air, broadcasting Bible-based programs to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and some adjacent areas. The Silk Road Transmitter replaces obsolete equipment and ramps up the power to the region.

TWR Women of Hope (WOH) has prayer intercessors in 125 countries and the *WOH* program is available in 70+ languages on the airwaves and streams online also. *WOH* listeners are from widely divergent cultures; programming offers friendly conversation, practical lessons for daily life and Bible-based lessons for the soul. *WOH* plays a crucial life-affirming role for many listeners in societies where cultural norms assign inferior status to women. For example, this listener from Turkey who contacted the TWR Women of Hope team.

"My husband disrespects me and beats me," she wrote. "Everyone knows, but they don't care. For a year now, I have been listening to



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your program, and you have become a consolation to me. The calls I have made to you in secret are helping me a lot. Thank you for being a friend to me."

On May 8 and 9 the *Shine the Light* live share-a-thon was broadcast from TWR's powerful station on the island of Bonaire, Shine 800 AM. The purpose of this campaign was to ask listeners to participate in the live shows and take up the challenge with TWR to bring the gospel to more people by donating money to fund further broadcasts. With a potential audience of over 100 million people, the hosts interacted with hundreds of listeners. Listeners immediately started to respond to be part of the event "Shine the Light" by sending messages and the first donation that came in was 500 gourdes from Haiti, which is about \$6 USD. Messages came in via WhatsApp and Social Media from Brazil, Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti and the Caribbean. The hosts shared, "Just as thrilling as it was to talk to our audience, connecting with people and reading their testimonies was very encouraging for those of us who work to make the broadcasts possible. We could sense that people love the broadcasts and that Shine Bonaire means a lot to them."

During the English program block, a long testimony came in from a pastor in Cuba, who came to faith as a young boy listening to TWR.

One of the listeners during the Portuguese block commented that he listened to the 10th cycle of *Thru the Bible* with Pastor Davi Nunes. Another listener from São Carlos, Camaquã, says he is happy to participate and enjoys the blessing transmitted by TWR that is building up lives. A woman from Cuba left a voice message in which she shared about a very challenging time in her life where she had to make difficult decisions. She heard a song on the radio through TWR Bonaire that changed her whole perspective on her situation and turned her life around. Later she wrote a song

about her experience.

One of the speakers commented, "The responses are confirmation for us that God uses our efforts as instruments to communicate hope to the world."



Randy has been busy keeping the air conditioning running at TWR until it is replaced in August, keeping up with regular maintenance



and completing the work started by volunteers from MN in March. The lumber shed is nearly done, and the Gator is in its new parking spot.



Pictures: (1) HVAC #1 gets moved for new curb and new unit, (2) lumber shed begins taking shape, (3) almost ready for a roof

Family News:

These last few months have been busy. We made a trip to WI in March to get Randy's Mom's home ready for her to return to after rehab following her stroke in late January. In May we made a trip to MO to help Sarah. The house she purchased needed Dad's skillful hands and the help of fifteen family and church family to put on 24 gallons of paint and install 900+ sq. ft. of new flooring. She is busy with summer reading programs and getting settled in her home.

Each of our trips involved over 50 hours of car riding time during the two-week trip. Daniel stayed in NC tending the house and garden. In late May Daniel went to MO to help Sarah. They enjoyed a visit to WI over Memorial Day weekend. Daniel is enjoying his job with the variety and responsibilities.

Joseph frequently gets up early in the morning, gets dressed and is ready to go as he watches Randy leave for work. This is the best time for his school work. He is still speaking at a whisper, but he is increasing in volume when requesting 'pie' or 'cake!'

G.T. is our resident researcher. When he comes upon a topic of interest to him, he gets out every reference book he can find on that topic, reads the articles, spreads the books on the coffee table and finds a cell phone and takes numerous pictures.

Until the whole world knows,

Randy & Rose

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