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Dear Family and Friends,

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. Psalm 22:14 – 15 KJV

Jesus Christ died a cruel and painful death to pay the penalty of our sin. Like any other gift this one must be received to be effective. If you have received the gift of salvation, then you can celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Telling the world of redemption is the ministry of TWR in over 230 languages and 190 countries.

Ministry news:

The new West Africa transmitter is not operating at full power. Pray that the engineers would find the problem and fix it soon.

As stern warnings and rising fears about the coronavirus dominate media reports, TWR continues to reach out with practical information and biblical reassurance.

TWR's first priorities are proclaiming the gospel and making disciples, but when crises materialize, the ministry frequently leverages its global media network to help meet listeners' immediate emotional, spiritual and informational needs.

So far, a two-pronged programming strategy is underway. A 26-minute interview with Christian health-care leader Dr. David Stevens provides lots of basic medical information about COVID-19 as well as valuable advice regarding spiritual questions facing believers.

That TWR special report, [*Coronavirus: What You Need to Know*](#), has been broadcast in Spanish and English from our powerful TWR Bonaire station, and shorter extracts of the program continue to air in Spanish. The interview has also aired in Europe and has been translated into Farsi for immediate broadcast

into
Iran,
which
is hard
hit by
the
virus.



Speaking Hope to the World

In Asia, TWR's Chinese Ministry has produced multiple episodes of *From Despair to Hope*, a short-form program that both evangelizes and provides encouragement against the backdrop of the unfolding health crisis. The program is already being shared with listeners in Mandarin and will eventually be available in Hakka, Yue, Min Nan, Japanese and Korean. One listener of the Mandarin program already responded, "The program is really good. Only those who have experienced hardship can experience his hope. May I have faith to trust God in overcoming this challenge."

From Despair to Hope will be made available through various channels: over TWR Guam's shortwave transmitter, FM stations in Japan, social media and websites such as TWR360. Like their colleagues abroad who are responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, TWR Africa's teams have prepared special programming for listeners in areas beset by the deadly Ebola virus.

More than 2,200 people have died since the second-largest Ebola epidemic in history broke out in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Conditions have improved considerably, though the World Health Organization said in February that the situation remains a "public health emergency of international concern."

The program, according to TWR Africa, "provides useful information and tips on how to prevent infection while at the same time providing insights on God, his care and his love" for the people of Congo. The first listener response to new Oasis broadcasts, which reach across Nigeria, warmed lots of hearts when it was shared publicly this week. Abdoulaye Sangho, TWR international director for West and Central Africa, revealed the brief

message to the global TWR family. Many in Sangho's audience had firsthand roles in the Oasis Transmitter Project, and everyone in the audience had been praying for and cheering on the \$1.45 million campaign.

"Just to let you know that we listen to you every morning and we hear you," read the message from a woman listener in southeastern Nigeria. "Thank you very much. God bless you."



Family news:

We are planning to be at Rosendale Christian Church May 17 to share a TWR update during the morning worship service.

Our level of financial support is below the level. Pray that God would lead those whom He has chosen to become our partners in the world-wide gospel ministry of TWR to support us financially and in prayer.

Sarah continues working at the library immensely enjoying reading books to children and encouraging them to read. She is now producing story time videos to be watched online.

Daniel is enjoying his new job at Siloam Missionary Homes. He recently got to put his experience in fire and water damage restoration to use

when one of the houses at Siloam caught fire and he was



called upon to orchestrate the clean-up and reconstruction work.



Joseph has begun 'reading' voluntarily. He has a collection of cards with sentences on them that he reads out loud on his own.

G.T. loves VBS and is already learning about the animals that will be featured in this year's VBS. In addition to reading about the animals in books and encyclopedias he is making latch hook rugs of the animals.

One of the things Randy has been working on at TWR is a new drainage system for the



downspouts at the lodge. At home he has worked on new trim around the windows.

Rose has been busy with garden and Joseph and GT's schoolwork.

Until the whole world knows,

Randy & Rose

Randy, Rose, Sarah, Joseph, G.T. and Daniel Sieg

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Pictures: Installing the drainage system at the lodge. The yurt where Daniel lives at Siloam. Together for Daniel's commissioning for his work at Siloam Missionary Homes. G.T. and the just finished window trim.