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Dear family and friends,

“I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:6



When a branch breaks off a tree, that branch withers and dries up. It cannot survive without a connection to the tree. We too need a connection to the source of life. Without a connection to Jesus Christ we wither and die. This connection is not made by going to church or by owning a Bible. It requires a personal relationship beginning with repentance and salvation.

Ministry News:

From the TWR Web page: “Information, Inspiration, Instruction

Turmoil is an everyday reality for many, and right now much of the world’s population is fearful and hopeless. When tragedy strikes and we long for comfort, there is a God who cares and is faithful. Followers of Jesus Christ aren’t providentially immune to the effects of COVID-19 or any other natural disaster. But we do have his assurance that He will walk with us every step of the way through the crisis. As people practice social distancing and self-isolate during this season of uncertainty, the media that keep us connected to other human beings and to what’s happening around the world will play a vital role in our lives. Our prayer is that the messages you listen to on this site will educate you with up to date accurate information, provide inspiration when fear and doubt set in, and bring words of hope and instruction.”

As the COVID-19 virus began to spread, TWR began to produce programming sharing health information and the Gospel. By including both the physical and spiritual, TWR helps people cope with the coronavirus and cope with their very existence and as a result points them to our Living Hope. (Footsteps Mar. 23, 2020) In one African village where the local religion was not Christianity, the town council felt the information was so important that he requested that the programs be broadcast over town megaphone speakers.

In Bangladesh as of May 2020, TWR has established 1514 active Radio Home Groups (RHG) made up of a total of 14,000 group members. These people regularly get together to be fed spiritually by listening to TWR programs on the radio. Since the coronavirus outbreak, income has dropped by more than 80% in the slums of Bangladeshi cities and among the rural poor. TWR Bangladesh recognized significant needs as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and worked together with RHG to distribute food to those who were in physical need. Between April 30 and May 15, over 700 food packages were delivered assisting more than 3000 people. The responses from the hungry families has been overwhelming. “I thank TWR for their love. I am very happy to get the food package. We were going through a lot of hardships as a family and I was spending days without eating. TWR stood beside us at this difficult time. We are praying for TWR.”

TWR360

“TWR360 gives you content to help you stay informed, encouraged and inspired during the COVID-19 global crisis.” TWR360 has grown to 90 languages and has 926 programs available on the website. In May of 2020, there were 416,026 sessions on the website, use of the app is not tracked.

TWR360 user in the U.S. responding to [Season of Hope](#): “This program was very encouraging. I have been a Christian for over 65 years, and due to COVID-19, I am secluded in a small town with no open church services and have little contact with others. My family all live 1,500 miles away from me, and to be honest, this is the hardest time I've ever encountered. I need encouragement daily to not give in to discouragement and despair,

and this program sure ministered. Thank you so much, and God bless you all. I love the hymn done on this program, too, by the way. I'd love to have a printed copy of it."

Family news:

We are planning a deputation trip in August/September. So far because of COVID-19 we have only scheduled Rosendale Christian Church in Rosendale, MO, on August 23.

Sarah worked from her home for six weeks. She is back to full time at the library, but story times are virtual and not in person. She had the privilege of writing a chapter for the book, *Home Schooling and Libraries*. That book has now been published. Sarah's chapter is: *Home Schooling Children with Special Needs and the Library*.



Covid-19 has had little effect on Daniel. He has kept busy keeping things maintained at Siloam Missionary Homes. He currently has two summer interns to keep busy and day work crews coming.



As part of his schoolwork, Joseph has been tracing letters to spell out words and sentences. His handwriting has improved.

G.T. likes to watch the birds at our bird feeder and has learned to identify most of the birds that come to visit.



Randy was on call for six weeks. He answered several phone calls and went to the office about once a week. He is back at work now trying to get caught up on things that did not get done while off work. He made great progress on the 'honey-do' list at home.



In addition to schoolwork for the boys, Rose has been busy with the garden.

Prayer requests:

Wisdom and safety for the TWR staff as they continue to produce and air programming.

Pray for the safety of TWR staff world-wide that they would be safe from the COVID-19 virus.

Pray that broadcasts would be used to bring many people to know Jesus Christ as personal savior.

Until the whole world knows,

Randy, Rose, Sarah, Joseph, G.T. and Daniel Sieg
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Pictures: left to right; 1) Joseph, 2) Joseph's reading practice words, 3) G.T. studying encyclopedias, 4) Rose's tomato plants (at lot of hard work finally pays off)