



Speaking Hope to the World

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“What is **NORMAL**? It’s just a setting on your clothes dryer.” We heard someone say that once; it certainly applies in today’s world!

While some organizations have slowed down as a result of restrictions, TWR is busier than ever broadcasting messages of hope. Not surprisingly, media consumption is up when people are stuck at home!



Many of TWR’s staff around the world are constrained by government shutdown rules. However, we’re blessed with technology to keep our broadcasts on the air. Fresh content is being produced despite the pandemic. We’re grateful that most of our staff can work remotely, and still collaborate for ministry.

In addition to our regular broadcasts, we have been airing programs to encourage people. We are aware of the need for messages that address spiritual, physical and emotional needs. Our online platform, **TWR360**, has been focusing on “From Despair to Hope.” Many of our partner organizations contributed material. Messages from John Piper, David Jeremiah, and many others can be heard.

One program, *Season of Hope*, features a conversation between Franklin Graham, Keith and Kristyn Getty and members of TWR staff. They ask, “What is our hope in life and death in the midst of this global pandemic?” They agree that our hope is Christ alone.

A Time of Encouragement is a radio program produced for English listeners. From eight thousand miles apart, it was hosted by Scott Hollinger in Cary and Unathi Sithole of TWR Africa. During one humorous segment,

they chatted about shortages in their countries: vitamins in South Africa and of course, toilet paper in the U.S.

Also, from Cary, Scott recorded and produced telephone interviews with therapists at LinkCare Counseling Center in Fresno, California. *Managing Emotions While Sheltering in Place* can be heard on TWR360. They describe how our emotions are stronger than usual during a time of stress, as well as the importance of maintaining connections with family and friends.

One-minute radio spots were also recorded by the LinkCare staff. They are nuggets of advice on how to deal with the struggles of life during the crisis. Some of the issues that the therapists addressed were processing emotions, dealing with grief, and recognizing clues to distress. It is interesting to hear that even counselors need to cope with the stresses of life.



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One helpful program was recorded by Dr. Charlie Shaefer, a psychologist on staff with Barnabas International. He speaks on being resilient while serving God during abnormally stressful times. His message really encouraged the two of us.

Listeners Respond: TWR is getting feedback from all over. Believers may not be able to meet physically, here's what's happening in one Asian country: "Every Sunday all our believers get together at 10 in the morning. We listen to a lesson on the radio in our own homes, as a church that is gathered by one spirit even though we are physically distanced. There were times I got really discouraged, but I get motivated and energized when I listen to the Radio Home lessons."

Another listener wrote to us: "I heard a message based on Psalm 51, and the pastor ended the message by saying, 'you can confess your sins to receive forgiveness, salvation and peace of mind.' *My life changed from that night on.* People are searching for God."



And in the war-torn country of Nigeria, we received this: "We are grateful to God for the spiritual, inspirational message we received yesterday evening, which was transmitted in our local language, aired on Medium wave 1476 and it effectively covers ground here in Ebonyi State. And we are saying, thank you very much for your service to humanity."



Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for preserving our health and Valerie's mother's health in recent months.
- Pray that the work of TWR will continue to be effective.
- Pray for stamina and wisdom as we serve.

We are grateful for you, friends. **Please let us know how we may pray for you!**

"...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15, ESV



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