



STREETER UPDATE JULY 2020



“...the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.”
(Colossians 1:6)

PROGRAMMING FOR PANDEMIC

Since 1954, when the first broadcasts were aired, TWR has responded to natural and man-made disasters. Relevant programs have been produced for people overwhelmed by war, hurricanes and earthquakes. Now TWR is producing programs in various languages that give people Christ-centered hope in the midst of a world-wide pandemic

TWR Asian staff produced a Chinese program *From Despair to Hope*. The first program series was produced in Mandarin, but the program series has also now been translated into other Chinese languages, Japanese and Korean.

From the powerful AM station on the island of Bonaire, the program *Coronavirus: What You Need to Know* has been aired. This program has also been translated into Farsi and is being broadcasted into Iran. Not only does this program provide timely information about the virus but listeners are encouraged to seek Jesus Christ.

Even before the pandemic spread across the globe, TWR was distributing radios and media players to believers in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh so that Christians would have access to quality Bible-based programming. Radio home groups were springing up by the thousands.

Pastors struggle to keep up with the growth. Now that Christians are confined to their homes, those radios prove to be a spiritual lifeline.

A pastor from Sri Lanka writes:
I was worried how I could teach the Word of God to members of our church within the limits of the quarantine. I thank God I’ve been able to use the radio home players you have given to nurture the believers of my church. As a church we are meeting together by one spirit even though we are physically distanced.

RECENT RESPONSE FROM N. AFRICA

You encourage us greatly with your broadcasts. Now we are convinced that the true god is God the Father, not the god of the religion of this country who is just a deity among a multitude of deities. We give thanks and glory to Jesus Christ, the son of God, for it was through Him that this revelation of the real person of God the Father was manifested.

When I said these things to the religious leader of our village, he agreed with me. This is a very nice man who is open to discussion. He told me, “I believe you Christians are in the light. We, the followers of the religion of this country, are in darkness. I said, “Why don’t you come into the light of Christ?” He told me, “My mind has already come (to the light); only my body remains outside.” I am confident this religious leader will soon come to Christ in body, mind and spirit because he listens to a lot of your radio broadcasts. He is a man aged 73 and he has become my friend. I pray he will soon belong to Christ. He is a very friendly man and many will follow the path of Christ after him.

Like each of you, the Corona Virus brought changes to our daily lives. Each member of our family had to adapt to new routines.

During most of the month of April and May, Tom worked from home. Fortunately, that was possible for many of the TWR staff. We were able to meet together online (Zoom) each weekday morning and pray together. As of June 1, most of our TWR staff are back working in the Cary office with the protocol of social distancing and wearing face masks when we meet with other team members. There were four conferences where Tom would have represented the ministry TWR360, that were canceled because of the pandemic. Two conferences adapted their meetings to the internet and Tom was able to participate via Zoom. Three mission conferences have been postponed to later in the year. We started making plans for a furlough this fall, but that has been put "on hold" for now

Jennifer's lifestyle was changed considerably with the arrival of Covid19. Her massage clinic had to be closed, the music concerts and events she had been contracted for had to be canceled through September. Fortunately, Jennifer was able to teach her music students via the internet and was able to complete her semester of online classes (Physical Therapy).

Rachelle and Sam have been experiencing quarantine restrictions in Belgium much the same as we here in the USA. They had just moved to southern Belgium to help a pastor establish a new church in that area. They have been limited to reach out to the community and not able to have church services. Sam and Rachelle are both well and some of the restrictions are gradually being lifted.

Thank you for your prayers. You are an essential part of the ministry of TWR. Thank you for standing with us.

Joyfully in His service,

Tom and Elly

PS: As of this month, we have served the Lord with TWR for 48 years. What a privilege it has been to be a part of this media ministry that is proclaiming the message of hope found in Jesus Christ around the world in 275 languages via radio and 90 languages via the internet ministry of TWR360.



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