

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - June 2019

Hi from Bonaire,

The first week of June finds me in the TWR Cary, North Carolina office as I attend the TWR Global IT Services annual meeting. It has been good to actually rub shoulders with TWR co-workers from all around the world, after having "attended" the last couple year's meetings by means of the Internet. While some of the IT discussion topics have been over my head, so to speak, others directly impact our operations on Bonaire.

Looking back a month, the first week of May found a collection of TWR's young Spanish and Portuguese speaking ministry leaders here on Bonaire for a week of training. They will then share it with the rest of TWR's Latin American partners. They also did two days of live broadcasting in Portuguese, Spanish and English. I helped with the technical details. We were on the air from 4am to 8:30am and from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm each day. We were all quite tired after the two-day marathon; but thrilled with the interactions that the team had with our listeners. You can read a full report about the event on the TWR Bonaire Web page here: <http://www.twrbonaire.com/news>. In fact, if you want to keep up to date with what is happening with the TWR Bonaire ministry, it would be a good idea to bookmark that page and check back every week or two.





TWR's statement of purpose mentions producing "lasting fruit." (See John 15:16.) Here is an example from Cuba. *Trans World Radio is linked to my life since I was a child. For more than 40 years I have been listening to your broadcasts, which I discovered through an elderly Christian couple who were my neighbors, who tuned into the programs every night. That radio signal came to my house and aroused in me the curiosity to listen to it, even without being a believer or converted to Christ. From that age, God was stirring my life and used RTM programming to call me to salvation. After I converted, I joined the elderly couple to listen to the RTM transmissions, and your excellent programs helped shape my life in the Lord, as if they were my first disciplers. Then, obeying the Lord's call, I went to the capital of my country, Havana, to study theological studies at the Baptist Theological Seminary of the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba. And, by the grace of God, after 20 years of pastoral ministry in different churches and towns of my country, I thank RTM, for remaining a faithful companion and my favorite station each night. **I give infinite thanks to the Lord for all the brothers who direct, work, and sustain this beloved and necessary radio ministry**, which every day brings to our countries the redeeming message of our Lord. I know that the audience is huge and cannot be counted or identified. In heaven we will see all the fruit that the Lord has produced through you. I thought you'd like to know that there is a pastor in Cuba who is thanking the Lord for you, and your prayers and gifts that keep Bonaire on the air.*

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