
Cary Computations

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Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son...

Hebrews 1:1-2

Happy New Year!

Hope you will enjoy the following article about how God is still speaking to us *by His Son* (the Word/Logos) over the airwaves and via the internet!

Bible Bus's Journey Started on Bonaire



'We have a front-row seat to see that this is God's ministry'

The Bible Bus left Bonaire for the first time in 1973 for a trip to Latin America. Since then many listeners climbed aboard the Bible Bus and journeyed through the Word of God. *A Travès de la Biblia* (*Thru the Bible* in Spanish) is the most popular program that is being broadcast from TWR's radio station Shine 800 AM Bonaire and on hundreds of FM radio stations in Latin America. Each month, TWR receives more than 800 responses to the program. *A Travès de la Biblia* (ATB) is a five-year Bible study that repeats itself every half decade. Listeners can jump on the "bus" anytime they like.

Recently we had the chance to ask Gregg Harris, CEO of Thru the Bible (TTB), some questions:

What is the connection between Bonaire and TTB?

"In the early seventies, the founder of TTB, Dr. J. Vernon Mc Gee, came to the island of Bonaire while making a cruise. He visited the radio station, and one of the staff members asked, 'Why not translate your Bible studies into Spanish?' At first, Dr. Mc Gee was reluctant. However, he and Dr. Paul Freed were close friends and respected each other very much. Dr. Freed was able to convince Dr. McGee to at least try Spanish programs as an experiment.

... Once the program was broadcast, the response and support came in so quickly and powerfully that within three years we went on air from only English to 15 languages. And by the time Dr. Mc Gee died in 1988 we had 37 languages. In 15 years we went from nothing to 37. Now we are over 100 languages, and it all started on Bonaire."

What is the secret of the program that after 45 years people still like to listen to it?

"The secret is that there is no secret. It is God's Word. We are just giving out the Word of God. Thru the Bible is not about Dr. McGee. . . But in the end, it is about God's Word that never dies. Our Bible study program is now on over 1,000 radio stations. The word of God is timeless. It blesses people when it is taught well. It is the policy of TTB that we don't do active fundraising. Dr. McGee, when he knew he was dying said to us, 'play the tapes until the money runs out.'"

What makes a TTB program in Spanish different than, for example, a TTB program in Arabic?

"We have always encouraged the producer to contextualize it. We tell them the theology should stay the same, but they can change the stories and the music. Our philosophy is that we want the listener to hear a culturally original program and not something that was brought from another part of the world. We don't want it to be an American thing. In fact, in 125 languages we are now in, many don't have the name *Thru the Bible*. In Arabic, it is called *Treasures of Wisdom*, for example. So, every program we broadcast, we want it to sound like it comes from that country."

Is TTB a multi-generational thing?

"I remember listener letters we read, and many of them say, 'I grew up listening to *A Travès de la Biblia* from Bonaire. And then I fell away or moved away and years later I heard that familiar voice again and I am now back to listening to the same voice. The multi-generational effect of TTB is extraordinary. . . ."

What has made biggest impression on you working for TTB?

... "It is about faith, prayer and the Word of God. Month after month, we see that the Lord provides what we need. Sometimes it doesn't look so good. But we say, 'Lord this is your ministry.' And we have a front-row seat to see that **this is God's ministry**. We get to see the actual power at work."

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Praise Items

- For God's *Word* being broadcast by TWR in over 230 languages to over 160 countries!
- For God working through *the Word* to change people's lives!
- For TWR's new financial reporting model being accepted by the board!
- For a great visit in Oklahoma with Galen and Family for Thanksgiving!
- For a great visit at Galen's with Bob's sister, Sharon, and her husband, John, and their granddaughter, Stella!

Prayer Requests

- For wisdom and discernment as Bob works on the necessary reports for the new financial reporting model
- For Bob as he presents the new reporting model to the Global Finance Team in January
- For Micah & Nicole's adoption of the foster siblings to be finalized early in 2019
- For Nicole's mom, Carol, battling stage four liver cancer
- For our families' spiritual growth in 2019

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Grampy, Grammy and Grandkids



The kids enjoyed playing disc golf!



More reading time!



Enjoyed a game of Catan. Job won!



Uncle John and Job



Galen, Jane, Stella, Sharon and Annie



Job, Jane, Lars and Lewis



Grammy enjoyed reading to the grandkids



Turkey craft time



Lars, Job, Lewis, and Phoebe Jane