



Speaking Hope to the World

# VAN DYKENS' NEWS

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## CORONA VIRUS AND TWR

TWR acted soon after news of the Corona virus became public. Chief Content Officer Jon Fugler said, “We wanted to bring in a medical expert who could speak concisely and accurately on the situation. In addition, **we want to bring hope to believers and nonbelievers.**”

The 26-minute program features an interview with physician David Stevens, nationally known speaker and Christian health-care leader.

After describing the outbreak of the virus in China, its effects on patients, and practical, preventive steps individuals should take, Dr. Stevens reminds believers that **God is in control and won’t “allow anything to come into your life without his permission.”**

In addition to broadcasting from Bonaire in Spanish, the program has been translated into four Chinese languages, plus Japanese and Korean for broadcast over TWR’s shortwave station on Guam.



## OASIS OF HOPE FOR NIGERIA

*“I really appreciate your program, sir. The Lord will strengthen the ministry. Continue to pray for us in the north. We are facing terrible persecution here.”*

TWR supporters have been praying for people like this listener. As of Feb. 1, 2020, expanded **gospel programming** that brings messages of encouragement, discipleship, reconciliation and hope **began to reach all of Nigeria**, known as the “giant of Africa” from TWR’s 100,000-watt transmitter in West Africa.

Two programs are being featured: *The Way of Righteousness* and *The Prophets*, which effectively **share the gospel with Muslim listeners by emphasizing biblical figures** recognized in Christianity and Islam.

*“The Story of Jesus has troubled the minds of my ... neighbors, and they are always asking me questions. It has become a wonderful avenue for me to tell them more about Jesus Christ. Please pray for their salvation.”*

From a Hausa listener

## REACHING YOUTH IN CENTRAL ASIA

*In the past months, we thought a lot about how we could reach the young people in Central Asia with the gospel. Most of them have a **smartphone or a tablet** these days. Teens and youth spend many hours on **social networks**.*

*We are working on improving **websites and developing a YouTube channel**. In addition, we're updating the **'Bridge' app for refugees**. We want to build bridges from person-to-person and from person-to-God.*

*For that to happen, we not only **need young people with the necessary know-how** but also staff who know how to post good content in order to guide our audience to find the way to Jesus and then to stay close to Him.*

From our TWR colleagues  
in Central Asia

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- ❖ Thank the Lord that even during this time of restricted travel, **TWR's transmitting sites in this region have continued to function well**, resulting in less travel for Daryl.
- ❖ **Thank the Lord for some new personnel** joining TWR this spring and continue to **pray for more 'workers for the harvest'!**
- ❖ Please pray for **sweet working relationships** and the Holy Spirit's 'oil of unity' among our staff.
- ❖ Please pray for **our daughter Julie's baby, expected May 16**, and that we would be able to **fly to the states in May to be with her** and Gage and their 19-month-old son, Rowan, during that time.
- ❖ Our primary **source of funding** is through support of churches and individuals. However, at present this does not cover all our expenses and the difference is made up from TWR's general budget. Our desire is to be less of a burden to that budget. **We are looking to raise about \$1500/month**, either from new givers or the increase of current givers.

TWR's programming is aired on more than 2,000 local media outlets worldwide and is distributed via direct-to-listener satellite, cable audio systems, and 24/7 through smartphone apps and the Internet on portals such as [twr360.org](http://twr360.org).

TWR harnesses media to share the hope of Jesus with a potential listening audience of four billion people around the world.



Radio Shema in Turkey is now using four stations broadcasting from Turkey into the Central Asia/Middle East/North Africa region with gospel programming!

How cool is that??

*Thank you so very much for partnering with us so many can hear the joy-filled Easter message! Daryl and Carol*