



Speaking Hope to the World

VanDyken's News

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Another VanDyken Baby!

Our family has grown again, with the addition of **Nora Marie Poor, born to our daughter Julie and her husband Gage**, with big brother Rowan (18 mos.), in Florida on April 28!

We are SO thankful for her safe arrival, although she came early and had to spend ten days in the hospital to make sure her lungs were working well.

This makes five grandchildren for us: three granddaughters and two grandsons. ❤️

Corona Virus and Us— Status Update

Here in Cyprus, mid-March saw us **working from home**, with only one outing a day via government text permission. We feel very blessed that **we stayed healthy and there wasn't any shortage of food or basic necessities.**

Now, the **restrictions are slowing being relaxed.** The office is open but with precautions in place .

The last few months, **all meetings, staff devotions, and global leadership updates have been via Zoom.** It's not the same as sitting across from someone, but still allows us to gather for encouragement and many meetings that would have normally taken place in person.

On Sundays, **we were able to join our local church here in Cyprus via Facebook live, and a couple of our supporting churches back in the US** for Sunday gatherings and prayer meetings.

It was a source of great encouragement to us.



Praise and Prayer

- ◆ Praise God for the **arrival of little Nora** and for keeping all of our family safe and healthy.
- ◆ Praise God there have been **no major transmitter failures** during this COVID-19 time.
- ◆ Praise God that **giving to TWR has remained stable.**
- ◆ Praise God for the **increase in new applications for missionary service** with TWR. Pray for more staff!
- ◆ Pray for **evaluation of new media outlets in Russia and the Middle East.**
- ◆ Pray for our **co-workers in places like India and Brazil** where the Coronavirus is increasing rapidly.
- ◆ Pray for **TWR's program producers** as they communicate biblical hope.



TWR's Response to the Corona Virus

Over the past several months, TWR has made **COVID-19-related content available on www.TWR360.org** in at least 29 languages. Not only are listeners receiving pertinent information about the nature of the virus and preventive measures to take; they're also being pointed to Christ as the only source for true eternal hope.

There is a **60% increase in new users on TWR360!** People are consuming content like never before as they seek comfort and hope.

- ◇ In **Spanish and Italian**, a coronavirus audio devotional
- ◇ Even through the lockdown in Asia, **people can still listen using radios and media players**
- ◇ TWR Asia's Chinese ministry promptly created ***From Despair to Hope*** in several Chinese languages as well as Korean and Japanese
- ◇ ***Coronavirus: What You Need to Know***, aired from TWR's transmitter on Bonaire, has also been translated into Farsi for broadcast into Iran

A Listener from Romania

I listen to every program that you transmit. Recently, I decided to gather a few young people like me from my village to start studying the Bible together and listening to your programs. In this group, there are now three young Christians and ten non-Christians. I am so happy that all of them take notes from your programs, and, afterwards, we discuss them.



Thank you so much for praying for us and for TWR, and for supporting our family as we join together to bring the Gospel to the world using mass media.

Daryl and Carol VanDyken

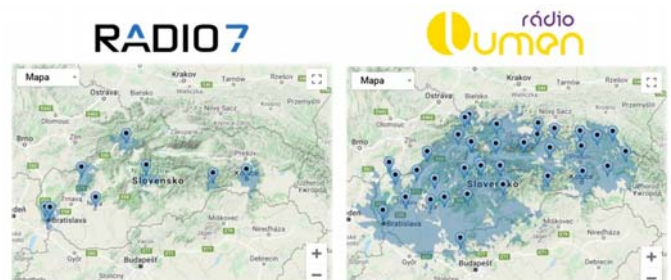
New Opportunities for FM Broadcasting in Strategic Urban Areas!

One major challenge today with radio broadcasting is getting a usable signal into cities. The electrical "noise" produced by LED lights and other electronic equipment found in most cities today can virtually kill AM and shortwave signals. **FM is immune to this noise, so for cities, FM is the most reliable way to reach listeners.**

In the past few months, FM broadcasting opportunities have become reality.

There is **now one hour of Arabic programming on two FM transmitters with the potential of reaching over 600,000 Arabic-speaking people** in the heart of the Middle East. That is something that only God could make happen.

Our TWR-Slovakia partner signed a new contract with **Radio Lumen**, greatly increasing listenership to *Thru the Bible* Slovak programs each weekday.



On the left is current coverage of Slovakia, on the right the new coverage based on these increased stations!