

## **Carol Witthun's Guam Chronicle – September 2020 Edition**

Hafa Adai from Guam!

An attitude of gratitude is necessary – no matter what the circumstances. Sometimes we take for granted the blessings (big or small) God brings into our lives. We forget to acknowledge and thank God for them. In Psalm 103 David writes, *“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”* (vs 2-5)

### **Gratitude Moments:**

- God’s help in completing my part in the global 2021 budget process (mentioned in my June prayer letter).
- Continued good health for myself and the TWR Guam staff. No one has been infected with the coronavirus.
- TWR’s International Board approval for Guam’s Tower Restoration Project (more details below).
- Opportunity to worship with others even it is via Zoom.
- Celebrating 29 years of service with TWR on August 10<sup>th</sup> (also my 3-year anniversary on Guam).
- God’s Word continuing to be broadcasted from our three powerful transmitters on Guam to all of Asia.
- Good weather on Guam – rain but no typhoons.
- God’s protection of our staff as they work on our towers.
- Working with a great missionary team on Guam with a variety of gifts and abilities coming together to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ.
- The opportunity to witness a wedding, via Zoom, of a dear TWR MK (missionary kid) who I’ve known since she was 3 months old. (The bride & groom were in NY, the bride’s parents in NC, the groom’s parents in FL and guests/other family members were all over the US and the world).
- Opportunity to pray for personal and ministry needs with other TWR Guam ladies every two weeks.
- The arrival of a new TWR missionary family from Alaska – Jeremy & Tammy Weaver and their children, Emma and Cole (nothing like coming to Guam in the middle of a global pandemic).

### **Other Happenings:**

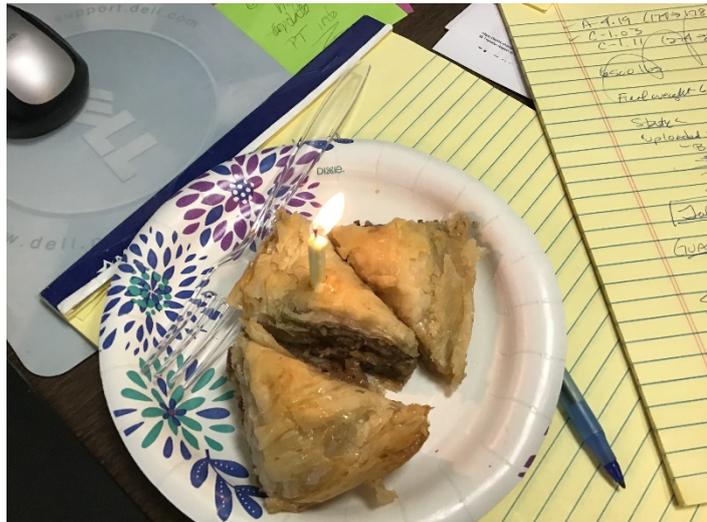
We have been broadcasting the Gospel from Guam (KTWR) for over 40 years. Our 10 antenna towers are that old. Despite the Guam team’s vigilant maintenance, the towers need to be upgraded. Critical elements of KTWR’s towers are affected by rust (due to rain and salty ocean winds) and need to be strengthened to resist typhoons. This is no small project. We will replace 2,500 braces, 100 ladders and multiple guy wires. Pray for raising of funds for this project over the next year (\$1+ million dollars) and for Darin Alvord, the TWR volunteer who is the project manager.

The coronavirus has flared up on Guam. Early in March/April we had 5 deaths, but none since then even with the current flare up. As of mid-August, we have had 516 people diagnosed with COVID-19 since it first hit the island back in mid-March. This includes the Governor and Lt. Governor of Guam who was diagnosed in early August.

Because of the virus, any immediate travel plans to and from Guam have been put on hold for me. This affects meeting with supporters, which I had hoped to do in November. I was supposed to attend Global Finance Team meetings in November in NC, but that will be happening via Zoom, which means working nights instead of days (staying awake will be a challenge). Our internal audit that was postponed in March, due to COVID-19's arrival, was rescheduled for early October but may have to be postponed again due to restrictions of visitors to the island.

Some pictures to close out my letter...

The picture on the left is a dessert I made to share with the guys on my TWR anniversary, August 10. It is made with layers of angel food cake, strawberries, coconut, Bavarian cream custard and Cool Whip on top. The picture on the right is a "surprise" treat (baklava) from staff for my anniversary.



Some of the towers that will need to be upgraded thru the Tower Restoration Project.

Until next time – in His service,

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