

## **Carol Witthun's Guam Chronicle – June 2019 Edition**

Hafa Adai from Guam!

### **Rainy & Dry Season:**

It's June which means you may be enjoying graduation festivities, planning a summer vacation, or visiting extended family. For Guam, it means the beginning of the rainy season. It's one of those "good things/bad things" situation. We need the rain, but we don't want the damaging winds and severe flooding that happens with typhoons (typhoon season starts this month too). You may recall that Guam got "brushed" by storms in September and October 2018, and February 2019 (highly unusually to have storms in February). We pray that God will spare our island this year from typhoons.



During dry season (from January to May) many brush fires start (for various of reasons) which can spread quickly. The above picture was taken by our night transmitter operator back in March. If you look towards the left, you will see one of our antenna towers. That's why it's so important that we continually cut the grass in our antenna field. Revis, one of our part time maintenance workers, had just cut the grass that day which prevented the fire from spreading onto our property.



### **Guam Visitors:**

We love having visitors come to Guam. Back in May Joe Barker from the Cary office and Aaron Tan from our Singapore office were on Guam for meetings. Pictured left is (left to right) – Mitch Becker - facilities manager, me, Mark Smith – transmitter operator & maintenance help, Grant Hodgins – Station Director, Aaron Tan – transitioning to International Director for Northeast Asia Ministry, Joe Barker – Chief Technical Officer, Steve Brunson (and wife Beth) – Chief Engineer, Revis Henderson – maintenance and antenna worker, Bridger Melton – short term missionary working with Steve Brunson, and Mike Sabin, Director of Asia Broadcast Operations. I feel so privileged to work with such a great team which also includes Doug Gregson - Systems Administrator, Dave Gregson – Content Management, Dale Philyaw – maintenance, Phil Leppke – retired volunteer who helps in a variety of areas, and Joseph Henderson – maintenance worker.

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**Listener Responses from Guam broadcasts:**

Last December, TWR broadcasted globally the audio version of “The Jesus Film” in multiple languages. It was a 1 ½ hour block of airtime which could be broadcast in 30-minute segments or all at once. Here are some listener responses from the program broadcasted from Guam.

**Indonesia:**

Balinese – This story about Jesus that is delivered in Balinese has greatly blessed us. We can easily understand the story and can understand who Jesus is. And we can share this story with our friends who have never heard about Jesus before. Thank you for this program.

Javanese - Thank you for this Jesus Audio Drama. I am very blessed by the program because I gained more understanding about Jesus Christ, our Savior. God bless you.

Nias - This Hikaya Yesu Keruso (JESUS Audio Drama in Nias language) is very beneficial for us, Nias people, in this community. We are grateful that we can understand the gospel clearly. Thank you for the program.

**Vietnam:**

I encouraged all members in my church to hear the life of Jesus in this Christmas season. It is useful for us to review the life of our Lord. We invited a friend to hear it with us. Though she did not accept Jesus as Savior for her life, but we had a good chance to introduce Jesus to her and share our faith with her. Thank you so much.

**Closing thoughts:**

Thank you for your continued prayers for TWR Guam’s ministry and staff. During the next several months (starting back in May) a lot of things are happening. The Hodgins family are on Home Ministry Assignment (also known as furlough). They return in August. Bridger Melton completes his time of service at the end of June and returns to the States. Dale & Becky Philyaw are retiring and returning to the States some time in July. Mike & Eli Sabin will be leaving for furlough in September and be gone for several months. Pray that God would provide some short-term as well as long-term workers to fill some much-needed roles. We are also in the middle of preparing and finalizing the 2020 budget (October 2019 to September 2020).

I was recently notified of a large donation (\$4000) for my support. It was extremely humbling to know that someone wanted to partner with Trans World Radio in this way with such a large amount of money. It was also a testament to me of God’s continued faithfulness of meeting my support needs. Over the last few months some people have had to discontinue their monthly support for a variety of reasons. Pray that God would raise up individuals to partner financially in TWR’s work in supporting me.

Until next time...



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