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Hi from Bonaire,

Sandra and I arrived back on Bonaire on August 12, and not a moment too soon. Our two primary transmitter engineers were off the island and I had to help our backup engineer sort out an issue or two. Then, during the first two weeks of September, we broadcast special live hurricane relief programming, in both English and Spanish, to our many listeners living on the islands that were devastated by hurricane Irma. The latest Internet conferencing technology made it possible for us to have TWR announcers from three different countries all on the air together on our 800 kHz AM transmitter. Here is a shot of me coordinating things in Sub-1.



Speaking of Internet conferencing technology, while I was in New Jersey recovering from my surgery, I was able to listen in on the global TWR IT meetings at the Cary, NC office. Now that I'm back on Bonaire, I'm working on some of the action points from those meetings. This will keep me busy for a while.

It was great get back here and see all the progress that has been made on getting the transmitter site ready for the new 450 kW transmitter. The manufacturer, Nautel, should have it built by the end of October and we hope to see it here on Bonaire by the end of the year. The official commissioning/dedication is schedule for January 30.

Our current 100 kW transmitter is now operating with the new antenna tuning equipment that was recently installed for the new transmitter. This perfectly matched and tuned new gear has made a noticeable improvement in our signal to a number of our listening areas, which is a very nice surprise.

The doctors say that my Melanoma and prostate cancer have been completely removed. That is great news. We'll monitor things on a regular basis here on Bonaire just to be sure. Sandra's epilepsy continues to severely limit her activities. We're still hoping and praying that it will settle down some.

Thank you, once again, for your faithful prayer and financial support.

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