

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - March 2018

Hi from Bonaire

The new 450 kW transmitter is up and running well. We've heard encouraging reports from listeners in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Brazil. The signal is now **much** stronger. One of our broadcast partners was greatly encouraged to be able to hear snatches of his Spanish language program while driving his car in California! We have rearranged our program schedule to make better use of our extended reach, especially towards Colombia. Updating our broadcast automation system kept me busy for the better part of a week. Amazingly enough, considering all the changes I made, we haven't experienced any glitches or boo-boos in the radio program payout.



We had a lot of visitors for the dedication events the week of January 29. There are a couple albums of pictures online. I've been told that these Facebook links will work even if one doesn't normally use Facebook.

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If you don't want to attempt typing the above links into your browser, just send me an email and I'll send you clickable links. We streamed the dedication service on Facebook Live, and it has been viewed A LOT. I've downloaded a copy of that video, so if you don't have Facebook and would like to see it, email me and I'll send you a link so you can download it and watch it at your leisure.

On the home front, Sandra continues to be very limited by daily epilepsy attacks of various types. I just visited the lab for my second quarterly PSA test, but I don't have the results back yet. A visiting dermatologist from Aruba found a small Basil Cell cancer on my nose. Hopefully, by the time you read this, I will have travelled to Aruba for her to completely remove it.

For me, one highlight of the transmitter dedication week was spending time with co-workers from our TWR (RTM in Spanish) offices in the USA, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Brazil and Uruguay. A pastor from Cuba was also on hand. We did a few live broadcasts, in Spanish and Portuguese, on the new transmitter. We received dozens of immediate responses, on Facebook and WhatsApp, from listeners all across the region.



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