

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - September 2019

Hi from Bonaire,

The big news this month is that we are planning to be in the States on furlough during October and November this year. I suspect that there will be lots of doctor visits mixed in there, but we'll also be driving up and down the East Coast visiting as many churches and supporters as possible. We'll have our USA Tracfone turned on during those months, so you can reach us at 973-932-2640. Our Skype phone number should also be working, both here on Bonaire and while we are in the States. 717-715-0987

This past summer, our TWR partner in Venezuela again held many *Pedrito el Pulpo* kids rallies all across the country connecting with more than 2500 kids. One special event this summer was at a prison. The Pedrito team was able to do the Pedrito puppet show for the almost 500 children who were visiting their fathers. Many kids, for the first time, heard about Jesus.



Thanks to donations from TWR partners, the Pedrito team was able to distribute gift bags to the children at each event. Each gift bag contained school supplies, a salvation bracelet, and last year and this year, a cup of oatmeal. These things are either very scarce or too expensive in Venezuela these days.

Pedrito el Pulpo, Spanish for Little Peter the Octopus, is a weekly radio program for Spanish-speaking children. It is broadcast from Bonaire and on more than 250 local stations in Latin America. Pedrito is the host of the program, which uses dramatized real-life stories with Biblical teaching and children’s music to connect with kids from 4-14 years of age.

Please pray for the kids who met Jesus this summer. As Gabriel Fernandez, the director of RTM Venezuela says, “They are the future of Venezuela.” Please also pray for Silder Briceño, the produce of *Pedrito el Pulpo*, who is undergoing chemotherapy to fight a tumor in his liver. Both food and medicine are scarce and costly in Venezuela these days.

Meanwhile, here on Bonaire, our tower team has been busy with the annual antenna tower maintenance project. Each year, we work on two of the four towers, scraping off the rust and applying two coats of primer and paint. It is difficult, but necessary, work.



Thank you for your prayer and financial support. Both are deeply appreciated and essential for us to continue to reach out to the Caribbean and Latin America with a truly life changing message.

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