

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

Hi from Furlough,

As I write this I'm still on furlough, but on track to return to Bonaire on Dec. 7. I've driven from New Jersey to south Florida, and have made my way back to New Jersey, with a couple of week-long stops in North Carolina. For all you road warriors out there, I traveled north from NC on I-73, US 220, I-81 and I-78 instead of I-95. It was a nice change, and I'm thankful to the Lord for safety on the road so far.

The big furlough news is that Sandra isn't here with me! Just a few weeks before furlough, it was determined that her epilepsy was out of control enough that it wouldn't be wise for her to attempt the travel, etc. Sandra has a friend staying with her, along with Coco, our unofficial but highly reliable seizure alert dog. Keeping Sandra's life constant and sort of stable is allowing her NJ epilepsy specialist to continue to adjust her meds and hopefully get the (a few per day) seizures under control. It sounds like some progress has indeed been made during the time I've been gone.

By the way, when I was in south Florida, I tuned my rental car radio to 800 on the AM dial and heard the TWR Bonaire Spanish programming come bombing in like the proverbial "local station." If you are in the southern US, anywhere from Florida over to Texas, give it a try between 7pm and 10pm Eastern Standard Time.

If you can't hear the 800AM signal, you can listen to an online stream at www.twr.org/800am that roughly simulates what is on the air when Bonaire is on the air, and fills in with other programming when Bonaire is off the air. The radio programs will be pretty much the same as what Bonaire is broadcasting, but the music will be different for complicated legal reasons. One can also hear the Bonaire streaming audio by using the *TWR360* app on phones and tablets. The Bonaire stream might be tricky to find on TWR360, so if you do download the app and need help finding the Bonaire stream, send me an email and I'll see if I can provide you with step-by-step instructions.

I tried an experiment last month and printed five of my Bonaire photos to see if there was any interest in Bonaire canvas prints. As my brother commented on Facebook, it might be something I can scale up to provide some income during retirement. Three of the five sold well. You can see the photos I chose at www.bradtwr.blogspot.com. Speaking of retirement, Lord willing, I'm going to keep working with TWR four more years until I'm 70. We're not sure what we'll do then, but one option is to remain on Bonaire and continue to serve with TWR as a volunteer. Speaking of retirement, some of our faithful financial partners are and will be retiring and aren't able to contribute like they used to. We could be facing a support crunch in the not-so-distant future, so please pray about that. If you can put in a good word for us with your family, friends or church, that would be much appreciated. The positive spin is that it could be a relatively short-term commitment, compared to what many of our supporters have been doing over these last 40+ years.

In conclusion, we do 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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