

Brad and Sandra Swanson's TWR - Bonaire Update - March 2020

Hi from Bonaire,

In January, we had our eighth annual visit by a team of students from Waynesburg University, in western Pennsylvania. This year's industrious group of young people created quite a few announcements, greetings and liners for our FM station, The Voice of Hope. They also designed an information sign telling about TWR. It will go in front of the building where people stop to look at and photograph the large mural. They also created a short video that we can use with visitors who drop in when their cruise ship is on Bonaire. It gives an overview of TWR global, as well as the ministry from Bonaire. They also did a lot of grunt work, like painting, "lawn" mowing and weed and brush removal. Since they always come towards the end of the rainy season, there is lots to do in those areas.



The TWR international Board of Directors is going to be visiting Bonaire in April. A number of our Spanish speaking team members from the region are going to be here the same week, and we'll do a three-night live radio event. Jason Helmholdt and I will be manning the control board. We'll be in the studio until 11pm each night doing Spanish for Cuba, and then back at 4am for Portuguese to Brazil. This will be the third live "Shine 800" event we've done. It is always a big hit with our listeners because they can respond in real time using WhatsApp and emails.

Speaking of listeners, here are a few responses we received in 2019. From Cuba, to the Spanish version of *Running to Win*: The program is wonderful. I listen to it on Radio Trans Mundial Bonaire and I record it on my cell phone to study it later. I feel great admiration for Pastor Lutzer and the announcer. The preaching is magnificent – I am starting as a preacher and it helps me a lot. I thank God for you and pray to Him to bless you. This program is making me advance in God. I love you in the love of CHRIST.

From Venezuela: Thank you very much for your program. Through it, the lives of my mother, my sister and myself have been touched. May God bless you greatly and allow you to reach many more people who need this type of message for the building up of their lives.

Here on Bonaire, Sandra's beloved service/seizure dog, Coconut, died on January 15. This was a huge loss because we really depended on Coco to let Sandra know when a seizure was coming, and to make sure she took the correct actions. Our veterinarian and the director of the animal shelter have selected a dog that they feel can be trained as a replacement. Coco was truly special, but Tilly-Payton is coming along well already. She is only a quarter the size of Coco, but is very observant, eager to please, and full of energy. Sandra and Tilly are working hard at learning to read each other's signs and communicate effectively. We are in regular video contact with Sandra's epilepsy specialist in NJ, and continue to tweak her meds, but her seizures are still a daily occurrence and a large burden to bear.

Thank you all, for your prayer and financial support. It is vital, and we truly appreciate your contribution to the ministry here.

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