

Greetings, friends.

I'm excited to share with you some of the things that have been going on, so let's get right to it!

### **Update on Jehiel Ortiz**

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In March of 2019, we began tossing around the idea of bringing Jehiel Ortiz from our Dominican Republic office to the Cary office to help us build our ministry in the US.

Well, two years have passed, and he is still in the Dominican Republic.

We continue to work with an immigration attorney to satisfy all the requirements that would allow him to get the required visa and move here.

I'm not intimately familiar with the process, so I'm not sure what the holdup is. I am, however, intimately familiar with our God and I trust that His timing is perfect. The visa will be granted (or not) when God ordains it.

### **Grateful Gregorio\* (not his real name)**

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TWR's US Spanish Ministry is donor funded. Our typical donor is someone who:

- lives in the United States (California)
- prefers to speak their native Spanish (rather than English)
- listens to *Thru the Bible* (in Spanish)

There are also a handful of donors who are prisoners. Despite being in prison, they manage to send donations to support the ministry.

In November, Gregorio, a prisoner in Oregon, sent us this note along with his regular \$5 donation.

"God the Father has blessed me here in my prison with having learned about you

through this magnificent medium [the radio station Radio Nueva Vida].

"Therefore, to the best of my ability, I have the firm conviction to contribute a grain of sand to this beautiful work of bringing the hope of salvation to those who cannot attend [church] by simply maintaining the daily conviction of listening to *Thru the Bible...*"

His note concluded with:

"Always praying for your lives, your health and the entire team, even the people who clean the building."

In January, we sent Gregorio a Spanish copy of *Every Man a Warrior*. Every Man a Warrior, a ministry of TWR, is discipleship Bible study that "Helps Men Succeed in Life" by helping them win the battles they fight every day.

Because the regulations for sending materials to prisons are very strict, we weren't sure that the book would be delivered. So, we were excited when we received a letter from Gregorio letting us know that the book has arrived and that he is grateful!

"Thank you for remembering me and for being so generous. It is very interesting how this about discipleship came about because, honestly, I need it.

"Even though, by God's grace, I have been studying theology for several years, I need to voluntarily submit to a sensible yet formal and reliable teaching. Thank you for giving me this opportunity."

Gregorio meets regularly with some other brothers of the faith. Even though Gregorio is the only one of them that speaks Spanish, we pray that God will use the *Every Man a Warrior* study in the lives of all of the men.

[Learn more about Every Man a Warrior at [everymanawarrior.com](http://everymanawarrior.com) ]

## Spanish Ministry Video

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Each month TWR produces a video that is shared within our offices all over the world. The video includes prayers and praises and current news about the ministry that help inform us and knit us together as co-laborers in Christ.

The January edition of TWR Family Focus featured a segment on the US Spanish Ministry. (That's the ministry that I lead!)

I've put the video on my page if you'd like to see it. (It's just the 6-minute segment that features the US Spanish ministry, not the entire video.) [twr.org/elisa-keefe](http://twr.org/elisa-keefe)

## In other news...

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At the end of January, Sean and I had the blessing of going on an 8-day evangelism trip.

We joined eight other evangelists to preach the Gospel and distribute tracts in several places around Tampa, Florida, for three days. We then joined up with 80 other evangelists and open-air preachers to take the Gospel to the people at the Super Bowl Experience – a several-day event that draws big crowds in the days leading up to the big game.

Sadly, the Super Bowl Experience crowds were largely apathetic. So many people were wearing masks, making sure their

faces were covered, yet were unconcerned about having their sin covered.



On a positive note, we met many new evangelists and are encouraged by these men and women who boldly take the Gospel of God to the lost world.

I am reminded of these words of Paul Freed, the founder of TWR:

“My heart was aflame with a passion to tell all those people that Jesus Christ loved them, that He died for them, that He rose again and is alive today. All they had to do was believe. But they must first hear.”

[Learn more about the Super Bowl Outreach with Sports Fan Outreach International at [sfoi.org](http://sfoi.org)]



Thank you for reading my ministry notes, for praying, and for your partnership. May God richly bless you.

## POINTS OF PRAYER and PRAISES

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1. Please pray for the ongoing immigration process to allow Jehiel Ortiz (along with his wife and two children) to move to Cary. Please pray for Jehiel and his family as they wait upon the Lord in this longer-than-expected season.
2. Please pray that God would continue to bless Gregorio with an increasing zeal for the study of His Word, and that the *Every Man a Warrior* discipleship program would equip him and the other inmates to fight the battles that they face every day.
3. Please pray that everywhere the Gospel is shared, souls would come to know their creator, the true and living God and worship and enjoy Him forever.