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McGui Report

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Bonaire Power Up – the Final Stretch –

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We arrived at TWR Bonaire on Thursday, January 4 to assist with the last phase of the installation of the new, higher power, 400,000-watt AM transmitter and with the preparations for the dedication scheduled for January 30.

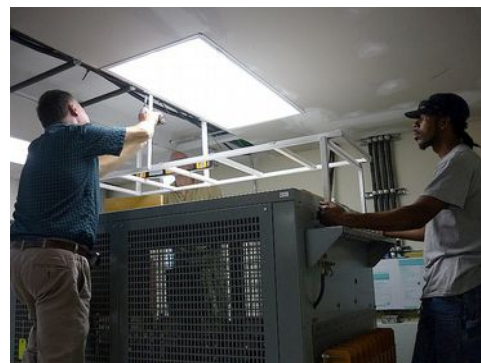


◀ **5 Jan.** – We unwrapped the four transmitter cabinets, moved them into place, and installed parts on top. Larry started to level and bolt the cabinets together (finished first thing on 8 Jan.)

8 Jan. – With ▶ the help of Frank (working visitor), Larry connected the ten 400-amp cables to the input of the disconnect switch that supplies power to the new transmitter. These cables are so stiff that at times it took both of us using special benders to route each cable to the desired terminal.

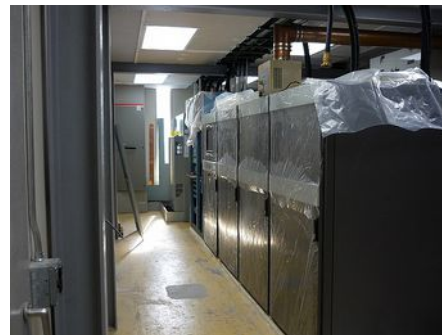


9 Jan. – After ▶ interconnections were completed between the four cabinets, the transmitter was now assembled. Larry and Frank then installed the rods seen on the ceiling to carry the cables from the transformer to the transmitter.



◀ **10 Jan.** – Dave, Daryl and Lionel, installed the cable tray (fabricated by Lionel) above the transformer. Larry and Frank now began the run of twelve 500 amp, and three smaller, cables.

11 Jan. – Larry, ▶ Jonas and Frank ran the last three cables, bundled and tie wrapped all the cables neatly into their final positions.



11 Jan. PM – The transmitter is now ready. Testing can only begin after the power company switches on power to the 380-volt 1200-amp breaker box that was installed during our April trip. [Power ON 16 Jan.!]

Bonaire Power Up

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15 Jan. – The power feed ► for the older part of the transmitter building was rerouted to the new power room. This required disconnecting it from the old power room, completely removing about 150 feet of cable from its former trench and pulling it through cable trays in the building to the new power room, which is on the opposite side of the transmitter building.



We pray that transmitter testing this week and 'sprucing up' next week for the dedication goes well.

Please pray with us for amazing spiritual results after the fourfold increase in power at the end of January.

Family Updates



Mom and Flopsy (our dog) 'relaxing'!

Larry's mother usually stays with one of his sisters in Colorado, but we had the privilege of having her stay with us for six weeks, including over Thanksgiving break. Mom especially enjoyed the warmth of the wood stove in our living room.

We greatly appreciate your prayers not only for us and for TWR, but also for our sons and their families!

Allan – is still working at Lippert Components as a product engineer, but has moved to another plant in Elkhart. Mark (19) seemed to enjoy his first semester at Cedarville University. Andrea (16), Audrey (14), Adrian (11) and Megan (7) are all home-schooled.

Nathan – continues at LeMaster Steel Erectors where building construction seems to be booming. His favorite job of center-pivot irrigation installation seems to have slowed. Nathan and Elizabeth have taken on part-time jobs to tide them over when weather stops construction for extended times, especially this winter! David (17) and Rachael (10) are both home-schooled.

Samuel – still runs Affordable Dentures in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Henri, now 6, is in kindergarten at Kalamazoo Christian School. We were able to attend their excellent Christmas program in December. Their other children are Genevieve (4) and Arthur (1).

Philip – works as a registered nurse at Life Care Center in Sandpoint, Idaho. They live in Bonners Ferry with their four children – Jonah (4), Naomi (3), Joash (2) and Makiya (5 months).



Joshua's 'new' office building

Joshua – now works in the financial aid department at Notre Dame in South Bend. Josh, Angie and Nora (2) are currently living with us until they can sell their house in Kouts, Indiana, and buy one closer to his work. They are also expecting their second child (our 16th grandchild) in July.



McGuire cousins (minus the 'Idaho four') at our house

Listeners' Responses to TWR Programs

Lives Changed In the Amazon Basin

The following story was shared with TWR President Lauren Libby by Reach Beyond's Curt Cole:

I am just coming off a week on several tributary rivers of the Amazon, seeing the ministry of *Word of Life (Palavra do Vida Brazil)* and a digital solar media player project we've been involved in with Matt Parker, a *Reach Beyond* missionary, who you met at *Emergence*.

This past Sunday I was in the church at Novo Filadelfia, along the Ururia River, and met a man named Lulu (not his full name but many in Brazil go by nicknames). He is now 82 and his health is failing. But I had an amazing time hearing his story.

Around 50 years ago, at the age of 32, he began listening to TWR Portuguese and soon made a decision to follow Christ. He said he came to understand what Jesus did for him through the programs and he was also discipled as a new believer through the programs.

One day he realized he needed to tell others as there was not one other believer in the area. He had a canoe but no motor, so he canoed with a paddle for weeks at a time, telling every village up and down the river he visited about Jesus. Once he was gone for an entire month.

Then, 30 years ago, the first Brazilian missionary from outside the Amazon region, Pastor Lucio, came through Novo Filadelfia and found Lulu with a thriving church. Pastor Lucio and Lulu continued to build the church and then began to plant churches in other areas. Unfortunately, at the age of 30, Pastor Lucio died of heart failure. And that is when *Word of Life Brazil* was asked to help.

Today, there are growing, reproducing churches all over this remote area of the Amazon. I was impressed to see young, dynamic leaders still being taught and encouraged by Pastor Lulu. In one area, called Lago Grande, there is now a church with 30 people or so in an area that was previously Catholic. Three years ago there was no evangelical church.

The priest found Jesus from the outreach of the Novo Filadelfia church and is completely on fire, discipling everyone on this huge lake through the programming on the digital media players, and some of those programs are from TWR. And all of this from one young guy named Lulu listening way back [in the 1960s] to TWR. Amazing!

Zimbabwe – “Hello TWR. I'm B from Zimbabwe, aged 22 and I'm really happy for taking much time listening to your radio station and I have been following Dr. David Jeremiah's teachings and they have been helping me a lot. I grew up in family with a background of Christianity. At the age of 5 I felt God is calling me to serve Him. I faced many challenges growing up, and I had to question myself whether God really called me. Earlier this year I started listening to good preachers mainly Dr. Jeremiah and through TWR radio I found my way back to God as I have been living a double life. Please pray for me as I'm praying so I can go to a seminary school for next year and that God will provide the funds. Thank you God bless!!”

Source: Burnett's Broadcaster – December 2017

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Deeper than 1/4 Inch: Discipleship in Angola

From TWR Canada President, Ray Alary

“*The church is a mile wide, but it is only a ¼ inch deep.*” This comment is made often, and more often than not, it refers to the church in Africa or Asia....

I went to Angola many times, but one trip was extra special. We went into the interior of the country for the first time to meet with listeners. One of the men with me was Isac Silvano. He was from Angola, from the Umbundu people, and had gone to Brazil for Bible school. During the time Angola was at war, he lived in Brazil and Swaziland. While there, he produced radio programs to minister to his people; however, he had never had the opportunity to meet those who listened. That’s what this trip was about. Meeting them was an incredible experience for him, and seeing and hearing the impact of TWR’s radio broadcasts was a huge blessing to me.

There was one event on that trip that impacted me greatly. It took place at 5:00 in the morning. We were sleeping on grass mats on the floor in a building when there was a loud knock on the door. We thought, *why are they waking us this early in the morning?* But it wasn’t our hosts who were waking us up; it was a listener. This man had waited as long as he could, but his excitement could not be contained any longer! He was eager to tell us his story.

He had walked 15 kilometers through the night to meet Isac Silvano and our *Thru the Bible* producer, as both men had had such a great impact on him. He told us his story of how, in the remotest of places, he had heard the Word of God and been discipled. This man had no real education, but he knew scripture. He shared with excitement how both radio hosts had discipled him. He shared how there was no church and how he felt he was part of a church because of the radio programs. He shared with such joy how TWR had discipled him and the impact that had had on his life. I remember sitting in the hallway where we were staying and praying with him. It was thrilling and humbling to witness.

Source: TWR Canada – Journey of Hope – 2 November 2017

South Africa – “I am from Qunu, Eastern Cape. I want to testify about how much *Aamzwi Okuphila (Thru The Bible)* program changed my life. I lost my husband 3 years ago. I had to travel from Eastern Cape to Gauteng looking for a job to support myself and my children, there was no luck for me to get a job. Life was difficult without job, shelter and food. I was in a point where I wanted to take my life. I used to listen to news through my cell phone radio. That day while I was tuning for news, I came across your program, and the teacher was talking about Hebrews 11v1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”. Since that day, my life changed. I gave my life to the Lord. I found a job! Thank you so much for making my life better through the Word of God.

Source: Burnett’s Broadcaster – December 2017

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