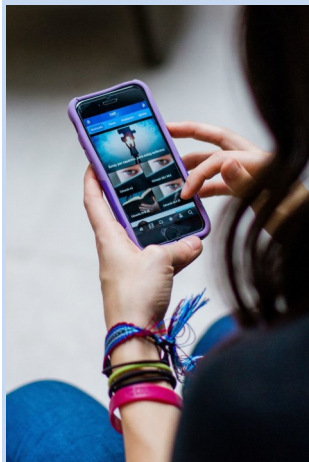


The Pedersen Praises

Newsletter from Dave and Mari Pedersen

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Proverbs 25:25

May 2020



TWR360 breaks down barriers of language and accessibility so users can download, stream and read abundant Christian media resources, and is especially in high demand the last few weeks.

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Ministry in a Very Different World

Thank you all for your prayers these last weeks as the world struggles through a global medical crisis. Fortunately we have the assurance that Christ will walk with us every step of the way through, and that God will bring good out of this calamity, and that He will be glorified. The Lord uses times like these to break down barriers and obstacles around people's hearts, and to draw them nearer to Him. We at TWR are definitely seeing many people opening up and seeking answers and reflecting on life as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Now, more than ever, as people around the world hunker down, media is playing a vital role in keeping us all connected. People are turning to radio broadcasts, the internet, videos, and mobile apps, seeking answers to life's hardest questions. Although TWR's main priority is proclaiming the gospel and making disciples, our global communications systems are ideal ways to deliver hope, strength and information in times of crisis.

TWR is broadcasting special programs in response to the pandemic. From China, to the Middle-East and Europe, and across Africa and Latin America, TWR transmitters are transmitting special programs to a hurting and anxious world. One 26-minute interview program "Coronavirus: What You Need to Know," has been broadcast in English and Spanish from the TWR Bonaire transmitter, the most powerful AM station in the Western Hemisphere. The program has also been translated into Farsi for broadcast into Iran, another especially hard-hit country.

TWR is also making it and other programs available to broadcasters worldwide. Our digital platforms like TWR360, www.twr360.org, are making a huge impact with a massive increase in demand over the last few weeks. Many new materials and programs are being added daily, and TWR360 just added its 89th language. TWR360 is designed for digital use, and is tailored around the language of the user, both via computer and mobile apps.

All TWR major broadcast facilities are operating and are expected to continue to be on the air barring unforeseen regional complications. Backup plans have been put in place in the event of staff illnesses. Included among these TWR facilities are Bonaire, West Africa, Eswatini and Guam. The staff for many of our offices around the world are working from home, and TWR operations continue unabated.

I invite you to visit the TWR web page at www.twr.org/coronavirus to learn more about how TWR is responding to these special needs, and how you can pray for and support the TWR ministry and staff.

Dave and Mari Pedersen

TWR-Pedersen Family Web Page

For the latest updates and prayer requests, and to contribute to our monthly support, please visit our staff web page at:

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Family News



Did we mention that Dave is not yet fully de-climatized from the Caribbean and found Central Asia a bit chilly?

Like so many others, we are sheltering-in-place, living, working, and educating from home. Lydia, of course, is staying home as the public school is closed for the rest of the school year. We are doing okay in getting our essentials for daily living. Dave and Lydia have needed to go out for special medical appointments in the past few weeks. Dave's diabetes is deteriorating and consequently his treatment plan has changed. We are working through the adjustments, new medications and meal management. We are doing a lot more online these days, including church and even speaking at a virtual missions conference.



A View of Brownsville: There are a lot of curved lakes scattered around Brownsville, known as resacas. These are leftover flood drainage paths from the Rio Grande river that flows past Brownsville, forming the border with Mexico. The resacas formed when the river flooded in the distant past, and formed temporary channels as the waters drained away.



Dave building monitor receivers in his garage workshop

Work continues from home. Dave is assembling the new monitoring network in his garage workshop. His trip to Central Asia went well and it was good that he was able to travel home before the pandemic made return travel difficult. It was very cold there for him! The return trip was 57 hours in total, an interesting way for him to spend his 60th birthday. Mari is continuing her support of TWR data management and welcomes a new volunteer associate to help with the work. She is also educating both Lydia and Rachel, plus managing the household.

Lydia and Rachel are doing okay, naturally somewhat stressed by the confinement and unknown. They are doing their best to stay busy.

Joshua is well too, but on lockdown in the living facility where he stays. He had a major car accident in February. Although it totaled his car, we are pleased that he was uninjured. He was just getting back on his feet when the lockdowns hit, and he was furloughed from his two jobs, and then confined as well. He is looking for work he can do on the computer from home.

Furlough 2020

Our furlough travel plans, like much else in life these days, are on hold. We do not anticipate being able to make a big trip to the West Coast this summer. We are waiting to see when it will be safe for us to travel and mingle extensively again. We cannot tell yet if it will be later this year, or into 2021. We would welcome ideas about how we can meet up with you all virtually. We would like to keep communications open and stay updated.

Thank you all again for your support, encouragement, and prayers. We pray you are healthy and well, and managing this pandemic crisis well in your home and community.



Lydia turned 19 in March. She had a great party with new friends!

Praises & Prayers

Praise

- Safe and productive trip to Central Asia
- Joshua not injured in car accident
- Safety at home

Prayer needs

- Health and safety of TWR staff around the world
- TWR ministry outreach
- Special programs
- Monthly support and ministry fund donations needed

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Please contact us directly if you would like any additional information about joining our support team.

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