

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

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One Location Serves Many



Radio Cultural in Guatemala's "Hymns of Victory" program has aired since 1965 with the purpose of building the body of Christ with the rich treasure of select hymns, greetings and the Word of God. Above we see its producer of 55 years, Mr. Juan Francisco García De León, sitting by one of the old consoles that needs replacement.

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Since relocating to the USA this summer, our ministry role in TWR has greatly expanded. Dave is now working on a number of projects with far reaching impact. Mari's work in the TWR Information Systems department in support of data privacy management also continues as before from Bonaire as she continues in her work role from our home office.

While we are no longer "living" overseas, we are still very much "overseas" missionaries. TWR does not have any radio broadcast stations in the USA. They are all located in foreign countries. And so, we work "from" the USA, but serving missions worldwide. Our ministry has not changed by moving to the USA, but is more effectively accomplished on a larger, global scale, by being based in the USA with better access to resources and travel.

Guatemala studio renovations. Radio Cultural, TWR's partner in Guatemala, wants to install new studio equipment. Dave is evaluating their needs and recommending suitable solutions.

Transmitter refurbishing for Central and South America. Ten FM transmitters were donated to TWR from Norway. Dave has been leading the reconfiguring and modification project so they can be sent to TWR broadcast partners in Central and South America.

Other broadcast opportunities in Mexico. An opportunity to broadcast *Thru the Bible* in Spanish on a high power 150,000-watt station that covers all of northeastern Mexico and much of Texas came up recently. Dave performed the signal tests and analysis to confirm the range of the station. Based on those tests, a decision has been made by TWR to develop a formal proposal for these broadcasts.

Global monitor receiver system development. An important tool for TWR and its program developers is verifying how effectively broadcasts are being received in the intended reception areas. Dave is part of a team developing an automated remote controlled receiver network.

Global Satellite Communications Network. Several companies are beginning deployment of global satellite data networks. Dave has been researching these new technology tools for global deployment in the next 3-5 years. This will be especially beneficial as it promises to bring high-speed broadband to hundreds of TWR partner locations worldwide, permitting better program distribution and equipment control. This technology has myriad other applications for many other ministry groups and is being analyzed for those ministries as well.

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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:

<https://www.twr.org/global-staff/pedersen>

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We may be contacted by selecting "Message this Staff Member" on our family web page listed to the left.

Family News

We are pretty well settled into our home now. We still have some unpacking to do but that is mostly Dave's work and ham radio hobby materials. He wants to set up a temporary workshop in the garage for TWR project research until such time as we can set up a more permanent solution or even a workshop/garden shed in the back yard. The summers are very hot here so we have been waiting for the cooler weather; the garage gets up to 120°F in the summer months!

Setting up the home has been more challenging than expected. We have had numerous appliances fail. Fortunately, the home came with a home warranty that covered most of the repairs. We're still waiting on the parts to fix the stove, and a new washing machine should be here next week. We have a long list of improvements we need to make on the house. First and foremost is going to be adding ceiling insulation. The house came with about 3" of ceiling insulation but the building codes here in southern Texas specify 16-18". We are hoping some friends can come lend a hand to get that blown in once the temperatures drop in November.

The house has four bedrooms. We are using one as our TWR office. We also have a nice back patio and enjoy barbecuing burgers, chicken and sausages weekly. We got a good sized "barrel" charcoal barbecue that does a great job.

Rachel and Lydia are doing well in school. Rachel graduated the last school year with very high marks in science and mathematics. Joshua is recovering well after a brief health setback. He has started his first job.

Please pray for Mari's heels. They have been bothering her a lot and she has trouble walking or being on her feet for too long.

Furlough 2020

Our last furlough trip was in 2017 to visit prayer and financial support partners on the U.S. east coast. We are planning a trip to the west coast in the summer of 2020.

We would like to visit everyone from San Diego to Washington state in one trip. However, how much we can travel will depend on available time and funds raised for travel expenses. We will be looking to the Lord to provide the funds to fly or drive out west for a 1-2 month trip.

It might be better for us to make two trips, as one long trip—especially driving—is quite grueling. We're open to suggestions on how to reduce costs and make the furlough less exhausting than a 6,000 mile road trip. We're also looking into a combo of planes, trains, and automobiles.



***A View of Brownsville:** Tacos, tacos, everywhere. We love Mexican food. Being right on the border, Brownsville has more taquerias than hamburger shops, sometimes two per city block.*

Praises & Prayers

Praise

- Transmitters refurbishment for South America completed
- Joshua got a job

Prayer needs

- Workshop engineering space for Dave
- Sell a car in Bonaire so we can buy a second one here
- Monthly and ministry fund support increases

Ministry Partners

Partner with us in ministry through joining our financial support team.

"Support" us in ministry on a monthly, quarterly, or annual commitment.

"Ministry" fund donations are gifts towards nonrecurring expenses such as furlough travel, occasional special projects, and emergency needs.

"Medical" fund gifts help with the additional high medical costs we incur with Lydia's special needs.

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

Recurring gifts for our ongoing support and special one-time gifts for ministry or medical funds can be given at our staff web page below. Or contact TWR Donor Services by mail or telephone to set up regular or special giving.

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Our home in Brownsville. On Bonaire, I cut the lawn four times a year. Here, the grass grows four inches per week.



Furlough by driving. Exhausting but complete. Does anyone have a better suggestion?