

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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Ministry Impact around the World

More than two years ago, a Peruvian pastor was very excited to receive a license for three new radio stations, allowing him to bring God's word to some large populations of minority language speakers. However, they could not afford the necessary transmitters. However, God, in His economy, could and did provide the transmitters from the far away country of Norway, where they replaced their almost new FM transmitters with Digital Broadcast transmitters. The TWR Norwegian partner arranged for those transmitters to be donated and shipped to the US for refurbishment and use in South America! These are the transmitters that Dave has helped to refurbish at the SonSet Solutions workshops in Indiana. Dave has also been instrumental in the logistics process, to get them on their way to a new life of service to the Lord's kingdom.

The first four of the refurbished transmitters recently arrived in Peru. Three will be used by the pastor above for the new stations in the Cusco province, near the fabled Inca town of Machu Picchu. The fourth will replace an older transmitter at TWR Peru's partner station in the capital city of Lima, a city of ten million listeners.

The remaining six transmitters are ready to be shipped very soon. Four are going to Bolivia, and the last two are going to another south of the border location. It has been very rewarding to be part of such a great project! A big Thank You goes to our friends at SonSet Solutions who allowed us to use their workshop space. We're looking forward to getting them on the air soon.

TWR and its partners broadcast the Gospel in more than 200 languages and 190 countries. Some of those broadcasts are transmitted to Central Asia over the TWR PANI and Silk Road transmitters. You can read more about them on the TWR web page. As this letter was being written, Dave visited the transmission site of these transmitters to service the communications systems there. Dave updated the equipment used to receive the programs from our studios that will be transmitted to several countries in the region. We will share some pictures in the next newsletter as this letter was produced just as he was preparing to leave.



Dave in his new workshop in the garage, with the prototype of the monitoring system

The big Monitor Receiver project Dave has been working on passed an important milestone in December. Development on the controlling computer was completed. Dave is now preparing to assemble the first 25 systems in his new little workshop over the winter. These systems are used to verify the TWR transmissions are being transmitted properly, and received well in the reception areas.

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Family News

We enjoyed our first Christmas in Texas, and pray your holidays were a blessed time too. Thank you all for kind words of encouragement and prayers.

Dave took some time off from TWR work over Christmas and New Years, and focused on a number of house projects. It was also a good time of the year to take advantage of Thanksgiving and year-end sales to buy some tools to set up the basic workshop that he is using for TWR projects.

Mari and I celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary in January. Dave turned the big 60 in January, most of the day being spent in the air flying from Central Asia to London, where he enjoyed a nice pub dinner and overnight stay before flying back to Brownsville the next day.

Mari's heel is slowly improving. The podiatrist diagnosed plantar fasciitis and had her start using special orthotic shoe inserts.

Lydia is doing well, and benefiting a lot from the special services the schools, health insurance, and community resources offer. The help she gets benefits the whole family. Mari has done a tremendous amount of work setting services up for her, with a lot more still to do. These steps will help Lydia as she grows towards more independent living in the years ahead.

Rachel celebrated her 13th birthday in November. She is plugging along at school. She is still most interested in science and mathematics. We have been getting to know the local astronomy community, STARSociety, recently and Rachel is meeting many interesting people.

The Lord led us to a great church, River Church RGV. We feel blessed and at home there already, and look forward to how we can serve and be served as well.

Furlough 2020

We are planning a trip to the west coast in the summer of 2020. This will be our opportunity to spend some time reconnecting with our present support team, and to seek new prayer and financial support partners, and to share the ministry and scope of TWR's ministry around the globe.

We expect to contact existing ministry partners in the next few months as we investigate travel options and meeting opportunities. As we are currently under-funded, we welcome every opportunity to present ministry partnership to as many people as possible. Please let us know if you are able to host an event at church or home to introduce us and the ministry of TWR to friends and family.

A View of Brownsville: Located in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville is one of the best birding spots in the country. More than 500 species have been documented in the



area, like this Great Heron below that we photographed recently. Besides the local resident species, the area is on a major migratory route between North and South America. Different eco-regions of the Valley provide varied types of shelter and food for the wide variety of birds.



Our family at Christmas time

Praises & Prayers

Praise

- First transmitters arrive in Peru
- More transmitters ready for Bolivia
- Local church blessing
- Lydia receiving special services

Prayer needs

- **Safe travels** to Central Asia
- **Sell a car** in Bonaire so we can buy a second one here
- Monthly support and ministry fund **donations** needed
- **Furlough** opportunities to share

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.

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 fund 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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Rachel's admiring the UTRGV CTMO observatory's main telescope.