

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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LOCKDOWN

Much of the world has been in, and continues to some degree, in lockdown. Travel is restricted, public gatherings banned, and so much confusion in the news and people's hearts. Fortunately through all the troubles, TWR's message of hope has been able to reach untold millions. Using digital online media and radio broadcasts, more people than ever have been turning to Christian media for truth and hope, and the love of Christ.



Dave building special monitor receiver radio systems in the garage.

On the TWR web page, Richard Green has an article entitled "Speaking Hope via Media to a Lockdown World." In the article, he writes about TWR's use of portable radio and media players in Asia. In the last few months, one of Dave's projects was to assist in evaluating a possible new radio/media player for distribution in Asia. I encourage you to read Richard's full article online at <https://www.twr.org/stories/speaking-hope-via-media-lockdown-world>. You can play an important part in TWR's radio distribution projects by donating towards "Radios for the World." See more at <https://donate.twr.org/category/radios-for-the-world>.

Dave has also been making slow but steady progress with the monitor receiver project assembly. Delivery of some critical components due to the interrupted supply chains continues to be a problem. The summer heat in Texas is also a delaying factor now as temperatures in Dave's workshop in our garage have been exceeding 100 degrees. This is limiting the amount of time he can work before having to retreat to a cool area. Plans to insulate and install air-conditioning for the workshop have not been realized yet.

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Furlough and Support Needs

Needless to say, our furlough travel plans for this summer have all been cancelled. We are deeply disappointed that we are not able to travel and be with many of you this summer as hoped. We are praying that the Lord makes it possible for us to visit you next year. Dave was also scheduled to attend a missions conference in April in Massachusetts. Although the in-person conference was cancelled, the church held a very successful conference online. Dave was able to attend and speak over the video-conference call. We are also grateful the Lord prompted a family to join our support team.

Please also be praying about being part of our financial support team. Due to travel restrictions and furlough cancellations, we are unable to visit with existing and potential new team members. Please also pray the Lord will bring the increase in order for us to meet the monthly support requirements. Thank you especially to those who helped recently with special gifts towards our ministry and medical funds.

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TWR-Pedersen Family Web Page

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<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

The last few months have been quite challenging for the Pedersen family. The difficulties we're all experiencing have been quite stressful too.

A few days after writing our last letter, Rachel broke her leg while skateboarding. She required surgery to insert a pin in her tibia. Surgery went well and she is fully recovered now. She was able to continue her home-schooling while recovering.

Then Joshua called from North Carolina to say he had been diagnosed with Covid-19. He lives at a residential care facility, and went into quarantine for two weeks, followed by a step-down quarantine for an additional three weeks. He was bored and frustrated as he was only able to bring his phone and charger and the clothes he was wearing when they moved him. He was unable to get access to his laptop or other clothes for over a month.

Lydia's school closed due to Covid-19 so she has been at home since April. She did her schooling remotely online which actually worked out better for her academically because she did not have to deal with school classroom stress. Unfortunately, she stepped on her laptop and broke the screen right after school ended and just now got a new laptop. With her special needs, Lydia's attendance at public school is a source of respite time for our family, so without it life is a little more difficult for all. Lydia is not handling the lockdowns and restricted movement well, although she is enjoying socializing with her friends online.

Please pray for our medical insurance provider to fix their software errors and our insurance tracking. They made some mistakes in May and we are still waiting for them to be fixed. Only then can we see how much we really need to pay to which provider.

Mari has been enjoying taking specialized training for the Data Privacy software she uses. She really likes the learning environment and picking up new skills, expertise and has earned 6 certificates so far.

Dave has been enjoying the Ham Radio hobby since his teens. His first proper communications was a 1948 National HRO-7. He was recently given a truckload of 1930s and 1940s radios, and in the collection was a factory-new condition restored HRO-7! Ham radio has been a great place for Dave to learn and hone his radio skills over many decades.

The summer heat is upon us. The air conditioner froze up again last week like it did last year. Dave paid attention to what the technician did then and was successful in getting it going again himself. Due to CoViD-19 lockdowns, we were not able to have insulation put in the house ceiling so the A/C continues to just barely meet the cooling demand.



Rachel ready for her leg surgery



Mari studying new software tools and techniques related to her data privacy management projects at TWR.



Dave with his "new" 1948 receiver. In the foreground for comparison, the small silver box is the state-of-the-art software defined radio (SDR) that forms the heart of the new TWR Monitoring Systems that Dave is assembling.

A View of Brownsville: Just east of Brownsville, at Boca Chica beach, where the Rio Grande River enters the Gulf, SpaceX is developing and building their next generation rockets. Here you see a prototype of the "Starship" which will carry bigger loads to orbit, and exploration trips to the moon and Mars.



Praises & Prayers

Praise

- TWR Ministry effectiveness
- Safety and good health
- Rachel recovered from broken leg
- Safety at home

Prayer needs

- Health and safety of TWR staff around the world
- TWR ministry outreach
- Monthly support and Ministry & Medical fund donations needed

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 our special medical costs. Our medical fund was depleted to zero recently by Rachel's accident.

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 the 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.