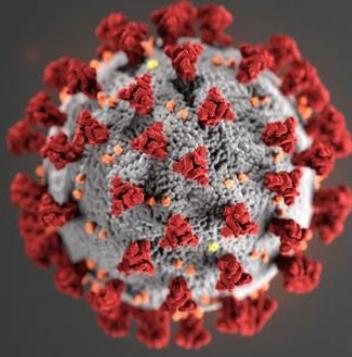


Hodgins Making Waves Special Update March 31, 2020



Wow, our world has changed and things that we took for granted have become more precious over the past few weeks, haven't they? The way we buy groceries, interact with our community and go to work have all changed. But the most important thing of all has NOT changed. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." We know that God is in control. He loves us. He is faithful and we can trust Him. These things do not change!



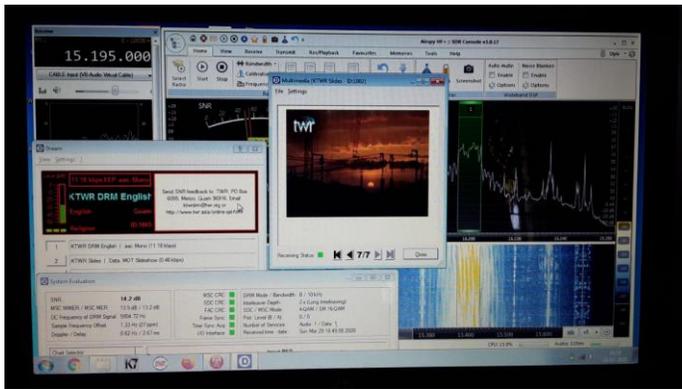
Another thing that has not changed is that the Gospel and messages of hope are still being broadcast daily from KTWR on Guam to China, North Korea, Indonesia and all of Asia, although the way we do that looks different! With the exception of our head engineer, and our rotating nightshift crew who ensure the programming is played out over the airwaves



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every night, everyone from KTWR is working from home. We are thankful that at such a time as this-when our regular listeners and potential listeners are home, and likely feeling scared or hopeless- our broadcasts filled with messages of God's love and redemption are still being sent out!



Unfortunately, at last update we had 94 cases of COVID-19 on Guam, comprised of 58 local cases and at least 36 sailors that tested positive on the aircraft carrier USS Roosevelt which docked in Guam on Friday. Keep in mind that the entire population of Guam is 168,000, almost exactly the same as the population of Cary, NC. We are experiencing many of the same things here on Guam that you are experiencing in the States. We are strongly encouraged to stay home, social distancing is mandated and enforced. Beaches, parks, and non-essential businesses are all closed. There are shortages of cleaning supplies and certain food items, and this health crisis has quickly become a financial crisis for many who work in tourism, hospitality industries, and now hourly workers at non-essential businesses who have been furloughed. Most people on island are taking this seriously, but responses vary from very relaxed and calm to those who are panicked and fearful. Our goal as a family is to be a blessing and source of peace and joy to those God puts in our path. Our family has much to be thankful for!



Praying for one another is a great way to spend our time these days!

We ask that you pray for our island. Guam is poorly equipped to handle medical emergencies in the best of circumstances, and if the pandemic begins spreading too quickly here our hospitals will quickly be overwhelmed. This is of particular concern to our family due to Matthew's asthma. Recently Guam began requiring ALL people arriving on island from ANY destination to be quarantined for 14 days at a government designated facility. Hopefully this will prevent our small island from becoming completely overwhelmed.

Please pray that each member of our family will grow deeper in our faith and our family bond will be strengthened during this time. Pray we will have wisdom to use our time and resources wisely and that we will cheerfully look for opportunities to serve each other and our community, and to share generously of what we have been given as God leads us.

Pray for the KTWR staff to grow together in unity of purpose even as we work remotely, and for our listeners to have tender hearts open to receive the Good News.

We also want to pray for you! We'd love to hear from you, just to give us an update of how things are going, or to hear prayer needs that we can be lifting up with you. You can reply to this email, or we are available via text or What's App

Praying for you, and looking forward to hearing from you.



If you are interested in following what is going on in the Guam local news, here are some good Facebook pages to follow:

Pacific Daily News <https://www.facebook.com/GuamPDN>

Guam Daily Post <https://www.facebook.com/postguam>

Joint Region Marianas <https://www.facebook.com/USNavalBaseGuam>