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McGui Report

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50 Years Later!



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The Oasis Project

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Praise the Lord that all the containers have arrived for the installation of the new 200,000-watt AM transmitter. We just received word that the last container containing the two diesel power plants cleared customs. **Pray** for its 8-plus hour inland journey to the transmitter site and **pray** for wisdom and safety of the crew that will be doing the power plant installation.

Tom and Joshua King from Kintronic Labs have completed the tuning of the two towers. [They both were also involved in the tuning of TWR Bonaire's 440,000-watt four-tower AM antenna system installed last year.] The new 200,000-watt and older 100,000-watt AM transmitters will both be using the same two towers to direct their respective frequencies into different directions (see map above—the light blue 'under' the Oasis signal is the pattern of the 100,000-watt signal).

Once the power plants are operational, **pray** for wisdom and safety for the engineers bringing both transmitters up to full power. **Pray** also for the effectiveness of the new programs, especially into Nigeria, by far the most populous country in Africa!

Silk Road Transmitter

The Silk Road 200,000-watt AM transmitter has been broadcasting the Good News daily for almost five months now! Please continue to **pray** that listeners in the "...stan" countries will find this new and stronger signal and find Christ as a result.

<https://www.twr.org/news/twr-reopens-route-reach-millions-christ-silk-road>

FM for Latin America

<https://www.twr.org/news/twrs-norway-partner-opens-doors-in-distant-land>

Once the special blowers arrived from Europe, Dave Pederson came to Elkhart for a week in late August to work with Larry to determine what further modifications and tests needed to be done to prepare the FM transmitters for shipping. The first of the ten transmitters was done during that week.



Inserting a 64 lb. amplifier

Subsequently, Larry began the process of modifying, testing and documenting the performance of each transmitter. Rich West assisted Larry when transmitters needed to be shifted onto, or off of, the test stand. By the end of September, six transmitters were done and progressing at a rate of two transmitters per week.

Steve Shantz (TWR's vice president for Latin America and the Caribbean) then requested that we change course and build crates to send four (one 10,000-watt and three 5,000-watt) transmitters to Peru. Building crates should be simple, right? Until we found out that they have to be heat-treated and certified for shipping to Peru and that the place we had previously used for this process had burnt down! We have hopefully found another place about 35 miles away that can help us.

As this letter is being written, Larry is planning to complete the first crate, have it treated and certified, then pack one transmitter to make sure everything is acceptable before building the remaining crates.

Please **pray** that this process of building, certifying, packing and shipping these crates will proceed in a timely manner with no further delays. Our goal is to have them on their way by the end of October.



Larry standing by transmitters that are ready to ship

One of the four transmitters is to be installed in Peru near its borders with Colombia and Brazil. Plans for the other three are for their installation in the Andes region of Peru. **Pray** that these transmitters will clear customs easily and **pray** for the TWR partner in Peru who is organizing the details for installing them.

To eSwatini in 2020

We have tentatively agreed to assist at TWR eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) during their upcoming shortage of engineers in July, August and September next year. Please **pray** as we finalize the exact dates, purchase the air tickets and work out various other details for this trip.

50th Anniversary!!

We **praise** the Lord for allowing us to reach this milestone in our marriage and for continuing to give us the health and strength to serve Him with Trans World Radio for all of these years!! We thank Him for the blessing of our five sons, their wives, and our sixteen grandchildren. Please **pray** that we will all remain faithful servants of our Lord.

We are so thankful for so many of you who have, and continue to, partner with us in this ministry!

Listeners' Responses to TWR Programs

PANI (Pakistan, Afganistan, North India) **listener** – "I am from an ethnic background, and I did not follow Jesus. I was worshiping nature. It was strange to hear such messages from the radio in the beginning, but now I understand that God created the whole universe and that he alone should be worshiped. I also understand that we are his children. I am now a new creation, my life is changed, and I really appreciate TWR for providing us with such wonderful programs."

Source – TWR Global Update – 9 October 2019

Turkey – "My mother got pregnant with me after she was raped. Therefore, she didn't want me, and she gave me to an orphanage. A family adopted me, but I had a hard life. I found my real mother years later and wanted to see her, but she didn't want to see me. I can understand her perspective since I was conceived from rape, but this hasn't helped me to feel better.

The family that adopted me didn't adopt me because they wanted a daughter, but rather because they wanted someone who would serve them; I was always treated differently from the other children at home. When I turned 18, they sold me to an older man, and my life became worse. I'm still married because I don't have any place to go.

I know I have talked a lot about my bad life, but the real reason why I called you is that I have accepted Christ in my life, and I wanted to share that joy with someone. It has been four months now. I feel so worthy now. Thanks so much for your programs. Through them, I don't feel alone ... and I know you are my sisters in Christ, aren't you?"

Source – TWR Canada – Speaking Hope Update – 11 September 2019

Tibet – Brother ZH is a SOTA [*Seminary Over the Air*] student who has spent the last two years ministering to Tibetan people. He and his wife have led many to Christ — even their five-year-old daughter invited kids to their home, and now the couple hosts a Sunday school for all of them!

Brother ZH has found that Tibetans receive gospel teaching well; however, it's hard for him to help them live out biblical principles in a culture where Christianity is not the norm. He says he is eager to grow in his discipleship skills. A short-term missionary introduced Brother ZH to SOTA, and he says it has helped him build a solid foundation for his faith.

"[SOTA] helped me apply the Bible without taking the Scripture out of context; many difficulties have also been solved as a result of this study. The greatest part is that they helped me prepare my sermons more systematically and more accurately. These two courses [New Testament Survey and Old Testament Survey] helped me so much in my preaching, my Bible study and my personal Bible reading."

Brother ZH says SOTA gives him a sense of belonging when missions work gets lonely.

"I also thank God that the SOTA staff actually came and visited me. Last year, I joined the SOTA mission camp; not only did I meet my teachers, but I also made friends with many other SOTA students ... I can't explain in words how much SOTA has helped me in my mission."

Source – TWR Canada – Speaking Hope Update – 11 July 2019

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'Life With Meaning' Encountered Online

On the face of it, Jasna's* life had all the ingredients to be pretty great: a “lovely husband,” obedient children, well-paid jobs, time with the kids, vacations.

But something was wrong inside – a void. This young woman living in **Serbia** spent time with friends and made an effort to listen to their problems, to help them, to be a good person. But none of it made her truly happy. She discussed her feelings with her husband and found he felt the same.

“We knew there was something deeper and more important than the ordinary life on earth,” Jasna wrote in an email to TWR. “That's why we read on the Internet about various religions. We even studied Buddhism and various types of meditation. Everything was initially interesting, but we were bored quickly.” Then her husband stumbled upon the Serbian translation of J. Vernon McGee's classic *Thru the Bible* program on the Internet and soon invited Jasna to listen, too. They didn't even have a Bible in the house, but the online studies persuaded them to dig into Scripture. They requested Bibles, and the TWR team sent two.

Previously for the couple, Christianity had been merely a set of rules and customs. Christmas and Easter were somewhat different, though – a pleasant time of celebration. “With *Thru the Bible*, we better understand the essence of Christianity,” Jasna wrote. “It's life with meaning. Life with God. He changed us, filled our hearts. He filled up the emptiness that we felt but didn't know what was needed. We needed Christ.” Enjoying God and gratitude are big parts of their life now. She's grateful for the Lord's blessings, both material and spiritual, for the treasure he revealed, for the mercy he showed her family. And she's thankful that God led her husband to *Thru the Bible* on the TWR website. * Jasna is a pseudonym used to protect her privacy.

Source – TWR Global Update – 9 Oct 2019

South Africa – “I listen to the *Xhosa Women of Hope* programme on the audio player you gave me. The programme that taught what to do in case of a fire, and the way it was used together with the Scripture on the tongue, was most helpful to me.”

Source – Burnett's Broadcaster – October 2019

Zimbabwe – “Thank you for your broadcast in times that can't be easy. I'm in Zimbabwe and found an old shortwave/medium-wave radio, which I retrieved after many years because of the power shedding in a country torn by greed and corruption. We only have five hours of power some days, so finding you again has been such a blessing in the long, dark hours of the night. Many thanks again, and may you be blessed in your service,”

Source – TWR Global Update – 9 Oct 2019

South Africa – ‘I can't sleep in the early hours of the morning, so I lie in bed with my earphones on and listen to the TWR programmes playing on the DSTV channel 855. I am so grateful that TWR keeps me company!’

Source – Burnett's Broadcaster – October 2019