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praying for us!!**

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Most of Our Plans Have Changed!!

Reviewing our February 2020 McGuiReport that was sent just three months ago, almost every plan mentioned has been changed. COVID-19 has changed some plans and the Lord changed others – even before we knew they would need to be changed! **We are praying for you** in this time of your 'changed plans'!!

Colorado Trip

Shortly after our February 2020 McGuiReport was written (in mid-January), we were invited to participate in a missions conference at Falcon Baptist Church in Colorado from March 6 to 8. TWR agreed that we should attend this conference and reschedule Larry's trip to West Africa for later in March. Even though it was short notice, it was possible to schedule another meeting in Colorado on March 1. During the short time there, we were able to finish the inside trim of the windows that we replaced last year. Little did we know that meetings in April, as originally planned, would have not been possible! God knew!!

West Africa Trip

When we got back to Indiana on March 12, we learned that the Oasis Project's country was quarantining incoming visitors from COVID-19 affected countries for 14 days. This immediately put Larry's trip there on hold and that hold continues indefinitely now.

Larry is still keeping remote contact with the technical staff there as they continue to work on issues keeping the 200,000-watt AM transmitter from operating at full power. Meanwhile, responses come in from Nigeria as a result of broadcasts using this transmitter even at reduced power (see listener responses included with this report). **Pray** for increased effectiveness to come.



▲ These three panels, that we ordered early last year, are now installed and wired. The panel on the left is an automatic transfer switch that can select between two different generators to supply transmitter power. The panel on the left is capable of switching 'house' power between three different power sources, plus solar.

The Oasis Project's ► technician disconnects circuits from the old panel to transfer them to the new power panels.



FM for Latin America

The week after we got back from Colorado, and a week before Larry was required to start working from home, he managed to finish fixing the faulty spare modules (mentioned in our last report) and pack up the last of 10 FM transmitters. So far, during the COVID-19 shutdown, shipment of the last six transmitters has been delayed. **Pray** that shipping arrangements can be made soon to get these transmitters on their way — four to Bolivia and two to their unpublished location.

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▲ The last six (of ten) 10,000-watt FM transmitters are packed and ready to be shipped as soon as borders reopen to that possibility.

◀ Four of the FM transmitters were shipped in November. Here they are in Peru being unloaded in January.

Pray that these transmitters already in Peru will be installed soon and broadcasting the Good News!

eSwatini Trip?

Our trip to help out at the TWR eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) station is still scheduled for July, August and September. Our granddaughters, Andrea and Audrey, now have new passports and are eager to be there for the month of July. Allan would like to come mid-July and accompany them home by early August – in time for them to get ready for school. BUT, we all realize that these plans could change, too!

A recent email from Steve Stavropoulos in eSwatini, let us know that the two engineers, and their families, who were scheduled to leave in April have had their plans changed by the airlines canceling flights. Please **pray** for the Lord's timing for them, and for us, as 'changing of plans' seems to be the 'norm' for now!

George Zensen

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

We recently received word that our long-time friend and colleague, George Zensen, is now with his Lord after a long battle with mesothelioma. George served as chief engineer at TWR Bonaire and TWR Guam before moving to Elkhart in 1997. George worked with Larry for over 15 years building and servicing the



George and Larry close up a transmitter container headed to Swaziland in 1999.

100,000-watt short wave transmitters. **Pray** for his wife, Joan, and their family during these times with restricted contact.

Family Updates

We **praise the Lord** that we and our family are well. Some of us, including Allan, Joshua and Larry are working from home. Nathan is still working outside in construction and Philip is busy with his nursing job. Samuel's dental office is shut down and he is the only one of our sons not currently getting paid. Fortunately, Samuel says they are OK for a while and that being off allows him to help with their children who are home from Christian school. Our other school age grandchildren are home schooled. Mark and David both came home from college and are studying on-line. Please **pray** as even this update has its uncertainties!

Listenership UP!!

TWR president, Lauren Libby, announced last week that there has been a significant increase in response to our broadcasts in the last month. The number of brand new visitors to our websites has increased by 60%. People everywhere seem to be more open than ever to the Message of Hope. TWR is now *Speaking Hope to the World* in 275+ languages into 190 countries. TWR360.org is now utilizing 89 languages. **Pray** for a great harvest for our Lord during these unsettled times.

<https://www.twr.org/coronavirus>

Listeners' Responses to TWR Programs

These listeners are in Nigeria. In January there were 3,199 responses to the *Thru the Bible [TTB]* broadcast in Hausa. But many more listeners in this part of the world need to hear the Gospel -- pray that the second transmitter in West Africa will soon be running at full power.

* I have been listening to *Thru the Bible* program in Yoruba since I was in the high school. Actually, I gave my life to Christ through this program. Today I am a pastor, and I have introduced the program to my children and their friends. (Sept. 2019)

* You are like a Bible school to me and I know that is how it is even to pastors. Thank you for helping our home to be fed with the Word of God. (Oct. 2019)

* I am a M but please help me with a copy of *Holy Bible* so that I can read it and also ask some questions as your preaching is the actual fact. (Oct. 2019)

* I have accepted Jesus; please help me as my people are not happy with me. Please could you relocate me with my wife?" (Nov. 2019)

* My husband died nine years ago and left me with nine children. Life is not easy with me but I am grateful that *Thru the Bible* in Hausa teaching is comforting me. Thank you. (Dec. 2019)

Source – Burnett's Broadcaster – April 2020

Responses to TWR COVID-19 programs in Arabic:

Iraq--"Many times, humanity thinks that it reached an ultimate scientific level and they consider God not useful anymore. Our achievements made us all arrogant. This tiny microscopic virus made us feel insignificant and left us scared. I just say, may Your will be done Lord. And may TWR Arabic ministries continue to spread hope during these special times while many are being locked down. Your messages send us hope and salvation. May they reach the hearts of those who let go of God."

Jordan--"Dear friends at TWR, your encouraging message came to us just in time at this era while fear is the common factor to all. Pray for our peace and safety."

Lebanon--"Although I'm worried about tomorrow, I trust that through this I'm learning to live day by day, cannot think about the future in whatsoever way. I need prayers, I'm worried."

Source – Stav's News – April 2020

Cuba--TWR's on-island broadcaster about the new 440,000-watt signal from Bonaire--"We are receiving letters from listeners in places that we have never reached before. Driving in my car at night across Havana City or heading to Pinar del Rio, the most western province of Cuba, the signal is sound and clear. This means that all Cuban people can listen to TWR. In a country like ours, where we don't have media access to preach the gospel, it means a lot! ... I strongly believe that only in eternity will we know the real impact of this project and how many people are saved inside Cuba because of the ministry of TWR!"

Source – <https://www.twr.org/news/two-years-later-bonaire-signal-loud-clear-cuba>

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Following responses also from WATS (West Africa Transmitter Station):

Côte d'Ivoire--"I am Brother Idrissa, a faithful listener of your sermons "the prophets" in Bambara. I am very happy with your teachings which are well inspired by the Word of God. I praise God for allowing me to benefit from these messages made and broadcast in my native language. God bless you in your ministry."

Côte d'Ivoire--"My name is T.F. Fortunately, we have a radio for our neighborhood. This is what is replacing the pastor here at home. I reside in a back area and access is very difficult. We revolve around three people and it is your program that builds us here. Once the time comes, we go to our radio to listen to you. And that makes us feel good. That's why I decided today to call you to thank you for your work. God bless you!"

Côte d'Ivoire--"Hello sir, my name is O.A. I always listen to the teachings on the radio. But I am not yet a Christian. I intend to give my life to Jesus, but it is difficult for me. Since my husband learned that I wanted to give my life to Jesus, he became furious. He hits me all the time. My mother also insisted that I do not proceed. I left the house because of the suffering my husband inflicts on me. It's hard, I do not know what to do."

Côte d'Ivoire--"I am Sister Gniantcho, I listen to your teaching program "The Prophets" in the Senufo language and I do not miss any of them. I want to give my life to Jesus Christ, and accept Him as my Lord and my Savior; I have heard His call and I have made the decision today to turn to Him and give Him my life. I want to thank Him for this immense love He has for me, I want to thank Jesus Christ for giving his life on the cross for me. Today, I come back to Him, I go home, I ask Him to forgive all my sins, I beg Him to forgive me and to purify myself of all unrighteousness. I entrust my life to Him, I ask Him to lead me, and open my eyes so that I can contemplate who He is and discover the wonders of His kingdom."

Benin--"I am a pastor living in Abomey area. I really enjoy listening to *TTB* Fongbe programs for, it helps me grow up in my faith and enrich my knowledge about the Word of God. And when I am blessed by the Word of God, I use it to bless the church I am leading. Last month, I received in my church a possessed woman. She has practiced magic for years and her life was full of many demons that led her life. I prayed with her, and thank God that after that prayer, this lady has been set free and she testified that God touched her life after many years of slavery in the kingdom of the devil..."

Benin--"What do I do? I am very happy to be one of the listeners that are faithful to the Programs of *TTB* Fongbe, the teachings help me to face challenges in my life. Three weeks ago, a sister of mine was seriously sick. Her tongue filled up her mouth and came out. The hospitals said they could do nothing. Then I remembered a teaching I heard sometime ago, on *TTB* Fongbe when I got saved, that through Jesus, I also have the power to pray for healing. When we desperately left the hospital, we went to a prayer meeting. We called on the name of Jesus asking for the healing of our junior one. Some hours later, the tongue that was swollen became normal and her pain stopped. I am not only joyful for what happened but also grateful to God for what He did that day. This miracle has been possible because of the truth I frequently listen to on *TTB* Fongbe."

Source – Stav’s News – April 2020

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