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McGui Report

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Praying for YOU in 2021!!



What an unsettling year 2020 was!! As we think about the year past and 2021, now starting similarly, we are so thankful for the “peace of God, that transcends all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). A song written by George Beverly Shea comes to mind—here’s the last verse:

In times like these I have a Savior
In times like these I have an anchor
I'm very sure, I'm very sure
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One
This Rock is Jesus, the only One
Be very sure, be very sure
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

The Oasis Project

Praise the Lord that the Oasis AM transmitter began broadcasting at the higher power level of 150,000 watts in mid-November! *Pray* that this signal will ‘speak hope’ to even more people in Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa and surrounding areas.

10,000-watt AM Transmitter for Haiti

Larry has been working with Tim Zook, a SonSet Solutions missionary, to change the frequency of the solid-state 10,000-watt AM transmitter for the Christian radio station 4VEH in Haiti. *Pray* for the wisdom needed to work through this process. We are so thankful that most of the high cost parts have been supplied to us at NO cost!



The 10 kw transmitter for Haiti is in the background of this area where Larry is packing the smaller transmitter parts into boxes on three tables. Fifteen boxes are already packed and stored underneath the tables.

Packing Parts for 100 kw Shortwave Transmitters

Since we are no longer manufacturing 100,000-watt shortwave transmitters in Elkhart, the decision has been made to send all the remaining spare parts (new and used) to the three fields utilizing these transmitters,

TWR eSwatini [formerly Swaziland], TWR Guam and Australia. Larry has been assigned the task of pulling the thousands of parts from stock, dividing them between the three fields, and packing them for shipping. Cal Donner (former TWR missionary with us in Swaziland) and Greg, his son, helped with all the small transistors, diodes and integrated circuits. This huge task of packing that started in December will likely take three months to complete and involve shipping over 1000 pounds of items to each field. **Pray** for this work and safe shipments to their destinations.

‘Strong Tower’ for Asia

After 43 years of exposure to salty ocean air, TWR’s antennas on Guam are in need of replacement. As more countries shut off Christian content on the Internet, the need for shortwave and digital broadcasts are becoming even more critical in reaching Asia. Please **pray** with us regarding this need.

www.twr.org/strong-tower

High Demand for Radios



Virginia (back center) works with ladies from SonSet Solutions to prepare radio receivers for shipment

With the increase in listeners during this pandemic, there has been a corresponding increase in the need for the solar-powered fixed-tuned SonSet radio receivers. Since church work teams cannot come due to COVID-19 restrictions, wives of staff members have been recruited to meet the need. Over 10,000 radios were shipped in 2020. **Pray** for a harvest of souls to come.

COVID-19 and TWR

We **PRAISE** the Lord that, in spite of the anticipated negative effects from COVID-19, listenership has increased and visitors to TWR360.org are now averaging about 500,000 per month from 225 countries

and territories. The area feared to be affected most—donations for TWR’s ministry and missionaries—have actually increased! **God truly blessed TWR in 2020!!**

COVID-19 and Us

We **PRAISE** the Lord that, so far, all our sons and their families has been spared from this virus. Although several have been tested (one multiple times), all tests have been negative. Samuel recently received the vaccination, since he is working as a dentist.

During the first wave, we knew no one that had the virus, but now is different. Three of Larry’s coworkers in Elkhart have had the virus—two currently with it and one has recovered. We would appreciate your **prayers** for them. Fortunately, Larry works fairly isolated from others and attends all meetings via *Zoom* either from his work desk or from home.



▶ While Joyce was taking the photo on the front page her children were being creative and came up with this unique pose

Mark (top)
Audrey (mid)
L-to-R
Katie,
Megan,
Adrian,
Andrea

Special prayer request for Larry’s brother, Tim

Some of you may remember that Tim had stage four lymphoma about 20 years ago and underwent clinical trials using stem cells from our sister, Lois. God graciously spared his life, but the treatments damaged his kidneys. Tim is now scheduled for a kidney transplant in May. Since Lois is a match for Tim, she plans to provide the kidney. Please **PRAY** for them both as they are tested, prepare for, and undergo, this surgery.

Listeners' Responses to TWR Programs

Pandemic Can't Stop Fellowship and Growth

TWR and our national partners continue to receive stirring reports of God using radio—and the Internet—to bring unforeseen good in a world turned upside down by COVID. Ana wrote our partner in Guatemala, [*Radio Cultural TGN*](#), and explained that she has been a longtime listener.

“For some time, I could not listen to you as much as I would like, but thank God I discovered your website and now I don't miss any programs,” she wrote.

As with most of the rest of the world, life in this Central American country changed drastically in 2020 as the coronavirus disrupted nearly everything, from human interaction to jobs to health care to church meetings. But instead of letting the seemingly endless lockdowns isolate them and smother their spiritual growth, Ana and her friends focused on the classic *Thru the Bible* teaching programs and turned these strange, distressing days into a period of triumph.

“I want to testify to you that the studies have been a great blessing to many women in different congregations in these days of quarantine,” Ana said. “We have begun to carry out the studies with a group of ladies through *Zoom*. We started with approximately 10, and now there are around 35 of us.”

She said the sisters participate from different parts of Guatemala and the United States.

Source – TWR Global Update – 12 January 2021

Bringing Sudan the Hope it Needs by Radio

For decades the news from Sudan has been troubling. Civil war resulting in the country being split in two, accusations of genocide and the overthrow of the president. A weak economy that has left nearly half the population in poverty. A recent border conflict involving this northeast African country and its neighbor Ethiopia.

Thank God, there are slight signs of an improving outlook for Sudan, but if citizens of any country desperately need hope – especially the hope of Jesus Christ – it's the Sudanese. Of the country's 161 people groups, 131 are considered unreached by the gospel. Sudan ranks among the top 10 countries having the worst records of persecution against Christians.

This is why *TWR's Arabic Ministries* has launched a new radio outreach – actually, a series of programs – called *Hope for Sudan*. The programs will be available over the air from *TWR's* shortwave station in southern Africa, and they can be accessed on the website arabicprograms.org.

“Radio remains very popular in Sudan, and it cannot be understated how vital radio programs are from a security standpoint because radio waves can go where traditional missionaries cannot,” said the director of *TWR Arabic Ministries*, who isn't identified by name as a security precaution.

Source – TWR Global Update – 12 January 2021

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God Breaks Down all Barriers

The Middle East is a challenging place to share the gospel. The majority of people living in this region believe in Islam, and religion is often enforced by the government and through cultural practices. TWR staff must work creatively and discreetly to share about Christ as many Muslims who accept Christ face persecution. TWR staff from the Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa (*CAMENA*) office share these stories with us:

“We see many Muslims coming to the Lord, but the main challenge is persecution. Many of them deal with persecution and rejection from their families and others. Sometimes we are limited with how much help we can provide to these people in addition to encouraging them from the Word of God or creating special programs for them. Sometimes the need is bigger, where you need to provide some financial help to them or help them find a way to get to a safe place. It’s not always easy, but this is the cost. Many of them come with a strong faith.

“There is a young man from Morocco, a Muslim, who recently came to the Lord. His family persecuted him and threatened to kill him, so now he is in hiding. He wrote to us asking how we can help. We are trying to connect him with some Christians where he is, so they can help him go to a safer place. Our ambition is not to help people to leave their countries unless it’s very dangerous; we want people to stay there and be a witness. That’s one of the challenges that we face – how to help the persecuted without having them leave their countries.

“Another man had to leave his country and he is now in hiding in Egypt. In Islam, it can be life-threatening to leave the faith. There is the right to even kill a person without penalty, because that person became an infidel and rejected Islam. Despite this, we are encouraged to see how God really penetrates all barriers.

“One time we received a letter from Saudi Arabia from a woman who called herself Rose (not her real name). She doesn’t know anything, except that through listening to this radio and hearing about Christ who loves her, she fell in love with Him. She said, ‘I don’t know anything, but please, since you are Christians and go to church on Sundays, will you go next Sunday and pray to Christ and tell Him that there is a lady who loves Him and is even ready to die for Him? Just tell Christ this.’ So very powerful.”

We receive many stories like this and are so encouraged to see how God is moving in the region. With radio programs, it’s hard to know the impact they will have. In the Middle East, not everyone has the freedom to write to us because of security. There are many who listen and have been saved and touched by the Holy Spirit without us knowing!

Source – TWR Canada – Echo – Spring 2020

South Asia – “I am from a different faith. I was lonely and I felt stressed in my life. One day, I received a call from a pastor who insisted on listening to the radio home programs and he sent me the player, along with the *TTB* program. I started listening to the programs. I realized that God is with me always, and that He is my provider. Nine months ago I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.”

Source – TWR Canada – A Year of Speaking Hope – 20 December 2020