

McGurk News Notes

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Dear Friends and Family:

We are very happy to report we are now officially residents of Bonaire. Nate has been back to Topeka since our last report to pack our household into a 20-foot container for shipment to Bonaire. At this writing, we are still waiting for the shipping container to arrive. By the time you get this letter, we should be unpacked and back ... to normal conditions.

As we write we are monitoring the weather conditions back in Kansas. We can say for certain that many of you would trade single digits for the tropical desert. Janette is still adjusting to heat and humidity. Because I work both outside and in the office, I have adjusted fairly well. It is now the rainy season on Bonaire. We have some heavy rains ... followed by the sunshine again.

Because it only rains a couple of months of the year, We did not discover roof leaks and faulty guttering until now. So part of Nate's after-work duties include mopping and roof repair. The rain is very nice, but no so much when it is inside!

Nate's News

Work on the upgrade to the AM transmitter continues to occupy most of my time. Construction is complete on four huts and one large room in the transmitter hall that will hold the antenna-tuning components and the power to the antennas. We hope to have a work team from Kansas come in February to help us cover the walls and floors with copper sheeting. The sheeting acts as a shield for the radio signal on the way to the antennas, which is a critical part of the process. They will be spending some quality

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time with wielding torches during the heat of the day. The big trade-off is the ability to hit the water after work.

I am enjoying the work because I see the big picture. The increase in power will mean we will be able to blanket an area populated by over 100 million people with the Gospel by radio. One of the main targets is Cuba. Nightly broadcasts to Cuba are a vital link to the growing Church in that country. For many in Cuba, TWR broadcasts are the only source of Bible teaching. We are currently working to expand our programs in advance of the upgraded signal.

A group of US radio executives recently returned from a trip to Cuba. On the way back home the group stopped off in Bonaire. They report the signal is strong in parts of Cuba and not so much in other parts. That will change with the power upgrade. After meeting with groups of listeners to TWR AM 800 from Bonaire, they came back with stories from listeners who came to Christ from the radio programs and from pastors who receive their training from TWR broadcasts. One neat testimony came from a church leader who said they had a number of preachers come to visit them with a "different Gospel." After hearing them, they sent the preachers away telling them, "This does not agree with what we hear on TWR."

In the next few weeks, I will be recording music on Bonaire in the local language. That music will be used on the local FM station. The recording sessions will be used to construct some training sessions for use in Venezuela. I will soon be installing new equipment in our TWR studios in Venezuela so they can better record music and drama.

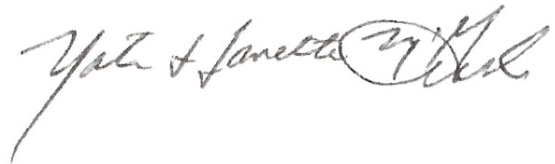
It is our great pleasure to be your representatives in Latin America. We are very humbled by your continued concerned prayer and support. It is not a trite, easy thing when we say that you are making an impact by what you do. You are playing a huge part. Thank you for partnering with us.

A transfer fund remains open to pay the relocation costs for our move to Bonaire. If you would like to contribute toward repayment of that expense, please designate gifts to "McGurk Transfer Fund."

Thank you for praying for us. Please continue to pray for:

- Continued improvement in Rebecca's health
- Janette's health and pain management
- Funding for the transmitter upgrade
- Safety on the job for Nate and for safe travel in Latin America
- Nate's relationship-building with our partners in Latin America

Many blessings,



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