



Radio Communicates!

“Radio remains the major source of news for the majority of Kenyans, a University of Nairobi study shows. The findings of the Afrobarometer survey conducted in Kenya reveals that 67% of Kenyans get their daily news through the radio compared to 33% via TV and 10% from newspapers.

The study also reveals that a paltry 6% of Kenyans get their daily news from the internet, a sign that traditional media remains an influential source of information against the new media. The study further reveals that the majority of Kenyans (77%) have never received news from the internet, 40% have never received news from TV, and 52% have never received news from the newspapers. Incidences of low penetration of the internet are particularly acute in rural areas where the vast majority of Kenyans (83%) admit they have never used the internet as a source of news.



University of Nairobi lecturer, Winnie Mitula, links the low newspaper readership to the country’s poor reading culture. “The problem goes beyond the newspapers. It’s about the country’s poor reading culture,” she said during the launch of the study. The survey covered the entire country and is based on national probability of the 2,400 selected to represent all citizenry of voting age.”



Fundi, plays Sifa FM on the radio in his shoe repair shop

Source: The Star, Nairobi, Kenya

“THE VOICE OF HOPE” COMES TO SARASOTA, FL!

We are pleased to announce that THE VOICE OF HOPE is now available to listeners of WSEB 91.3 FM in Englewood, Venice, and Sarasota, FL. The program airs at 6:30pm every Saturday.

WSEB’s slogan is, “distinctly Christian...making a good point on your dial.” Owned and operated by Suncoast Educational Broadcasting Corp., WSEB is licensed as a 60,000 watt Non-commercial station.

We invite and encourage all our Hope Family members in the Englewood/Sarasota area to tune in to “THE VOICE OF HOPE” every Saturday @ 6:30pm. Your comments and feedback are appreciated!

BIBLE THANK YOUS!

I hereby humbly write this letter to thank God for your life and investment at all the time to the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have received my HOPE Bible. When I observe the Scripture noted in the Bible I observe and confirm that the Word of God is true. After this, my life did not remain the same from henceforth until now. - Philip, Nigeria



I thank God Almighty for using you to bless my life. Since about nine years ago your spiritual investment/sowing in me keeps me flourishing as a Christian. Thank you for the Bible you sent to me, it was my first personal sword. I won't forget the Hope Heralds and Calendars. You're stars are ready and awaiting you in heaven. Shalom! - Francis, Ghana

Greeting in the name of our wonderful King of Kings, the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. May you be surrounded with all His wonderful blessing and love as you work and trust in Him. Amen! I am writing to thank you for the wonderful Bible you sent to me. It arrived here safely in 2006. Thank you very much, may the good Lord bless you and your ministry very much. Once again, thank you for the parcel. - Juliana, Ghana

I received my Bible safe in the Lord. I love the Bible. I love Jesus and I walk with Him. I am 80 years old and I live alone. I love the Lord and I tell you I do fear Him. - Dorothy, Guyana, South America

Listeners Respond from Albania!

"I appreciate a lot the time I spend listening to this program and I thank God for this. This program is very helpful for my study of the Word of God and has given me new insights. May God bless the author of these teachings!"

"This program is very clear and understandable. It makes the Word of God easy to understand. I have listened to things during these months that I would have never thought of before concerning the Bible."

"Every program is unique, but Heralds of Hope is wonderful. I can't wait to listen to it and take notes of everything I hear. It has helped me a lot in my study of Genesis and every person should listen to it."

"I listen to this program with my youngest daughter and we enjoy it so much. It is a privilege to listen to its wonderful messages concerning the Word of God."

"I like this kind of programs, because I am very fond of Bible studies. I like to read the Bible in Greek and look at the real mean-

ing of some crucial words. This program is a blessing because I have learned a lot of truths from the Word of God and it has encouraged me every time I have listened to it."

"Of course I listen to this program. The study of Genesis has made me think about creation and God's majesty. He is in control of everything and I am blessed. Christ lives in me and I can learn from the mighty men and women of God living in the Old Testament, but now I can talk and hear Jesus everyday concerning all things."

"Heralds of Hope messages have helped me so much to know God in a personal way. In one of the messages I heard that God loves me. It felt good to hear this truth at that particular moment. Thank you for everything you broadcast."

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The President's View

SPEAKING TRUTH IN LOVE

In this column in the March/April issue, I wrote an article titled, "Can God Keep His Word?" That article dealt with the issue of "Replacement Theology" and stirred significant response!

Those who read this column, listen to our radio broadcasts, or have heard me speak know that my goal is always to "speak the truth in love." In the case of the article in question, I'm not sure I succeeded in reaching that goal. In hindsight, I wish I had omitted the phrase in parentheses (*I am bold enough to call it heresy*).

While I do not and cannot retract the Scriptural basis of what I wrote concerning God's eternal covenant with the Jewish people, **I do apologize for the implication that those who embrace "Replacement Theology" are heretics.** That is a strong word; a word with which many of my Anabaptist forefathers were condemned to death. I want to use it cautiously!

In addition, the fact that God gave these promises to the Jewish people does not mean that He sanctions all the activities and decisions of the "political" Israel. Our love for the Jewish people must not come at the expense of Arab Muslims and Christians who are an integral part of the region. I thank God for the many organizations that are reaching out to both Jews and Arabs with the love of Jesus. *Bridges for Peace, The Joshua Fund*, and others are sharing Christ's love as they meet practical needs in the lives of suffering people.

Again, let me reiterate my goal, found in Ephesians 4:14-16. *"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."*

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst, President

HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

Stewardship

All Praise To God!

Donna and I praise God for His protection and blessing as we traveled more than 6,800 miles and gave 24 programs in 15 States during February and March. Your warm hospitality, kind words of encouragement, and generous gifts are ALL deeply appreciated.

Several gifts were a special inspiration. Join us in praise to God:

- * A Church offering of over \$10,000.
- * A widower's Memorial Gift of \$5,000 for village Sewing Center ministry in India.
- * \$4,000 for the Nigeria Church land.
- * \$1500 for Bibles in Ghana/Nigeria.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2011 Ministry & Financial Report. Contact me if you have any questions.

Rejoice with us in your opportunity to share the Hope of the Gospel 317 times weekly in 13 different languages around the World! These broadcasts and the Bible/Literature distribution ministry are reaching millions of un-reached people and Muslims in the far corners of the world. Also, these are a vital teaching tool for new Christians and native pastors. They haven't had a lot of Bible training to be grounded in God's Word of Truth!

Again, we are grateful for each of you who sacrificially and cheerfully invest in eternity. Your prayers and financial gifts make these ministries all possible. As partners together we can help build God's Kingdom in these last days.

All Praise To God,

Bob Kauffman

Fatma's Story:

From worse than "garbage" to being filled with God's Love

Fatma is one of thousands of young women in Albania who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. She was born in Northern Albania in a very strong Muslim family and lives in a Muslim village. She was very serious about God and dedicated her life to Allah and the teachings of the Qur'an at a very young age. Growing up in a strong Muslim home she learned from her grandparents how to recite prayers in Arabic. There were a lot of things she didn't understand, but one thing she knew for sure, she hated everything about Christ and Christians. She heard they were cursed by God and she wanted to do the same.

Fatma never shook hands with another Christian student at school, never talked to them, or liked them. She was convinced they were not to be respected. She hated everything about their traditions as well. That's what everyone else did in her village. Christians were the worst enemies. They were hated.

Fatma heard the Gospel for the first time, when she was a student in University in another part of the country. She was greatly impressed by Christians love for her. She could not believe that they loved her as much as she hated them. She heard a message that Christ was like that as well, loving and caring. In the next two years she studied both the Bible and the Qur'an in her honest search for the truth.

Fatma gave her life to Jesus, then later Radio 7 programs and books helped her understand her new faith and deal with the false guilt of betraying the religious tradition of her family. Dr. Youssef's books and radio program helped her get rooted in her new faith and created a burning desire to share the Gospel in her village. "Hope for the Heart" counseling program helped Fatma understand her new identity in Jesus and live a life free of false guilt.

After graduating from University, Fatma came back to her village where she shared the gospel with her two younger brothers. Both of them believed and her small room became their church. There they started to pray secretly, to sing and to celebrate their new life. Radio 7's spiritual resources were the only spiritual food for them. As her brothers were sharing the Gospel with friends at school, the school director visited her family, and asked Fatma's father to stop them speaking about their faith. He said to him: "These kids are bringing a curse to your family name and to the whole village!"

Fatma and her brothers were physically abused dai-

ly for more than a month and they were not allowed to eat at the same table, or speak to one another! She was isolated in a room, without heating and food for days, in a cold winter of -20 Celsius and later was thrown out of her home. Her family told her she was considered worse than "garbage."

Radio 7 is working to increase the broadcast in Northern Albania. Our Shkodra station will cover the Northwest part of the country as well as the Montenegro cities that have an Albanian speaking majority. Please keep this project in prayer as well as our broadcast coverage of the Northeast part of the country an area that has been very difficult

to reach for the Gospel. Radio 7 Nord will support thousands of young women like Fatma who cannot attend any church and cannot read any Christian books. Through the radio, as they all say, they can have a pastor on the air and feel the warmth of their large family in Christ.

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Prayer Requests from Radio 7 in Albania

Please pray for our new station in Kosovo:

- a. As an evangelizing tool for the nation and helpful to local churches in reaching the persecuted in homes or far villages.
- b. The process of choosing people to work in Radio 7 Kosovo. For workers with a heart for the nation and media ministry.
- c. New programs we would like to start. Pray for wisdom and creative ideas how to be a light in Kosovo.
- d. Protection for our staff from Tirana that travels weekly to Kosovo for training and to develop the ministry.