



“CAPTURED FOR CHRIST”

Have you ever heard this question? “I’m only one person, what can I do?” Maybe you’ve asked that question yourself? What answer did you give or receive?

Let me tell you about Rita and “Miriam” and the power of one.



Miriam is a married woman with three children. She lives in Taraba State in the country of Nigeria. In 2008 her husband forced her and the children to leave home. With no place to go she ended up in the village of Tasal with no one to care for her and her children.

In desperation, Miriam turned to prostitution.

In the course of her work, she met a woman named Rita, a regular listener to our Hausa language programs. In 2010 Rita introduced Miriam to the program and encouraged her to listen.

As Miriam began listening regularly to the program, God began to work in her heart. The Holy Spirit began convicting her of her sin and calling her to repentance.

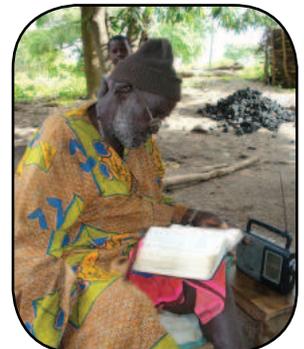
In 2011, Jesus Christ captured Miriam and her children. Imagine the difference this has made for Miriam—and for the life her children will now experience!

Now, she has started a new life, walking with Jesus! Her new relationship with Jesus will not necessarily make her life easier; but now she has the power of the Holy Spirit within and the teaching of our Hausa programs to support and encourage her.

What can one person do? You can share the love of Jesus with someone like “Miriam.”

Or, you can partner with Heralds of Hope in sharing the love of Jesus with millions like her. Our weekly Hausa language broadcasts, at a cost of \$177.00, have the potential to reach millions of unreached Muslim, Hausa people in Nigeria. **Even a small donation enables many Hausa speaking people to continue hearing the Gospel.**

For your convenience, please use the enclosed envelope.



Hausa man listening

Our fiscal year closes on December 31st.

As of November 5th we need \$180,000.00 to balance our budget!

EUROPEAN GOSPEL RADIO

As of December 6, 2012 we are broadcasting our English "Hope for Today" program on a new European AM/Medium Wave frequency of 1368 kHz. It covers the city of Rome (population 2.7 million) and northeast Italy (Venice, Padua, Verona, Vicenza, Bologna and vicinities, population around 3 million).

The broadcasts can also be heard in the border countries of Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, Switzerland, southern Germany and eastern France. Reception reports have also been received from Spain, Belgium, Denmark and Sweden. The total potential coverage is approximately 143 million people, of whom 68 million speak English as a first or second language.

Programs on this AM/Medium Wave network are 95% in English. It's a great opportunity to make us heard in the center of Rome, just a few blocks from the Vatican, and in the large tourist and business areas in northeastern Italy and Central/Southern Europe.

Throughout Europe there is rampant discrimination against Christians. The Observatory of Intolerance on Discrimination Against Christians published a report focusing on Europe. The response against Christians in the media, politics, special interest groups, and international institutes was immense. Examples of discrimination against Christians in Europe, range from removal of chapels from university campuses, to an electrician having disciplinary threatened against him because he had a cross hanging from his van mirror.

Our world is filled with change; politically, socially, economically, etc. Technology is also changing rapidly. Because the use of shortwave radio in the Middle East is declining, we have removed our English broadcast from the Bible Voice Middle East shortwave station. We used the funds from that cancellation to pay for the new outreach in Europe.

LETTERS FROM ETHIOPIA

FROM LISTENERS TO OUR AMHARIC BROADCASTS

I thank God for the HOH Amharic radio ministry. He built my life through this program. I was an Orthodox Christian. Most times, I was fighting my father, mother, and siblings on every minor thing. One day in an angry mood, I laid on my bed and opened my radio and heard a person's voice speaking hope. I had never heard such thing before. All the words he was speaking was all about myself. When the program ended I was crying but I do not know why. Repeatedly I was saying, "God, God." In the middle of the night I knelt down and asked God for help. I used the name Jesus for the first time. This decision to become a Christian completely changed my life. Since then I no longer fight with my family members. Praise the Lord!

-Abate

I thank you for this radio program. I have been a Christian for many years but I never read the Bible even though I have a Bible. Since the time I encountered the HOH radio program I learned how to read and study the Word of God.

-Bekele

I am a high school student. One of my friends at school told me about your radio program. I found it interesting and in turn I introduced it to my dad. He also liked it and always opens it for the family. Please pray for me about my university entrance exam this year. God bless you.

- Membere

I am a soldier since 2005, working on the Ethiopia/Eritrean border. Here, life is very tough and it is difficult to listen to spiritual radio for our commanders believe that a soldier should not be spiritual. Therefore, it is not officially allowed to listen to you or other spiritual radios. But we listen to it being in our hiding place. Please pray for us for freedom. Thank you.

- Gemechu

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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

The Glory that Excels

In II Corinthians 3:9, the law is referred to as the ministry of condemnation. Condemnation is judgment. It means to be pronounced guilty as charged; to suffer the sentence of punishment for your misdeeds. Yet the law, the ministry of condemnation, had a glory in revealing the holiness of God and His righteous standard.

On the other hand is the ministry of righteousness, or justification. Justification is pardon; it is an act of grace. Someone else has taken our sentence and paid the penalty. We are pronounced righteous by virtue of our acceptance of Christ's righteousness. His righteousness transforms us! No wonder Paul says that the law, condemnation, had no glory in comparison to the justification offered us in Christ!

This is what we celebrate at Christmas. The glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ (John 1:14). Hebrews 1:3 speaks of Jesus as "the brightness of (the Father's) glory and the express image of his person." Paul says in the final verse of this chapter that we gaze openly on the glory of the Lord and are transformed into the same image!

The glory revealed on Mt. Sinai was a fading glory because it did not touch the hearts of men. It gave them a list of rules and regulations but no transforming power to obey. It was a ministration of condemnation. Imagine the frustration of being told to keep the law and being told at the same time that it's impossible to do it.

The glory revealed at Bethlehem was altogether different. The glory displayed in the night sky to the watching shepherds is not a fading glory. That glory grew with the coming of the Magi and with the revelation of John the Baptist. It was revealed in a short burst on the Mount of Transfiguration. It shook the earth and raised the dead at the crucifixion. The empty tomb added more rays and it took a quantum leap forward with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

It is a glory that continues to grow with each new addition to the family of God, as people from every tribe and tongue and nation embrace the glory of the cross. It is a glory that begins as a small spark in our lives and grows until ultimately we are perfected in His image when we enter His eternal presence. A glory that will culminate with those wonderful words, "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst, President

HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

Stewardship

REFLECTIONS

This is the last newsletter for the year, and I have been reflecting on some very special contacts with some of you Hope Partners this year. Because of your faithful prayers and financial support, today we are broadcasting over 330 times each week in 13 languages around the world.

Donna and I have had the privilege of sharing 35 Programs across the US and Ontario, Canada this year as well as visiting in some of your homes. We thank God for safety in all the travel; and for the warm and kind hospitality we enjoyed from our hosts. The rich sharing and fellowship were very inspiring as we met old friends as well as many new Hope Partners. Your interest, support and encouraging words were a real blessing and greatly appreciated.

We often hear comments such as, "I/we had no idea the ministry is so far reaching and ministers to so many Muslim and unreached people of the world." Also, "It's so amazing that millions of people can hear the Gospel message for such a small financial investment." Indeed sharing God's Word using radio signals and the internet is good stewardship for reaching the lost.

We believe God is revealing His mercy in the last days. II Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord... is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Thank you very much for your vital caring and sharing to make this ministry possible.

Your investments through prayer and giving mean so much!

May God reward You!

Bob Kauffman

BIBLE THANK YOUS!



I would like to thank you very much for the Bibles you sent me. I did receive them all in good order, May God bless you for such a good work you are doing. The recipients of the Bibles are all grateful to you for such good gifts.

I am also very happy about the study Bible you also gave me that is a nice one and it is helping me a lot. Greet all brothers.

- Shepard, South Africa

The request:

I am a pastor by the name Peter Kisiangani Wafula. I am from east Africa in the country of Kenya. I happened to read your booklet (*The Choice is Yours*) from one of my friends. I was blessed and I have much interest in your help of Bibles. I pastor in a city called Kisumu, the third largest city in Kenya. I believe your help to us shall be a great blessing and I believe the many believers who have a thirst for knowing God but do not have Bibles will be greatly blessed with your ministry.

I have also heard your Swahili program when I was in Lodwar. One of my friends told me one day he was listening to it.

The thanksgiving:

Thanks a lot for the gift of the Bibles which you did send. I just received them and on Sunday I gave out some for whom we requested, though not all of them were present. This Sunday we shall be giving out the remaining ones to the appropriate persons. I have attached their photos as we were giving the Bibles to them. Please know that we are so grateful to God for this great gift, we pray the Lord's blessing upon you all and I know as those that received the gift read it they will remember always to pray for you all.

Bless you all and I will be sending more of the photos as we give out till the whole Bibles are finished.

- Pastor Peter, from Kenya



Pastor Peter presenting recipients with copies of the HOPE Bible!

Upcoming HOH Programs

Sun. Dec. 9	@ 10:30am	<i>Browne Mennonite Church</i>	Clarksville, MI
Sun. Dec. 9	@ 6:00pm	<i>White Cloud Mennonite Church</i>	White Cloud, MI