



## “A CUP OF COLD WATER”



“My name is Bal Bahadur Khamcha, a listener of Asha ko Kiran (Hope for Today - Nepal) and have Christian faith. **This program is very important for me and my community.** Through its help I am growing in His faith and spiritually in my daily activities. I hope it will help me to evangelize my community, so that many lives can be saved in Christ and transformed into Christian faith. This program is aired one day a week which is not enough! I wish for at least 5 days in a week, and then it would be better for our expectation. It is my great honor to appreciate Asha ko Kiran program and its production

team. Thank you so much.”

**Imagine that you are Bro. Khamcha and you depend on the radio to quench your spiritual thirst.** You even desire a daily broadcast of Hope for Today in your native language. But suppose instead, you were to lose the weekly broadcast you so much depend upon. What would you do?

Our current funding gap of \$70,000 has used up the surplus you so generously gave at the close of 2011 and some additional funds set aside from wills and bequests.

We are committed to paying our invoices in a timely manner as part of our Christian testimony. **Yet we don't want to deny listeners like Bro. Khamcha of the CUP OF COLD WATER he receives from our program.**

Will you be one of those who will give “...one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple...” and receive your sure eternal reward?

Our Nepali program producer, Pradip Dhakal reported on his visit to Midwest Nepal by saying, **“The HOH program is preferred by almost all people and community in mid-west region.”**

**Your “cup of cold water” in any size will help provide spiritual life and refreshment for listeners like Bro. Khamcha.** Our weekly cost for the Nepali broadcast (on 8 stations) is \$160 or \$20 per station. How many weeks or stations can you sponsor?



Unheated Nepali broadcasting studio.

## “A Biblical View of Singleness”

Last fall, in a series titled “Growing Families God’s Way,” I spoke on the subject, “A Biblical View of Singleness.” After the program aired I received an e-mail from a single lady (a healthcare professional). Here are edited portions of our e-mail exchange.

This morning I was listening to [your program] and had an opportunity to hear your message on being a Christian and being single. I appreciate all you shared but as a single women [53 years old], I confess that I would like to find someone to share the rest of my life with. I’ve never married, had children, or lived with a man. But finding a life partner is something I would still like to do. I would strongly recommend to single woman out there to not try to find someone through those internet social networking sites. I have tried that and I’ve come to realize that the men on these sites are pretty much all very deceiving and are only out for money or sex, even those sites that claim to be Christian dating sites. I have also tried church singles groups but there is usually 10 women for every one man and that’s just too crowded for me.

So please know that there are probably many women like myself who would like to meet our life partners but its just not that easy to do. I know you mentioned that we should be content with our lot in life but unless you have known what it is like to be lonely for most of your life please don’t disregard our feelings and need for companionship. God created us to want to have a life companion and I continue to hope that He will bring mine into my life. I have set moral standards based on the Bible and I won’t compromise those. If I am meant to be single the rest of my life I will accept that but I think I’ll always be a little sad inside at not having what every women was born to be--a help mate to their husband.

**MY RESPONSE:** Thanks so much for taking time to share your thoughts with us. I’m grateful for your words of wisdom, your words of warning, and your words of counsel. I truly meant the message to be an encouragement to single adults and I know that there often is a continuing desire for a marriage partner. However, as you have written, you have not lowered your standards in order to fulfil that desire outside of God’s plan. For this I honor you and your godly example to others.

**HER REPLY:** Since I last wrote to you I have been to Israel, it is a place that I have always wanted to visit. I went thinking that I would finally have that spiritual revelation that would solidify my relationship with Jesus.

Long story short . . . when I came home I carried that peace and joy that I felt infused with by the trip but I also realized it was always there and it just took the trip to remind me of that fact. I am still single and I still have a heart desire to meet a life mate but now instead of being sad about it I have put Jesus in charge of helping me to either find a life mate or to resolve that matter and to let me have peace about whatever the outcome. It is no longer in my hands but it is in the hands of my Savior and best friend . . . just knowing that gives me such peace and contentment. My advice to other older single ladies (and men) out there would be to let Jesus be in charge of their social life. He knows us better then we know ourselves and if we are meant to find mates then Jesus is the only person we should be confiding to in terms of our hopes and dreams regarding a life mate. If Jesus has other plans for our future then we have to trust that He will fill our life with other good things that make it possible for us to let go of that desire and embrace and live life to its fullest. When we let Jesus lead our lives we are assured that we will never be alone and He will bring many people and circumstances into our lives that will serve to enrich our perspective and lift us up spiritually . . . and help us be filled with His holy joy. If that trip to Israel taught me anything it is that Jesus wants us to be filled with His holy joy. I am very content knowing that even if I never marry I am fully committed to following Jesus on that adventure He had set out for me before I was even born.

If you would like to read or hear the teaching that inspired this woman to write, please e-mail, call or write for a free copy of “A Biblical View of Singleness.” Be sure to specify whether you want an audio CD or a printed copy. Our e-mail address is [hope@heraldsofhope.org](mailto:hope@heraldsofhope.org), our toll free phone number is **1-866-960-0292**.

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# The President's View

## AFTER THIS MANNER, PRAY...

A new believer was praying aloud in a small group. The group struggled to hold back laughter as he closed with these words. "And God, please take care of Yourself because if anything happens to You, we're all sunk!"

According to Ephesians 6:18, prayer is one of the few offensive weapons we Christians have been given. Yet it is a weapon often wielded with carelessness and mediocrity. While it takes diligent practice to become a skilled combatant, effective use of prayer is not beyond our reach.

Let me share with you some common phrases often used in prayer that highlight our lack of skill. Let's compare them with Scriptures that speak to those same phrases.

**Lord, be with him/her/us...** "I will never leave you or forsake you..." Hebrews 13:5

**Lord, I beg you to forgive me for my sin of...** "If we confess our sin He is faithful and just to forgive our sin..." I John 1:9

**Lord, give us peace in this time of turmoil.** "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is fixed on you." Isaiah 26:3

**Lord, help me be a better servant of Yours.** "...his servants you are to whom you obey..." Romans 6:16

**Lord, help me crucify my old, sin nature.** "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me." Galatians 2:20

**Lord, I promise I'll never fail you again by sinning in this way.** "Let him that thinks he stands, take heed, lest he fall. I Cor. 10:12

**Lord, grant us joy and rejoicing so we can be a happy people.** "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace..." Galatians 5:22

Take time to listen to your own prayers and see if you are praying in accordance with God's promises and commands. Exercise the discipline of learning how to pray effectively. It will make an eternal difference for you and those who are the subjects of your prayers.

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst, President  
HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

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# Stewardship

## Musings and Reporting

Some inspiring thoughts from BarnabasFoundation.com:

- All we have & all we are belongs to God. Everything!

- Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the things God calls us to do.

- Trusting comes before giving. It teaches a reliance on God that is fundamental to our relationship with Him.

- Stewardship is not how much we give, it is how we live.

- Giving is the normal, steady, increasing outflow of the Christian life.

- Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.

- Self-worth & net worth aren't the same. Your value is not determined by your valuables.

- Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.

- Set your lifestyle not by your income but by how you believe God wants you to live.

*A SPECIAL THANKS to each of you who have so faithfully shared your tithes and offerings this last quarter. Our donations so far are down 14% from last year. Plus, we have received over \$23,000 less in Estate Gifts than last year at this time. Please join us in praying for God's provisions to meet our monthly expenses. If you feel led of God to invest in eternity by sharing generously during these normally lean summer months, it would be a real help and an answer to prayer.*

Bob Kauffman

# “One Who Has Received Grace”

## A LISTENER RESPONSE FROM OUR TURKISH BROADCAST

I was born in Erzurum in 1982. My name is Lütü Petrus, but my family always called me by my nickname, Kerem Petrus. I use that name more, but now the name Lütü (“one who has received grace”) is more special to me.

I grew up in Erzurum, which is a very conservative society. My father was an Atheist and my mother a Muslim. I had a good childhood. My father had a good job and we did not have any material wants. When I began going to middle school, I began seeking God. I said the Muslim prayers five times a day, kept the fast and attended Islamic school. However, I never felt any closeness to God. I continued on like this until I began to attend high school four years later. When I started 10th grade, I began to hate God and decided



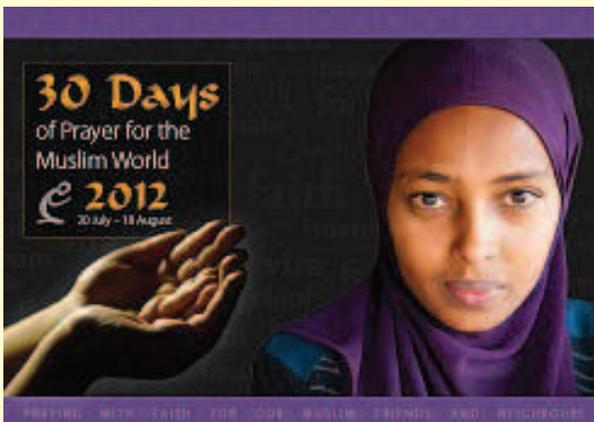
that He didn't love me. So I decided to become His enemy and began to embrace Satanism. After about two months I realized that this was total nonsense. If there is no God, then there is no Devil. So I became an atheist for the next three or four years. Even so, whenever something went wrong I would rail at God, all the while thinking, *why are you cursing someone who does not exist?*

So I began to say, yes, God exists, but He does not love me. So then I made a silent pact with God: You live Your life and I'll live mine. I don't want anything from You anymore. At this time I had a good job and a family that supported me. I had my own room and my own car. Even so I was a very unhappy person. Life was meaningless to me. When I got up in the morning, I couldn't wait for it to be evening again so I could go back to bed. And so my life continued meaninglessly and full of unhappiness until about eight or nine months ago.

**One day, while I was listening to the radio, I tuned in to Radio Shema.** A woman was giving her testimony and read a verse that really affected me. So I got on the Internet and began to research Christianity. I began to have many questions about Christianity and figured I should go to a church to get them answered. While looking for a church online, I found Brian. I began to spend time with him. He gave me a Bible. As I read it, I experienced a miracle: I became a happy person. Time began to become important again and **about a month and a half later I believed in Jesus Christ, accepting Him as my God and Savior.** Now my favorite pastime is to preach the Gospel and spend time with God.

Please pray for Radio Shema staff to  
“work fearlessly despite some unpleasant visits to the stations.”

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