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HFT LINGUABLAST SITE BLASTS OFF!

Heralds of Hope excitedly announces the launch of our latest partnership with Trans World Radio via Linguablast.



On February 1, 2013 our Linguablast site 'lifted off' featuring our 15-minute program of Bible exposition, "Hope for Today." Teaching is currently available in English and Mandarin Chinese, with additional languages to be added in the future. You can check it out at <http://media.heralds of hope.org>

Linguablast was engineered and developed by Trans World Radio to make the Gospel more readily available to all people. It is a cutting-edge web distribution platform converging audio, video, and text resources into a fully translated, searchable site by eliminating the English website barrier that often stands in the way of non-English speaking users. Our Bible teaching programs will be accessible from any electronic device using a variety of operating platforms; from PC to Smartphone.



Significant start-up costs for this new ministry outreach were provided by the remaining portion of a generous Gift Annuity after the decease of the donor.

Upcoming HOH Programs

Wed. Mar. 6	@ 7:15pm	<i>Trinity Fellowship COB</i>	Waynesboro, PA
Thu. Mar. 7	@ 6:30pm	<i>Fairview Reception Center</i>	Myerstown, PA
		Call Cheryl Newswanger 717-926-1726 or HOH office 1-866-960-0292	
Fri. Mar. 8	@ 6:30pm	<i>Dayton Mennonite Fellowship Hall</i>	Dayton, VA
		Call Betty Wilkins 540-434-3354 or HOH office 1-866-960-0292	

Pictured at the right is Soner Tufan, General Manager of Radio Shema, 98.0 FM in Ankara, Turkey. He has held the position of GM at Radio Shema for 9 years. He is a Muslim convert to Christianity and is dedicated to improving the ministry of Radio Shema. (Even if you must drive a distance, we believe it will be worth your while to hear his testimony and vision.)

He says "I want to improve this ministry and reach all of Turkey. Turkey is a big country and I want to see thousands of people believe in God and see how God can change their life! God is great and He can use our ministry for His Kingdom."

MEETINGS ON MARCH 7 and 8 INCLUDE A MEAL AND RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY!



KENYAN LISTENERS RESPOND

TO OUR SWAHILI BROADCASTS

“Since I started listening to your program, my character has really changed. I enjoy reading my Bible more and listening to gospel songs. I’m blessed.”

I always get eager to listen to your program, my faith is growing and I thank God for that. Be blessed.”

“People are being blessed by your teachings, we meet in groups to discuss the teaching in your program and we have seen great changes in our lives. God bless you.”

“Hello! I love your teachings. I am learning so much about the Holy Spirit and this is really uplifting my faith. God bless you.”

“I would like to ask if it’s a must for a believer to experience signs and wonders. Consider Mark 16:15-18, John 14:12, Acts 1:8.”

“Your program has helped me in my faith, continue praying for me as I am facing many challenges in my family. Thanks for your continued spiritual support.”

“I am a new believer and your teachings have been of great help in walk of salvation.”

“Your program has really been a blessing to me, and I appreciate the work you do. I would like to get any materials especially books of the teachings.”

“I am a new believer and I am interested in having your messages. Also pray for my mum who is feeling unwell. God bless you.”



“When I Became a Man...” CONTINUED FROM NEXT PAGE

Youth culture isn't good for culture. It is a form of disorder. And yet is a form that American churches were quick to embrace, apparently because they believed that adapting to the form of youth culture was an effective way to communicate a message of salvation. The question of whether or not it offered a good way to live life, of whether or not it was culturally healthy and sustaining, doesn't seem to have been of great concern to many Church and para-church leaders for the past sixty years or so.”

Among some Evangelicals and other followers of Christ there is a growing level of scrutiny being applied to the concept of adolescence and its impact on the Church. That scrutiny is uncovering some very disturbing trends. The DVD [Divided](#) and the book by [Scott Brown](#), [A Weed in the Church](#), are just a couple examples.

Once again, the Church seems to have bought the product the culture offered without looking at the “country of origin” or the dangerous side effects that come with its use. Let’s be like the Bereans in the book of Acts, searching the Scriptures for direction in all matters of belief and practice.

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst

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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

“When I Became a Man...”

The biblical record of human development lists three basic stages: infant, child, adult. Neither the term nor the concept of “adolescence” is to be found. The concept was introduced by G. Stanley Hall, the first president of the American Psychological Association, in 1904. The concept of adolescence developed by Hall rested on two primary pillars: Darwin’s theory of evolution and Freud’s theory of psychodynamics. See any red flags there?

H. A. Ironside, who lived during the time this theory was developing, did not approve of “youth ministry.” He believed that when Christians left childhood they should gather with adults, hear adult sermons, begin to take on adult responsibilities, and live and work in the company of adults. While they were quite immature, they were, nonetheless, adults. Dr. S. M. Hutchens, a modern scholar, responding to Ironside’s writings says, “I have seen plenty of evidence that the idea of ‘the teen’ as generally conceived – not just as a chronological marker, but as an attitude and set of expectations – is a kind of poison.” Indeed, Paul stated succinctly, “When I became a man, I put away childish things.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)

Author Ken Myers made an even more striking statement in [a recent interview](#) posted at www.christianpost.com.

“One of the biggest and most consequential forms of cultural captivity of the Church is the way Christians have accepted the rise in the mid-twentieth century of what we call “youth culture,” with its assumption that intergenerational discontinuity is the norm. Given the fact that culture rightly understood is an intergenerational system of communicating moral convictions, the very term “youth culture” should be seen as a contradiction in terms.

Marketers have successfully entrenched the notion of youth culture by creating product lines that are intended to define adolescent identity as a deliberate rejection of parental expectations. Not only does this age segregation weaken the family’s ability to pursue the cultural task of moral transmission, it also weakens the understanding of the family itself. A proper understanding of the meaning of family is intergenerational in all directions.

The dynamics of youth culture segregate generations and extol the experience of the present at the expense of honoring the past and preparing for the future.

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Stewardship

NIGERIA INSPIRATION

Inserted with this newsletter is a report on our Nigeria Pastors Conference in November 2012. Our Nigerian brothers and sisters were very appreciative of the teaching and materials. Thank you for your vital part in enabling us to “Equip the Saints.”

Following is part of an email I received from Nigerian Pastor Timothy.

“Jesus was blessed by a widow who gave from her heart, even though the actual gift carried very little earthly value. Mark 12:43-44 says, *“Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more in the treasury than all the others. They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything.”*

This passage gives us a wonderful example of faith and how God must be the Lord of our finances. He asks us, as good stewards, to give our all to Him as an offering of love.

All of our blessings, no matter how small, are given so we can bless God in return. He is not as concerned with the magnitude of the gift as the condition of our heart. So, *how* we give is more important than *what* we give.

God does not need our gifts but He loves us dearly and desires to receive our love and devotion. If we want our gift to have significance in God’s eyes, then we must focus on Him rather than the value of the gift in the eyes of men. If our heart is pure in the giving, God will receive our offering as a true act of worship. No gift is worthless or insignificant when given from a pure heart of worship.”

Let’s all remember the Scripture says, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Joy & Peace,

Bob Kauffman

BIBLE THANK YOUS!



"Thank you for the minister's conference that was held in Benin City, Nigeria. I was one of the ministers that attended the program.

I was greatly encouraged and blessed by the teachings, and the insight gained in many subjects taught. Before the conference we received books, tracts and Bibles. This has helped in the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God bless you all and may he continue to supply the funds and grace in Jesus' name. Amen. My area of challenge in the ministry which I need your prayer and support is the permanent church site, This has resulted to a lot of unsettled membership."

"I really appreciate all you have done, for your support and prayers. Every member of God's Freedom Fire Ministry send their greetings and appreciations to every member of Heralds of Hope. Most especially they appreciate the Bible and dictionaries that we received from you all. Words alone cannot be enough to show how grateful we are. We pray that God will continue to favour and bless you all."

"Dear beloved in Christ, happy new year to you. I pray that the blessings of the Lord will over shadow you all this year in Jesus' name. Thank you for being our mentor and helper. Thanks for all the Bibles you have sent to us in order for us to come and have a better relationship with the Lord. We all are grateful and we all are reading and using our Bibles to preach to others about the love of Christ and His saving grace. Many lives have been touched because of the Bibles you sent to us. Our Heavenly Father will reward you abundantly. "

- These letters of appreciation are from Nigeria, Africa

FEATURED PRODUCT!

"This is Jerusalem"

What's Inside: Seven messages by Dr. J. Otis Yoder from the prophet, Zechariah. As you read these messages you will be reminded that, while time passes and details and events change, God's promises and plans for His ancient, earthly, chosen people, the Jews, remain unaltered. What God has promised will be fulfilled!

Recently edited and reprinted, including photos from the Holy Land, this brief volume is offered in the hope that it will stimulate your study of the prophetic Scriptures!

To order your copy of *This is Jerusalem*, visit www.heraldssofhope.org or call toll free 1-866-960-0292 or email hope@heraldsofhope.org



MORE Upcoming HOH Programs

Sun. Mar. 24	@ 7:00pm	Nickel Mines Mennonite Church	Paradise, PA
Thu. Apr. 7	@ 7:00pm	Sunnyside Mennonite Church	Kalona, IA
Wed. Apr. 17	@ 7:00pm	Kootenai Valley Mennonite Church	Boners Ferry, ID
Thu. Apr. 18	@ 7:30pm	River of Hope Fellowship	Fairfield, MT
Fri. Apr. 19	@ 7:30pm	Winston Mennonite Church	Winston, OR
Sun. Apr. 21	@ 10:30am	Sheridan Mennonite Church	Sheridan, OR
Sun. Apr. 21	@ 6:00pm	Brownsville Mennonite Church	Brownsville, OR