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“COME OVER...AND HELP US”

This cry, first heard by the apostle Paul in Acts 16:9, came to him in a vision while he was in Asia Minor: modern day Turkey. The cry comes to us today from a young woman, 24 years old, who wrote after listening to our Turkish programs on Radio Light, Istanbul:

“I grew up in a Muslim family and hated it because of how it treated women. I never talked with my friends/family about it; I couldn’t. **As I listened to your program my heart changed** and I felt loved by the God you were talking about. For the first time I felt that I was worth something to him. I got a Bible and started to read it. I’m listening to your programs since 4 months in secret. **I gave my heart to Christ. My family does not know; I can’t tell them.**”

Your fervent prayers and generous financial support made it possible for this young, Muslim woman to experience the love of Jesus and to embrace Him as Savior and Lord. God Bless You!

There are many like her, waiting to hear the Gospel!

Our Hausa language broadcasts are aired weekly to northern Nigeria, the home of Boko Haram. **There are 75-100 listener responses per 15-minute program!** This testimony from a listener echoes a common theme:

“I want to inform you that your programs have become Spiritual food for us as **we are living in a village where access to church services is so difficult.** That is why we have paid attention to listening to you and we are getting a lot of Spiritual nourishment. Thank you very much.”

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, on behalf of all whose lives are being touched with HOPE in Jesus!

At year-end your prayers and gifts are especially needed. As we reflect on blessings and commemorate the coming of the Savior we invite you to help continue the vital ministries you’ve supported this year.

Please mail your gift to Heralds of Hope, PO Box 371, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M7.



BIBLE BULLETIN

Malawi:

Reports from our contact person, Charles, in Malawi.

“Triza was not attending any church as her family’s former church didn’t attend her brother’s funeral. The whole family got discouraged. Our team visited her family for a long time but they were not welcoming the workers of the Gospel.”

Then Triza made a decision to start attending our services monthly until she heard a minister say, “man can discourage us but Christ never does.” So Triza took this message to her family until the whole family came to our church services. Our team chose this family to have a HOPE BIBLE. They said they all have been revived with the message and will be serving the LORD with us in their area or even beyond.”

“Wayson was a man who loved to worship idols in their community. He was the leader of religion until he received a call through our team leaders and is ready to serve the LORD fully. Our team leader asked the team to give his family two HOPE BIBLES. All his family are very happy.”

Nigeria:

“Sera was a confirmed armed robber but he received

a Bible. The Word of God touched his heart to become born again.”

“Abiola gave testimony that he was a Boko Haram agent but now that he has received the Bible his mind has changed and he wants to live a Christian life.”

Zimbabwe:

“I am from Zimbabwe. I am very pleased to reunite with the HOPE family after a long time. I first knew about HERALDS OF HOPE in 1998. I wrote a letter to the USA address and was sent my HOPE Bible signed by founder J. Otis Yoder. Teachings from that Bible helped me to grow spiritually.

When I went to work in Cape Town, South Africa I lost my Bible and property in the 2008 Xenophobia attacks. I and my family were lucky to survive. I then took my family back to Zimbabwe. I am now aspiring to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to my community but I no longer have my HOPE Bible. The study guides that come with the HOPE Bible are the best that I have ever met in my life and I find it very difficult to teach without my HOPE Bible.

My question is, how can you help me to get another copy of the HOPE Bible? Do I need to send you money for postage fees? Please let me know.”

- email from Dhambuleni

LISTENER LETTERS

Philippines:

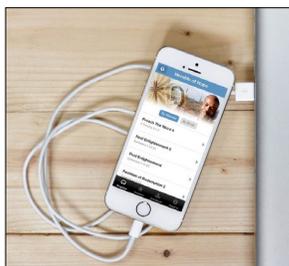
“I’m Michael from the Philippines. I was truly inspired by the Word of God in listening to your radio app. I would like the Bible teaching ‘In My Father’s House.’ I will share it in small group or in church.”

- Michael

(YOU can download the Heralds of Hope app on itunes.com or play.google.com!)

“I was cruising through the dials of my radio one day when I discovered your radio program. Your words reached my mind and touched my heart. I am now a regular listener. Sometimes I wonder how you have time to reach out to so many people. I’m sure you have problems of your own but here you are, inspiring people like us here in the Philippines who are so far from you. I want to thank you in my own little way, and I have encouraged my friends to listen to your program. Hearing the Word of God and your preaching has not only been enriching, it has been nourishing my spirit and has given me hope and encouragement. God bless you!”

- Blessilda



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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

PEACE ON EARTH

This was the message of the angels to the shepherds on that Judean hillside centuries ago. But the world, as a whole, has known little peace from that time until now. Hatred, war, violence, and destruction are increasing exponentially. Among the most recent acts of violence was the horrific terror attack in Paris. What should be our response, our message?

In the immediate aftermath of the Paris attack, I was challenged by a blog post from shadowsandsubstance.wordpress.com. I received permission from the writer to share with you some of what our response should include.

1. Pray. Pray comfort and peace for those who have had their lives ripped apart. Pray that those who don't know his peace can understand that true peace is available because of another's death on our behalf, the death of His Son.

2. Trust. Remember that the Sovereign God, creator and designer of the universe has allowed this to happen for a purpose. Someday, we will understand, but not today.

3. Parallel it. As the situation unfolded - counter terrorism troops were driving into danger knowingly and deliberately, while everyone else was getting out. Theirs is an act of supreme sacrifice, a picture of the ultimate Sacrifice, the ultimate willingness, to serve the greater good, by giving up what is most important to us. Redeem your conversations about this to point to the parallel of the Redeemer.

4. Localize it. Death is the last enemy each of us will face. We may not face death at the end of a gun barrel in the course of walking into a concert hall, but we will face it nonetheless. We know it is "appointed" for each of us to die. Instead of trying to avoid that truth, we should embrace it.

Then, when tragedy strikes, as it inevitably will, in our lives, in our communities and in our world, we will hear the words that all of us who are soul weary of this dark, sad, and broken world are anticipating: *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives so I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

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

Stewardship

"GIVING TUESDAY"

What is "GIVING TUESDAY"? We celebrate Thanksgiving. We have Black Friday and Cyber Monday for shopping. "GIVING TUESDAY" is dedicated to giving back to others as God has abundantly blessed us.

On Tuesday, December 1st, charities, individuals, students, families, businesses, organizations, and churches come together for one purpose: to celebrate generosity and give to others.

It's a simple idea. Just plan together as a family, friends, or church to invest in eternity on "GIVING TUESDAY."

Acts 20:35b, *"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive."*

Also Luke 12: 48b, *"For unto whomever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."*

There are many needy people in the world; and so many who need to hear the hope of the Gospel. They need to accept Jesus as their personal Savior before it is too late.

Let's keep this in mind as we spend money during this shopping season. Let's cry out to God for much wisdom in giving. Let's seek His will in how to be a faithful steward in this day of so many needs.

Let's **all** participate in "GIVING TUESDAY"!

For God's Glory,
Bob Kauffman

FASTING AND PRAYER IN NEPAL

Our ministry partners in Nepal request prayer for the urgent situation their country is facing. Pastor Anand shares:

“You may have heard in the news about the blockade of all essential goods from Indian government for the last two months. Due to this blockade, there are huge shortages of essential goods and even medicines.

Normal, daily life has become very difficult as it has crippled the national economy. Many of our church members have become jobless as many tourist industries, businesses, and factories have shut down due to lack of materials.

Some of our church members like Sis. Sita, a widow who is a kidney infection patient, and my mother-in-law (Ama), who has Parkinson disease, need daily medication but it is unavailable.

Please pray God will have mercy on Nepal and Nepalese people who are facing hardship. Pray the Hindu Indian government will lift up the cruel blockade and our country will not become a failed country due to



economic collapse. We have planned a special prayer and fasting day on Nov. 16, 2015 in our church for the current critical situation of Nepal.”

Pastor Anand reports on prayer and fasting day:

“Thank you all for joining us in prayer for the critical situation of Nepal. Our church members held fasting and prayer from 10am to 5pm. We prayed for various needs including current critical situation of the pain and suffering of Nepalese people. We are trusting the Lord for His divine intervention.”



PARTNER PROFILE

Radio Shema

Since January 2, 2010 our Hope for Today programs have been translated into Turkish by the staff of Radio Shema. The program is aired on Tuesdays at 10:15 am and 5:30 pm as well as on Sundays at 10:10am. Sunday's program is a repeat of what was aired on Tuesday. Responses reveal that many Muslims are listening to the broadcasts to learn more about the Bible and the Christian life.

Radio Shema is one of only two Christian radio stations in the whole country of Turkey. The station is located in Ankara and is led by General Manager, Soner Tufan. He is married and is the father of three young children.

Bro. Soner is a Muslim-background Believer who, along with the other staff of Radio Shema, is passionate about reaching Turkish people with the Gospel. That passion has led them to pursue purchasing an additional station in the city of Samsun, on the Black Sea. Our donors have currently contributed more than 10,000 dollars toward this purchase!