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## Opportunity Knocks in Kenya

Opportunity knocks via the text of this recent e-mail from Kenya.

Greetings from Nairobi in the Name of the Lord:

First I wish to congratulate you for the valuable ministry. We have been downloading your [THE VOICE OF HOPE] broadcasts and have appreciated the great job you are doing. I have two requests:

1. We run an FM station and wish to have this program aired. Do you allow this?
2. We wish to have your program translated into Swahili. We have a network of FM stations consisting of six stations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Democratic Republic of Congo who need the Swahili version of your programming. We can translate, record and produce the programs.

Blessings. David Angango, Programs Manager, TWR Kenya

In a subsequent e-mail, Bro. Angango stated: "We are broadcasting on our FMs to "unreached" people. We've been blessed to be permitted by the government to work among these people: yet are challenged in building content."

So we ask the question, "Why is God placing another ministry opportunity before us in these challenging economic times? We are reminded of God's Word to King Asa of Judah in II Chronicles 16:9; "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him." Please join us in prayer as we continue our dialog with Bro. Angango and TWR Kenya.

## \*NOTICE

**THE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT "BEHALT" IN BERLIN, OH ON OCTOBER 9TH AT 7:00 PM HAS BEEN CANCELLED. PASTOR ANAND FROM NEPAL WAS UNABLE TO SECURE A US VISA.**

## HOPE PR TEAM SCHEDULE

Join us and be encouraged!

- Sun. Oct. 11 @ 7:00PM Calvary Mennonite, Harrisonburg, VA
- Wed. Oct. 14 @ 7:30PM Fairview Mennonite, Reading, PA
- Tue. Oct. 27 @ 7:30PM Linn Mennonite, Roanoke, IL
- Wed. Oct. 28 @ 7:00PM Grace Bible Church, Stone Lake, WI
- Thu. Oct. 29 @ 7:30PM Black River Mennonite, Loman, MN
- Fri. Oct. 30 @ 7:30PM Stratton Fellowship, Stratton, ON
- Sun. Nov. 1 @ 7:00PM Ear Falls Mennonite, Ear Falls, ON
- Tue. Nov. 3 @ 7:30PM Kitchi Pines Mennonite, Blackduck, MN
- Wed. Nov. 4 @ 7:30PM Living Word Christian, Sparta, WI
- Thu. Nov. 5 @ 7:30PM Rich Valley Mennonite, Kokomo, IN



## Arabic Broadcasts to Begin Nov. 1st

Listeners to the Baghdad Beacon, "the one and only FM station broadcasting Christian programming within Baghdad, Iraq" will hear our Arabic language program beginning November 1st! Dr. Yoder's messages from First John will launch the broadcast.

## Sermon of the Month

Lending institutions pay attention to the record of repayment by the borrower as the indicator of responsibility. Doesn't God do as much? Does God see a man who is diligent in business and takes care of his obligations? What does God do about such a person?

Paul believed God does something and he wrote in II Corinthians 9:1-15 about **INVESTING FOR HIGHEST RETURNS**.

To invest for the highest returns several pertinent FACTORS are of top most importance. First is,

### *The Factor of Personal Readiness*

Paul commended the Corinthians for being ready. He had boasted of them to the Macedonians that they were ready a year ago. Now it was necessary to do an update so things could be in order when the brethren came to receive the bounty.

The word bounty, in verse 5, is an interesting word. The English word, bounty, translates the Greek word, blessing. "To make up beforehand your blessing, so that you might be ready, as a matter of blessing and not as a matter of covetousness."

In order to avoid covetousness it is necessary, Paul said, to think through what you're going to do and then do it. Make a survey. Be ready when the time comes so the bounty will be all prepared. When the brethren come, you will not be ashamed. All will be in order.

In our personal finances, in our personal program, we are careful. We try to look ahead. We try to be in readiness. But in the Lord's work, we tend to go about it too haphazardly. The Apostle Paul said this factor of personal readiness is essential to make an investment for the highest returns. Second there is,

### *The Factor of Proportionate Reciprocity*

Reciprocity means to get back what you give. Paul noted this: "He

## Investing for Highest Returns

who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

You reap according to what you sow, that is, in quantity. Paul made the point that return is based on the amount of input. And you should do it cheerfully. "Every man according as he purposeth, so let him give... because God loves a cheerful giver."

When you sow bountifully, God gives a bountiful harvest. "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

God watches even more carefully than the banker to see how people manage for Him. God can make all grace abound toward you when you sow bountifully. You will have all sufficiency and will abound to every good work. There will be broad improvements. There will be proportionate reciprocity.

The kind of input is the kind of output you can expect. God has established this factor: He who gives more, will have more to give. If you want the highest returns, sow bountifully in the work of God and you will see a marked increase. God will never be in debt to anyone!

The factor of proportionate reciprocity--God gives the harvest according to how much is sown. The third factor is,

### *The Factor of Profound Rejoicing*

People who give little to the Lord's work never have the joy of knowing that someone has received bountifully. There is a mutual bene-

fit in this--the giver and the receiver.

Paul was receiving an offering for the saints in Jerusalem. He said this service will supply the want of the saints and there will be abundant thanksgiving to God. The receiver will thank God for the giver and the giver will rejoice in what is done.

It was important that these Gentile believers in the far corners of the Roman Empire would respond by giving to the poor saints in Jerusalem. This kind of brotherhood relationship of sharing was a blessing and a glory to God, and great praise for the Gospel of Christ!

There would be a multiplication of blessing as their prayers ascended. The saints in Jerusalem would pray for the saints in Corinth. The saints in Corinth would pray for the saints in Jerusalem. Prayer, fellowship, and intercession resulted from their love.

Paul closes this chapter with, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Nothing we can do will match what God has done. But what profound rejoicing such investment brings! No return matches the rejoicing of investing in the ministry of the Gospel. The highest returns are not to be measured in terms of interest rates. The determining factor is not what the investment will earn, but what it will do.

When investment is made in eternal matters, the returns are in eternal values. Take these factors into account when you invest your entrusted funds: Personal readiness; Proportionate reciprocity; Profound rejoicing, nothing compares to eternal values.

**J. Otis Yoder**

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# The President's View

## God is SO Good!

*Reflections on God's blessings to our family*

Joyce and I celebrated 28 years of marriage this past June 27th. Throughout our years of marriage and family life, we have experienced many rich blessings from the hand of our loving, Heavenly Father. We count you, the members of our HOPE Family, among our richest blessings. For this reason we want to update you on some of God's more recent blessings to us.

Our oldest son, Johan, is currently serving the Lord by showing orphan boys the love of Jesus in Choix, Mexico. This has brought personal development and spiritual growth in his life. He has approximately 7 months left in a 2-year term. The boys range in age from 8 to 16 years old. Several of them have accepted Christ as Savior since being ministered to by the orphanage staff.

June 6 was a big day for our family as our second son, Travis, pledged his life and love to Alisha Neuschwander. In 2008, Travis had spent a year with the Gospel Echoes Northwest Team in Tangent, OR, so his moving to Indiana didn't seem like a big change for us. We wish Travis and Alisha the Lord's blessing as they begin their married life!

Our third child, a daughter, Rachel, serves here at HOH as Receptionist and in the Composition/Layout Office. She is currently attending a 6-week term at Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute. We miss her cheerful presence and her service here at the office and in our home! Many of you have had the joy of meeting her in our travels together as a family.

Some of you are aware that Joyce was diagnosed this summer with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy, on September 4th. In our follow-up appointment with the surgeon he told us that the surrounding tissue (removed along with the lump) showed no trace of cancer. This was great news and the cause of many thanksgivings to God. Joyce is currently on an 8-week regimen of dietary restrictions, nutritional supplements, and immune system boosters. Following this she will have testing to make sure she is cancer-free.

Our five younger children, ages 16-7, are all busy with their education and its applications to daily living. As you can imagine, our home is a lively place with lots of activity. As the schedule on the front page of this newsletter reveals, we are looking forward to a trip to Fort France, ON for our annual Canadian board meeting the last Saturday in October. We will present the work of HOH in several churches along the way.

Our family is especially blessed to be a part of the ministry of HOH and to count you among the brothers and sisters of our HOPE Family! We are encouraged by your love, your prayers, and your support. We would count it a blessing to pray for you if you will share your needs with us. WE LOVE YOU ALL IN JESUS!

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,  
HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

J. Mark Horst, President

# Stewardship

## God's Faithfulness

The message on our headquarters sign this month is, "Know God, Experience His Faithfulness."

The changing seasons remind me of God's faithfulness. I enjoy the early Fall season with bountiful harvests and beautiful colored leaves.

Recently in my personal Bible reading I read God's command and promise in Proverbs 3:9,10. **"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."**

These verses were cross-referenced to Deuteronomy 26:1-15. Verse two of this text commands the Israelites to take of the **first of ALL** the fruit of the earth as an **offering to God**. In verses 5-11 they were to **review God's faithfulness** in all that He had done and **worship and rejoice in every good thing** which the Lord God had given to them.

In the congregation I was formerly a part of, we had a "Harvest Offering" each Fall. This was a special opportunity to give with thankfulness and worship for God's bounteous blessings throughout another year.

In the past, Heralds of Hope, Inc. has been the recipient of several "Harvest Offerings" from various churches. These have been a real help and an answer to prayer for the funding needs of the ministry.

Is God calling you or your local congregation to share a special "Harvest Offering" with Heralds of Hope, Inc. this year? We are praying for His provision to meet our outstanding bills. You can be a part of His provision; Bless God!

Rejoicing in God's Faithfulness,  
Bob Kauffman

# Letters From Ethiopian (Amharic)Listeners

I am an Evangelist. I usually listen to your radio with all my family. We are living in a remote area in a small village in a forest. **Your radio program has helped me a lot to spread the word of God, because I invite others to simply listen to your program, then I answer questions they have.** By this method I am trying to evangelize my village people. I really appreciate how you present the programs, it attracts new believers very much. As a result of this, many souls are daily coming to Christ and churches are being built.

**We have a prayer group; we gather three evenings for prayer. Every time, when we assemble, we first listen to your radio program, because it is a big encouragement and guidance for the rest of our prayer and Bible study. For this reason, I want to thank you on behalf of this group. God bless you!**

I received Jesus as my Savior in 2007, and started to listen to your radio program in that very week. **During those days, when I was spiritually a child, your program has been my only teacher. It greatly encouraged me to stand firm, and other wise I would have been gone back to my previous life.** Still today, I am your regular listener. As a result, I have learned many spiritual matters from your radio program. I will stand by you in all that I can to enable you to continue this prized radio program. Please let me know your request and interest on this. Thank you.

Since many years ago I have been listening to your program with my whole family. Now God gave me a chance to join Addis Ababa University, and I am very far from home. However, here in Addis Ababa University I continue to listen to your program. I consider it as a friend and as my family member that encourages me when I feel alone. **Even today I am not listening to your program alone, but I invited my dormitory students to listen with me, they have been very willing.** Your program is an evangelist in our dormitory. However, the time is too short; which you should think over, please.

Hey brothers and sisters, your program is sweet like honey, this is not exaggeration, it is real. As a result I don't want to miss it even for a single day. **Every evening I run to home just like hens do. Do you know why? Not to miss your program. However, your program is too short.** It only runs for 15 minutes. Please, I beg you to increase the time at least to 30 minutes.

**I and my friend are living in a remote area where there is not a single protestant church. We are worshipping God in my room twice a week. Your radio program is our daily pastor except it is very short. It finishes while still we are eager to listen more. We beg you to add more time to these programs.**

**I always study my Bible following your radio program as you daily guide us to do so. First, I listen to your program, then, I reread the portion you have already read. Finally, I meditate on it and pray. This, now, became my culture; it benefited me a lot.**

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## **BIBLE THANK-YOU LETTERS**

**Greetings in the name of the Living Gospel. I wish to tell you that since 1998 when I start to know you my life is completely changed and I thank you for the Bible you sent in 1998 to me and the annual Gospel calenders .**

**Venda, Republic of S. Africa**

Dear Pastor, I am very grateful and joyful to write you this letter. On 22nd November 2008 I received the Bible you sent to me and also the CD. God will continue to bless you and the ministry and I am praying the Holy Spirit protects you from evil, Amen!

I thank you and all your members that a sinful man like me has come to know God and also repent. This is through the Bible and CDs you sent to me and also the literature. My pastor has been using the literature you sent me to help in preparing his sermons. He has also organized Bible clubs for children and adults who do not know God. Even many Muslims and traditionalists are accepting the Word of God, repenting of their sins, and being baptized.

So I am requesting that you please send more literature, CDs, Bibles, and other materials for distribution. God will bless you as you answer my requests.

**Thomas - Ghana W. Africa**