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## HOH Board Welcomes New Director

Heralds of Hope, Inc. is pleased to announce the election of Bro. Leonard Wenger to our Board of Directors. Bro. Leonard is from Dalton, OH, and he and his wife, Sharon, are faithful HOPE Partners. Bro. Leonard is one of the pastors at the East Union Mennonite Church in Orrville, OH, and he is also president of Wenger Pipeline Construction, a family owned business.

Bro. Leonard's experience as a church leader and the owner of a successful business are already proving themselves an asset to our Board. We ask you to pray for Leonard and Sharon as they serve the Lord by serving the church, their employees, and Heralds of Hope, Inc. We look forward to what God will do through their contribution to our Board!

## **Heralds of Hope Launches Upgraded Website**

**Have you ever visited the Heralds of Hope website?** If you have, you will now find that it looks completely different! During the months of labor, we have endeavored to create a site that will supply information and access to resources you want. This effort would not have been possible without the expertise and direction of Mike Purnell, our offsite IT professional. We extend a special "thank you" to him.

*Several features of the NEW site:*

- "The Voice of Hope" radio programs in MP3 format!
- This bi-monthly newsletter exactly like the "hard" copy!
- Donate online using your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card.
- Testimonies of those whose lives have been touched by the ministry.



***So what are you waiting for? Come visit us at [www.heraldsfhope.org](http://www.heraldsfhope.org)***

**Our daily Swahili language programs to Kenya and the surrounding area began airing on April 5th. In a recent e-mail from Trans World Radio they informed us of the title of the program. So limber up your tongue and give it a try!**

**"Tumaini Letu Kwa Siku Ya Leo"**

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## Sermon of the Month

Let's begin our study in the Word with a supposition: every Christian father wants to pass his faith in God on to his children. If that supposition is true, "How do we pass the faith along to the next generation?" Deuteronomy 6:1-15 outlines several stages that are necessary to produce a multi-generational faith.

In the previous chapter, Moses reviewed the Ten Commandments with the people, reminding them of the circumstances that surrounded that awesome event. In our text, he urges them to respond with a personal and corporate commitment to God's call.

The strength of any group lies in the individual commitment of its members. The strength and vitality of the people of God is dependent upon the strength of the families that make up that group. The strength of the families is largely dependent on the commitment of the father. Therefore, we examine **Deuteronomy 6:1-15** in the context of fatherhood and multi-generational faith.

I invite you to consider with me several **STAGES** of commitment that are necessary to produce a multi-generational faith.

### The Commitment to Personal Devotion

Notice the reason for the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments: "That you may fear the LORD." Many contemporary Bible teachers assure us that this is not fear or fright, but respect. That definition does not do justice to this word. The Hebrew word, *yawray*, describes two main types of fear. One is the emotion you have when you anticipate harm to yourself. And the other is a very positive feeling of awe or reverence for God. Do you remember Isaiah's account of his vision of the Lord? What was his response when he saw the Lord? He saw his own uncleanness and pronounced woe, or judgment, on him-

## "A Multi-Generational Faith

self. The Bible records that every time people realized they were in the presence of God there was fear: fear of harm, because of the holiness of God and the understanding of their own sinfulness. They demonstrated a combination of the negative and the positive aspects of fear.

The church today has largely lost the fear of God because families have lost the fear of God. Families have lost this fear because fathers have not modeled it well. That explains the disregard we see for God's commands. If we took His word seriously, there are things we'd be afraid to do, and things we'd be afraid to leave undone.

I'm not implying that we're saved by what we do. I am saying, if we are truly born again we will want to keep God's commands. Jesus said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments.*" We will fear the consequences of disobedience just as our children fear the consequences of their disobedience. Discipline for disobedience is an act of love, a mark of ownership, of being a child of the father (Hebrews 12:8).

God is very jealous of our relationship with Him and He will not share our lives with any competing affection. Thus His command, "*love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.*" Fathers, if you love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and might, what is left over to love something else? Nothing!

The heart speaks of the core of who you are. It's what you really are in your secret self, not what you project to others. Do you really love the Lord from the depths of your

being? Is He at the "command center" of your life? Is He the Master and you the slave?

The soul encompasses the mind, will, and emotions: the rational part of you. Is God in your daily thoughts? Do you acknowledge your need of Him each morning? When you face situations you don't know how to handle, do you try to muddle through on your own, or do you cry out to Him?

Do you love the Lord with all your might? The Hebrew word means "vehemently." It comes from a root that means to rake together; a poker (for turning or gathering embers). When the embers of the fire are dying, you pull them together with the poker and fresh flames leap up. Loving God with all your might is a passion for knowing Him intimately, a fire burning in your bones.

If we fathers have that kind of passion for the Lord, if we are personally devoted to God with all of our being, it will affect the relationship we have with our children. They will see our excitement for the things of the Lord, and they'll get excited too. However, if we talk about loving the Lord but demonstrate by our lifestyles that other things are more important, our children will pick up on that too, and they'll be turned off by our hypocrisy.

The commitment to personal devotion is a commitment we must make. When we do, we'll be ready for the next stage.

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# The President's View

## Forecast: "Hot" Summer in the Middle East

A growing swirl of volatile currents are leading many analysts to conclude that a "hot" war in the Middle East is likely this summer. In April, the US State Department formally warned Syria over its "provocative behavior" after allegations that it supplied Hizbullah[in Lebanon] with Scud missiles. Scud missiles can easily be equipped with chemical or biological warheads. Syria's chief diplomat in Washington was cautioned that such action would jeopardise the restoration of normal relations with the US.

Meetings between the Syrian and Iranian presidents have become very common in the past several years; however, [chief of Hizbullah] Nasrallah's presence at the table marks a new chapter in the development. Hizbullah continues to stockpile weapons in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701, the agreement that ended the 2006 Second Lebanon War.

One must also note recent developments in Turkey. Former PLO terrorist-turned-Christian, Walid Shoebat, warns that the US should pay more attention to Turkey than to Iran, Syria, Hizbullah, or Hamas. He warned, "Turkey is the strongest military power in the region, and is the second largest army in NATO." Shoebat, with his intimate understanding of the Muslim way of thinking, is convinced that Turkey is seeking to revive the days of Turkish rule through the Muslim Caliphate.

He further states, "In 1924, the Caliphate was dismantled by the West, and this is why Muslims hate the West. Four years after this dismantling, the Muslim Brotherhood was born. This is the umbrella of ALL Muslim terrorist organizations...even in the United States of America."

On top of all this, Iranian President Ahmadinejad has repeatedly threatened to "wipe Israel off the map." With Iran either already possessing, or on the verge of possessing a nuclear weapon, these threats are serious. Ahmadinejad sees himself as the precursor to the 12th Imam. This messianic figure will only return after a period of cosmic chaos, war, and bloodshed – what Christians call the Apocalypse – and then lead the world into an era of universal peace. It was reported last year that Ahmadinejad had persuaded his cabinet to sign a "contract" pledging themselves to work for[the Mahdi's] return.

Understandably, Israel is paying attention. Last month, in a joint effort between the IDF and the nation's Postal Service, they began a nationwide program of distributing gas masks as protection for all Israeli citizens!

It seems like God is preparing to fulfil the prophecy of Zechariah 12, making Jerusalem a "burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." Are you prepared for a long, hot summer?

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

J. Mark Horst, President

# Stewardship

What a privilege it was for Donna and me to travel with Pastor Anand from Nepal on the HOH Spring tour. His photo report of the orphanage, church plant, and outreach ministries were inspiring for us and all who attended the programs. What a blessing to see photos of people eagerly reaching for literature and to hear testimonies of those saved from idol worship and drug addiction. Dr. Yoder's Gospel of John sermon booklets translated into Nepali are the catalyst for many of these conversions.

We were challenged by Pastor Anand's boldness in witnessing in the local park, at Hindu religious festivals, and outside the Muslim mosques despite receiving threatening phone calls from Hindu extremists. They threaten to kidnap and kill his only son if he doesn't stop preaching that "Western cow-eating religion." He also told of his rescue from an angry mob beating and kicking him...he thought, to death. But God miraculously rescued him, much like He shut the mouths of lions for Daniel of old.

We were reminded again and again of how thankful we should be for the things we have. These include God's mercy in our Christian heritage, our free country, and the many physical blessings we enjoy. Anand could hardly believe the variety of foods we have to enjoy. Their 2 meals a day consist of rice, lentil soup, and vegetables. Once a week they "splurge" and add chicken to their meal.

We praise God for Pastor Anand's visit and the financial support received. Fifteen of the sixteen orphans now have sponsors and funds were donated for some building repairs. Thank you ALL!

Bob Kauffman

## Letters From Our Oromo [Ethiopia] Listeners

The Heralds Of Hope program is a real spiritual blessing to me. This messages are not only for myself, but it is a good spiritual food for most of my church members and community. We use them as Bible study references. I praise the Lord for such a teaching, keep it up. God bless you!

Yadasa

I am from Shenich, south nation and nationalities of Ethiopia. I was born again Christian, got saved. Your Bible Study has strengthened me to my faith and erected my feet on a solid rock. I am very grateful to God about the program; I would like you continue in your ministry faithfully and I pray for you during all my prayer times.

Desta Abdi

I am very much comforted by the Bible Study; when I was in distress during my sorrowful life, the word of God has deeply entered into my heart and has given me peace.

Zewuditu

Thanks for the series of messages you transmit weekly. The message is spiritually deep and reflects the truth of the Bible. But the time is very short. I think it is even less than fifteen minutes. If there is possibility, would you please raise the time to 20 minutes?

Tolani



## BIBLE THANK-YOUS

**Thank you for the Bible you sent to me. I am a Senior Citizen and I have started a mini-fellowship. Is there any way you can be of help to me in providing me with chairs, Bibles, canopies, and accommodation? Thank you very much for all that you are doing.**

The purpose of this letter is to express my profound gratitude to you for how you have been posting letters, publications, calendars, and a Bible to me. I owe you millions of thanks. God bless your ministry abundantly. I would love to listen to your radio programs listed on the back of your publication, but I have no radio. It is very difficult to take meals in my family.

**With a heart full of joy and peace of salvation I write you. It is quite apparent that the end times are fast approaching and it is needful for the body of Christ to reach out to many more souls. Whenever I see the Bible, the most precious gift I have received in my life, the tracts, Hope Herald, and other literature you have been sending, I feel indebted to you. The Bible has been my manual for life.**

A Heart felt thanks to Heralds of Hope producer. You produce and transmit programs that heal human souls that are in a problem and mends wounds from sin. My soul has been freed from the chain of the devil through your Bible study; the chain was broken and I escaped. God bless you.

- Derje

I greet you in the name of the Lord. I praise the Lord for this Bible Study program for it has really brought me to God; it has changed my life and it has shaped my physical life, too.

- Martha

I greet you in the name of the Lord; God has opened the door of my heart to be reconciled to my neighbor; we were quarreled three years ago on boundaries of our farm land; and I left the disputation by surrendering everything to the Lord; and now I have peace.

Nagaso

To the producers of the Bible Study in Afan Oromo; we use the Bible study as a reference to our Bible Study in our village; it helps us very much; would you please send some of its scripts to us for our purpose of the bible study?

Alemu

Your radio program of HOH is very educational, solid spiritual food for my life; but I don't have a Bible to refer to it for further study; It is very expensive to buy it from our surrounding; would you please find ways and means how I could get the Bible? God bless you.

Guddina