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WE. NEED. PEOPLE.

People are a prerequisite for ministry. No people, no ministry.

The needs of people are the focus of ministry; they're the recipients. Those who minister to those needs are the ministry providers. Both are necessary for ministry to take place.

At Heralds of Hope your prayer and financial support enables us to reach many recipients of ministry with the Good News of salvation.

WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW IS PEOPLE – PEOPLE FOR OUR STAFF to help provide ministry to seekers and Believers.

Do you have practical skills God wants to use in serving others? Do you know someone who has skills that would fit our needs?

Bob Kauffman, our former Chief Operating Officer, has moved to Harrisburg, PA and commutes to the office one day per week. Though continuing full-time with HOH he's relinquished some admin-

istrative duties. We need someone to pick them up. This would include working with our international ministry partners, Bible ministry details, as well as helping with public relations for HOH. We anticipate this to be a full-time, paid position.

Mark Atkinson, a loyal employee of HOH for 38 years, is in his early 70s and has reduced his schedule to part-time. Among other things he's responsible for the preparation of all our outgoing mail; a challenging task because of the volume and also the ever changing US postal regulations. A person in this position could also have some responsibility in maintaining the HOH building and grounds. This could be a volunteer or paid position, but we would ask for a minimum two-year commitment for either one.

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, CAN HELP US please contact J. Mark at 717-485-4021 or at jmh@heraldsofhope.org. We will be happy to discuss further details with you.



BIBLE BULLETIN

Malawi:

“Thanks so much for sending me the gift of the Hope Bible. I will be praying for you and family, your country, and all whom you are working with.

My heart is for all those who don't know the Lord Jesus. I pray that God will continue to help me to be passionate about those who need the Savior.”

- James Chipanda

Nigeria:

“I thank you for the gift of life (Bible) you sent to me, God bless you and your ministries.”

- Segun

“The same God that provided safety for the Holy Bible you sent to me in June 1990 will do the same for the ones you sent to West African countries. To the glory of God, I am now a Sunday School teacher here in Nigeria.”

- Olaniyi

Ghana:

“In 2008 I received the Bible you sent to me. God will continue to bless you and the ministry. I am praying the Holy Spirit protects you from evil.

I have come to know God and repent through the Bible and 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.”

- Thomas

TESTIMONIES & LISTENER LETTERS

Philippines:

“Today marks the one-year anniversary of my sister's massive stroke. She continues to be bed-ridden but her condition has greatly improved since then, and our family looks forward to her complete healing.

I want you to know you have been part of her healing. Every Sunday, she would intently listen to your program and it would always bring a smile to her face. Early on, she could only stare at us. Now, we get this big smile from her occasionally. I noticed that Sundays are always the brightest for her.

I am glad we came across your program. It is short, but we never fail to get good insights and inspiring thoughts from it. I can only imagine my sister is gaining strength from the Word of God she hears from you.

Thank you very much. God bless your ministry. May you continue to reach out to people and touch more lives with your program. Please pray for my sister, Ana.”

- Raul Badon

Kenya:

I was so blessed last week when I ran into a man on the streets of Eldoret. I stopped at his loud shouts of, “Pastor, pastor, now I know what you preach is true!” Then I asked him what I had preached. He told me I preached from Ecc. 3:1 in Kitale prison where he was locked in for 5 years, but after he received Christ during the prison crusade he was released last December. The man couldn't help but show his joy! I called the prison chaplain to enquire about his release, and was told he was among those who enjoyed the presidential pardon during our independence day. Isn't Jesus great?

The same prison wants us to come again in February. I trust the Lord will open doors. This is a large prison with about 1,700 inmates.

- Rev. Joe





THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

LOVE THE TRUTH

What is truth? Here's a definition I really like; "Truth is reality from God's point of view." But what does it mean to love the truth and what does loving the truth look like in our daily living? In Second Thessalonians chapter two Paul instructs Believers how to develop a love for the truth.

Paul begins by warning us specifically of the dangers of rejecting truth. That leads to such delusion that highly intelligent people will believe outrageous lies! Not only do they undervalue the truth; they purposely seek to suppress it.

George Barna's surveys remind us that less than a fourth of those who are "born-again" agree there is such a thing as absolute truth. So it's not surprising that 60% of that same group agree that "Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and others all pray to the same God, even though they use different names for that God." That is a clear rejection of biblical truth!

Because the rejection of truth is so prevalent in our culture, pressure is building on all genuine Christians to keep their biblical convictions to themselves! Let's beware of those who reject the truth of God's Word! That rejection affects every decision and action.

Paul's positive instruction in loving the truth begins with a simple statement: "belief of the truth." **To love the truth you must first believe** and embrace it. Belief is an act of the will! Belief leads us to a deeper understanding of the value of truth and how that value transforms our lives.

The Gospel calls upon us to accept by faith things we can't reason out in our minds. The Gospel isn't illogical; the Gospel transcends human logic and understanding. Belief in the truth is not a blind leap of faith into the dark! It is the reasoned assurance that because God has revealed Himself to mankind in a multitude of ways, He's able to orchestrate the circumstances of my life in a way that glorifies Him and brings me to my fullest potential. In other words, belief is synonymous with trust.

Next, we're to **retain the truth.** He says we are to "stand fast." It is an active process, not a once-and-done event. It means to persevere. This is necessary in our day when there is a constant barrage of rhetoric from all sides that only the bigoted and egotistical make claims to know absolute truth.

If we hope to retain the truth, we cannot ignore the doctrine of verbal, plenary inspiration. This simply means the inspiration extends

to the very words themselves (verbal)—not just concepts or ideas—and that the inspiration extends to all parts of Scripture and all subject matters of Scripture (plenary).

Finally, we must **rest in the truth.** Look at the words in the final verses of this chapter; everlasting consolation, good hope through grace, and comfort. What a glorious rest belongs to those who love the truth! Several years ago, when Joyce was diagnosed with cancer, the truth of God's Word took on new meaning for us. I can tell you in all honesty that we did not have one sleepless night of worry and anxiety. Did we have questions? Sure. Was there uncertainty? Of course. We didn't know where this journey would take us. But we rested confidently in the multitude of God's promises.

The love of the truth is an anchor in the storms of life. As the songwriter so aptly stated; "and the cables passed from His heart to mine, can defy the blast through strength Divine."

The wonderful thing about resting in truth is this; if we learn to do it now we can experience it throughout all eternity! Jesus said, "*Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest to your souls,*" Matthew 11:28 and 29.

Learn to love the truth, and respond to it in these positive ways. If you do this, you can be confident in the promise of Jesus; "...the one who endures to the end, shall be saved."

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

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

END OF BLOCKADE IN NEPAL



Family that started attending church

“We and our church thank you very much for your prayers for us and for Nepal.

We have very good news! God has answered our prayers and four months of blockades which had crippled our nation’s economy and daily life has finally been opened.

We are so thankful to our dear God for answering our prayer and also to you all for your prayers for the critical situation of Nepal. It will take about six months to return daily life back to normal but still it is a great relief for our nation and our fellow countrymen. God bless you all!” - Pastor Anand

Please keep praying for Hope Children’s Ministries, Zion Church, and the country of Nepal. In February 2016 they experienced yet another strong aftershock.

As of September 2015, 395 severe aftershocks have occurred with different epicenters and magnitudes and more than 20,000 lesser aftershocks.[1]

[1] Source: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_2015_Nepal_earthquake

IT’S MRS. YODER’S 99TH!

Would you like to help Mrs. Isabelle Yoder celebrate the Lord blessing her with 99 years on earth?

You’re welcome to send her a card or give her a phone call.



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PARTNER PROFILE

New Life in God’s Word

Pastor and Mrs. Fred Porcalla lead this ministry based in Panabo City, Philippines. They are church planters with emphasis on the unreached tribal groups living in the mountainous areas surrounding Panabo City. In April of 2014 we conducted a 2-day pastor’s seminar followed by a 2-day couple’s retreat. We have helped them develop some income producing businesses to assist their ministry.