



“I REJOICED . . . GREATLY”

As the apostle Paul was ending his letter to the Philippians he penned these words; “But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

He then added, **“Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.”**

As a part of our HOPE family we want to know when you have needs. The contribution envelope we give you has a place to share your prayer needs or praises. We consider it a privilege to join you in these.

We also want you to know when we have needs.

During the summer months giving always declines. While I wouldn't use the word distress, like the apostle Paul did, I would say we are in a time of stress. **Our income so far this year has been \$241,847; our expenses are \$368,697. We still need \$126,850.** The reserves we put back at the previous year-end are vanishing quickly.

Some of you reading this are faithful, monthly, quarterly, or annual givers. We rejoice greatly in your continuing care for the lost and for those in need of discipling. This article is NOT addressed to you.

But there are others whose practice it is to wait to help until a need is identified. This is your opportunity! And we will rejoice greatly if/when your care for us flourishes again! Our General Fund and International Radio accounts are the two most needy!

Please use the enclosed envelope and response card to share your care.



New Believer (blue dress) in Nepal



Nigerian Bible/Lit. distribution



A listener to our Hindi broadcasts

TESTIMONIES & LISTENER LETTERS



Albania:

The following testimonies are taken from Radio 7's newsletter.

"I feel positive because I listen to Radio 7. Thank God you have an app that gives

me the opportunity to hear to your programs any time. I like to visit your website and listen to Bible teachings. I would like to have more teachings in Albanian language on your website!"

"I work together with my husband in our bakery shop, and we listen to you every day. It's very difficult for me to wake up early in the morning but thanks God that I began the day with you. I listen to the worship songs and to all of your programs. You feed us with the food that God provides, and we need that very much!"

Turkey:

The following report is from Radio Shema's newsletter.

Despite many issues getting the new radio station in Samsun established, we've had a solid, reliable broadcast for the last month. As a result, the church is seeing God work to bring people to Himself.

We are thankful that God has provided faithfully for the Samsun station as we've set up a brand new operation.

"For years, there is a girl who has known about our church but has never been brave enough to come. One month ago, trembling with fear, she came to our church and told us that she loves the Messiah and feels close to Christianity. If her family were to ever hear about this they would throw her out of their house. We prayed with this young lady and talked about how God is a God that does big miracles. Three days later she begged to meet with me to share something. We met at the church and this young lady was overflowing with joy!

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Then there are famines. Again, Africa tops the list but there are several in Asia as well. While some of these are due to lack of rainfall or too much rain, some are worsened by economic mismanagement and political corruption. The dictatorship in North Korea is a most egregious example.

Jesus also spoke about pestilence and disease. Here too, we are seeing the rise of "super bugs," treatment resistant strains of viruses the medical profession has no remedy for. The rise in immorality of all kinds has spread STDs and HIV like wildfire and many are resistant to conventional treatment.

False prophets abound, and many who are unskillful in the Word are being deceived. The love of pleasure has lulled many into a spiritual stupor and they are led unsuspectingly into error. Worship, music, and the arts have become an industry for financial gain. The creature is being worshipped more than the Creator.

What should our response be? *"You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" II Peter 3:17 and 18.*

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Mark Horst".

J. Mark Horst, President

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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

DISCERNING THE TIMES

In Matthew 16:1-3 we read, *“Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, ‘When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.”*

Did Jesus rebuke these men because their question was wrong? No; it was their motive that was wrong. Their question was a result of their unbelief. Jesus rebuked them for their earthly focus. As religious leaders they should've been the first to recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises for a Deliverer. They could observe the sky and predict the weather; but they didn't have the spiritual discernment needed to understand the time they lived in.

Do you and I have the spiritual discernment we need for our time? II Peter 2 warns us, *“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies...And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words...”*

Our Reformation forefathers applied this text to the church of Rome. How should we apply it today? Evangelical church growth seminars, and books are filled with terms like branding, marketing, target audience, etc. These are business terms.

Many churches design programs for “consumers” instead of using God's Word as the basis for their activities. The “deceptive” words Peter mentioned are words that are molded or sculpted to make people comfortable rather than convicted. Jesus' warning to the church at Pergamos is one we'd do well to consider and obey.

What about our understanding of where we are on God's prophetic time clock? Again, Peter warns *“...knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’* We don't know the day or hour of Jesus' return but He did give us clear signs to look for as we approach that day.

No matter what your eschatological position, the signs Jesus gave us in Matthew 24 are unmistakable! Recent statistics show 10 wars and many “lesser conflicts” in process. The continent of Africa has been particularly hard hit by ethnic and tribal violence.

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Stewardship

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER AGAIN!

At our last HOH board meeting we discussed the need for regular givers and sponsors to support our different broadcasts. You who give regularly enable us to meet our monthly obligations.

Our largest monthly bill is the \$22,000 TWR bill. This includes translation, production, airing and reporting results for 11 of our foreign language broadcasts.

After prayer, the Board meeting concluded. When J. Mark checked his email there already was a generous offer to sponsor a foreign language broadcast! What an encouragement this immediate answer to prayer was.

They chose to sponsor the \$1515 monthly cost for our new weekly Pashto language broadcast starting in July. This broadcast has a potential audience of 200 million unreached people in Afghanistan, Pakistan and northern India.

Like some of you, they chose the convenience of online giving from their business checking account. All we need to set that up, if you are interested, is your bank name, 9 digit routing number, and checking/savings account number or your credit card information.

We still need full or partial sponsorship of Amharic and Oromo (Ethiopia,) Chinese, Spanish, Nepali, and Swahili (Kenya) broadcasts. If you want to help share the Gospel in these languages, please call me at 440-313-8408.

For God's Glory,
Bob Kauffman

STAFF STATUS



Hannah Horst recently graduated from High School and has joined us part-time in the International Mail office. Her duties include, as you suspected, processing mail coming to us from outside the US. She also helps with editing and proofreading various printed pieces we produce and with CD duplication.

Hannah is also actively involved in the Released Time Bible Program in our local public school. This weekly program allows children to opt-in for a weekly 1-hour Bible teaching program. There are classes for 3rd through 5th graders, and other classes for middle-school ages. Hannah enjoys playing piano, reading, spikeball, and hanging out with friends and family. We welcome her to the HOH team.

Christian Horst spent 9 months at Elnora Bible Institute from September of 2015 to May of 2016. He plans to return there in January of 2017. In the interim, he is working in our Mailing and Maintenance departments. He is taking over the responsibilities of Mark Atkinson who has retired after 38 years of serving with HOH!



Photos by Deanna J. Martin Photography

Christian is learning the details of international mailing (USPS regulations) and preparing many packages of literature and Bibles for requests in Africa. He is also “tidying” up the grounds and interior of our facility. His hobbies include reading, hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family. We welcome him to the HOH team.

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‘Pastor, last night my dad had me listen to a new radio station that he had found. He said it was a Christian station and that he liked what he heard.’ She explained that without giving a big reaction she asked him why he liked it. Her dad said ‘They keep sharing about love, and I really like it.’ She said, ‘Pastor, my father is very hard and very far from Christianity. I truly believed he was the last person I would ever hear these words from. God really is alive.’ Now this girl comes to church every week and has started attending the youth group as well.”

Philippines:

“After listening to your program today I found myself wanting to write to you in thanksgiving.

My first encounter with your program was two months ago. I am not a religious person, I am a nominal Christian. One of my friends was surprised when I told them I have been listening to a Christian program on the radio. I learn a lot. It gives me comfort and makes me hopeful. It leads me to pray more. So, I am grateful. Thank for you for your time and effort.”



PARTNER PROFILE

**Victor
Koanga**

Victor Koanga is Trans World Radio’s national director for Malawi, a small, landlocked country in East Africa. We are grateful for his assistance in our Bible distribution program since we get many requests from his country. We recently sent two skids of HOPE Bibles to Malawi. They are stored in TWR offices and the distribution is supervised by Brother Victor through local pastors and evangelists.