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Last month in this space we presented to you an opportunity to help purchase an order of 10,000 Bibles. We framed the opportunity this way. "For the price of a pizza you can give someone a copy of the Bible." In other words, sacrifice one pizza per month, or a family pizza night, and you can supply Bibles for those who don't have one.

Well, I hope Pizza Hut, Little Ceasars, or your local pizza shop aren't too upset with the loss of business! Perhaps they haven't noticed. But whatever the perception, your gifts for Bibles have been adding UP!

BIBLES OR PIZZA? - Update!

In preparation for writing this update I asked Bro. Bob for a report on the Bible Fund income. He informed me that **we are only 5,000 dollars from reaching our 40,000 dollar need.**

Thanks so much to all of you who have brought us this close to the goal.

I'm sure there are some of you who, when you received this challenge, said to yourself, "I'd really like to help out with that need." But you laid the envelope and response card aside and it got buried in the stack of mail on your desk. Or is it only my desk that get's that way? I didn't think so!

So, if you're one of those who wanted to help but just didn't "get around to it," you still have the opportunity to help reach the goal. Your gift could be the one that puts "the last topping on the pizza."

Looking for a few good...Volunteers

On March 3rd, Walter and Twila Ocker and their granddaughters, Lindi (left), and Loretta (below), spent several hours packing Bibles at the HOH office. Because of their work we were able to mail 464 Bibles just a few days later!

While we don't usually have enough volunteer work for large groups of people, we do appreciate the help of families or smaller groups.

We will have more work available in the coming months. January's mail, which we just finished processing, contained more than 1,800 first-time Bible requests! Each of these requests receives a Bible-response blank and a tract. These materials must all be hand-inserted into envelopes. In addition, there were more than 100 persons who returned a Bible response blank specifying that they DO NOT have a personal copy of the Bible.

For more information about how you can help, call Bob @ 717-485-4021, Ext. 203, or e-mail bob@heraldsofhope.org.



Letters from Albanian Listeners

I am so grateful to God that I have the possibility to listen to Radio 7. I am 45 years old. I have got 3 sons and one daughter. I accepted Christ in 2000 and I am thankful to God for everything He has done in my life. I listen very often to the Messages of Hope programs and I have learned a lot from the book of Genesis. I loved the study on the book of Romans too. **That was so profound for my spiritual growth.** I would appreciate if you can send me those programs so I can listen again and share it with friends and family that do not know Jesus. Please keep them in prayer.

I am 50 years old and I was very much blessed by the last series on Messages of Hope. Would you please send a copy to me. I would like to share it with other women like myself that can not go to church. The pressure from the other family members that have another religion is increasing, so we really need to understand very well the scripture. The Messages of Hope programs help us very much. **I have grown strong in the Lord through this program.**

I listen all the day to the radio. I have a coffee shop and in my coffee shop I turn on the radio all the day long. All the people that come always ask me what kind of music or program I am listening to. So, radio is a good means not only for my spiritual growth, but also for the evangelization of other people. One of the programs I like is "Messages of Hope". **I hope these programs can be aired daily.**

I am 20 years old. For two years I have been far away from the Lord and from the church. I couldn't talk to God and

15 years ago my wife passed away and I felt so bad. I began drinking alcohol and I didn't care about my children. So, a Christian foundation took care of my children. I sold everything and spend all the money in alcohol. But thanks to God, someone told me about Jesus, and now I go to church. Radio 7 is more than a good friend for me, it is like a parent to me, who cares for me, gives me advice and helps me to live a life that gives honor to God. **I listen often to the Messages of Hope programs and I have learned a lot of new things I didn't know.** Thank you.

Thank you for all of your programs. I can truly say that the Word of God is light into the darkness, but how will we understand if no one is teaching? I'm so very thankful for Radio 7 and the light it is bringing into the homes of thousands of people in our region. We face daily a lot of religious conflicts among three different fanatic groups; so it's so crucial to speak the Word of God while the door is still open. I would like to ask you for copies of the programs on the book of Romans and the series now on Genesis. They helped me so much and I would like to go deeper in my personal studies of these books in the next coming weeks. **The Albanian church is very young and these programs are very important for the future of the church and for founding it in a good and solid Bible teaching.** Thank you for these wonderful teachings.

*The cost for two broadcasts per week in Albania is \$94.00. Is God calling you to help? You, your family, or church group can sponsor these programs by the week, the month, the quarter, or the year.

I felt so unworthy for his presence. But, praise to God now I am back in my relationship with Him. I am so glad that God never leaves or forsake us. The programs, Messages of Hope, always spoke to me. **Thank you for speaking so openly the Truth that sets us free.**

I go to church in a gypsy community. Radio 7 is my best friend. I listen to it when I am at home and as I am working on the field. I like all programs and lately **I was blessed on the teachings of Genesis.** Thank you for caring for us through your programs.

I heard one of your programs, "Messages of Hope". I was very much impressed by what I heard and I would like to have that program and the following chapter on a CD so I can listen again. It was the first time I heard this program. I have been listening to the radio for several months now. Thank you for this program. **I would love to hear such preaching every day.** We really need to know God better and turn from our old ways. It is not easy. Many blessings!

Thank you for all the programs that you broadcast. I would love to have some of those on CD to listen again. This is the first time I heard a great explanation of the book of Genesis. I shared a lot of the truths in the programs with my friends. I'm so thankful for Radio 7 that is bringing so much light into the darkness of our country. **These teachings have been very important for my life as a young believer.** I'm the only one saved in my family and the pressure is high, but God's grace, too, is high. Thank you for helping me to understand the Bible better.

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With The Former President

GOD'S PLAN

Dear Fellow Witness:

Satan dogged the steps of Jesus from Bethlehem to Calvary. He was the object of demonic opposition from His birth. Herod tried to kill him before He could walk. He escaped by being taken to Egypt.

The wind and waves on the Sea of Galilee tried to drown Him, sailing with the disciples. They awoke Him, frightened that they were perishing. He quieted the storm with one Greek word, *SIOPA*, "shut-up." There was a great calm!

Satan aimed to confiscate God's plan by tempting Jesus to make bread out of stones. But he quenched that dart with Deuteronomy 8:3 to teach that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Then Satan tempted Him to trust the angels to catch Him when He jumped off the tip-top-turret of the temple in the sight of the people. Jesus quenched that one with Deuteronomy 6:16. Do not tempt the Lord God by presumptuousness.

The third time Satan came on strong with a temptation to pride by offering Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their glory for a moment of worship. Jesus quenched that with total allegiance to God! Deuteronomy 6:13.

None of Satan's wily tactics caught Jesus. So Satan planned to kill Him by stirring up the Jewish leaders. Mission accomplished!

Nature shuddered and the sun refused to shine when Jesus died. Likely Satan claimed a victory.

HE IS DEAD!

After Jesus' crucifixion Satan's tools, the Sanhedrin, convinced Pilate to help them put Jesus away for good. Pilate gave them soldiers to guard the tomb, his seal to secure the stone, and told them, "make it as sure as you can."

We know the end of all the designs Satan used. When Jesus died God's plan for our forgiveness and peace with God was fully in place. That's surely not what Satan had planned. He was upstaged!

Now that Jesus is alive, proof of His life without sin, we are assured that we, too, will be resurrected one day. What a glorious hope.

HE IS ALIVE!

No opposition Satan tried or will try can frustrate God's plan. We wait for its final conclusion. Say, Amen.

**"The Lord is risen,
The Lord is risen indeed!"**

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

J. Otis Yoder

Stewardship

Co-Workers Together

Enclosed in this Newsletter is a copy of our 2010 Annual Ministry & Financial Report. Contact me with any questions.

Rejoice with us as you review the many opportunities God gave us to share the "Hope of the Gospel" around the world.

Our Bible teaching broadcasts were aired 275 times weekly in 12 languages. Millions, including many unreached people groups, were able to hear God's Word. Thousands of Bibles and tens of thousands of pieces of literature were distributed. Our mail response has greatly increased with more than 1,100 Bible requests in December alone.

Also praise God for the bountiful way He provided for the increased ministry needs through your faithful and sacrificial support! This is even more miraculous considering the difficult economy we are continuing to experience.

Recently, I had the privilege of having supper with Menno Beachy, the former Director of the Mountain Anthems Chorus. How encouraging to hear him share the precious memories of his wife's intercessory prayer ministry for Heralds of Hope and other mission organizations prior to her passing last August.

Who will replace her as a faithful prayer warrior in these tumultuous times? Many of the radio stations that air our broadcasts face daily Satanic opposition. We need the intercessory prayers of God's people to keep the Christian stations on the air in Bethlehem, Israel; Baghdad, Iraq; Ankara, Turkey; Benin, West Africa, and others.

What a blessing to be Co-workers together with God!

Bob Kauffman

“HOPE FOR TODAY” ADDS 13TH LANGUAGE!



Nepal is a land in which over **90% of its population claim to be living in the darkness of Hinduism and Buddhism**. They are a group of people wallowing in the bondage of sin because they do not know the Eternal God who can set them free. Suffering from the torment of spiritual oppression and demon possession, the people of Nepal seem to be living a life void of hope.

Despite the tremendous cloud of darkness veiling the hearts of the country, a small population of Christians and Church bodies exist. This faithful group of believers however, is very young and lacks a strong foundation and

knowledgeable leadership that can be provided through the teaching of God’s Word.

The Church in Nepal is one of the fastest growing in the entire world. **With the rapid pace of numerical growth, it has become apparent that there are not enough trained Church leaders to adequately fulfill the need.** 90% of church leaders have little or no proper education and theological training. As a direct result, the spiritual growth quality of the Church in Nepal is suffering.

TWR, in conjunction with the ministry of Heralds of Hope, seeks to aid in remedying this problem through providing quality, Biblical instruction and encouragement to Christians, Churches, and the leaders of the Churches. Through the solid teaching, weak and immature believers will grow, church leaders will gain the knowledge and training necessary to shepherd their Church bodies, and lost people will see the eternal Word of God shine as a beacon of hope amidst the darkness.

TWR plans to utilize our weekly 15 minute program on at least 8 local FM stations across the country in the following cities:

- Dolakha
- Hetauda
- Pokhara
- Kanchanpur
- Ghaighat
- Dhankuta
- Tikapur
- Baitadi

Through these broadcasts it is anticipated that at least 30 Nepalese districts will be blanketed with the Gospel, reaching over 14 million people. With this coverage it is expected that over 1,000 Church leaders will receive quality biblical training. In addition, over 40,000 known believers will be equipped for daily Christian living through solid instruction in the Scriptures.



Praise God, a Christian businessman in the US has committed to cover half the cost of these broadcasts! Praise God, too, that a recent e-mail from Trans World Radio informed us that they were reducing the annual cost of this outreach by \$1,320 .00 for a total of \$12,428.00.

In addition, here’s what our ministry partner, Pastor Anand from Nepal, had to say about the Nepali broadcasts. **We are glad to hear the Lord’s provision of funds to start Nepali program. Yesterday, I had a meeting with Bro. Simon Rai, National Director of TWR, Nepal. He is a very good man of God. I am thankful to God and HOH family for helping us to spread the Blessed Hope in Jesus Christ to the Nepalese people.**

Your prayers and financial support for this new outreach will be deeply appreciated!

NOTE: Most of the information for this article is taken from TWR’s proposal for the Nepali broadcast.