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Dear HOPE Family,

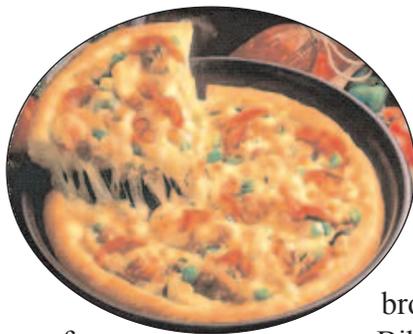
I admit, I like pizza! In fact, our family has a “pizza night” about once a month; usually on a Saturday. It gives my wife a break from meal prep and the whole family enjoys good pizza.

Maybe you’re wondering to do with Bibles?” Well, it years ago while talking to a

## **BIBLES OR PIZZA?**

me to this choice. He was supporting our Bible distribution program and urging others to get involved. His way of encouraging them to participate was to say something like this; “For the price of a pizza you can give someone a copy of the Bible.” In other words, sacrifice one pizza per month and you can supply a Bible for someone who doesn’t have one. I thought his approach was quite unique!

ing, “OK, what does that have really wasn’t my idea. Several brother from Ohio he alerted



### **So here’s the deal. I’m inviting you to take that challenge.**

We recently placed an order with the Thomas Nelson Company for 10,000 copies of the Bible at \$7.88 each. Let’s see,  $7.88 \times 10,000 = 78,800$  plus shipping. Eighty thousand dollars is a rather princely sum, eh? I rejoice to inform you that God, through His people, has already supplied half the funds! Isn’t that wonderful? Yes, amen!

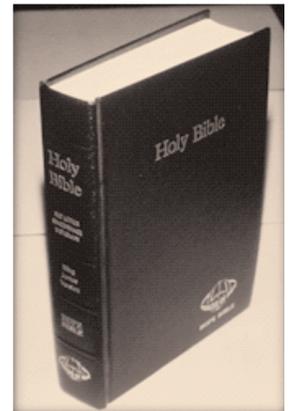
pay for

Now, you can help meet this \$40,000.00 need. Like the brother from Ohio suggested, you can sacrifice one pizza and one Bible. Or, if your family is like ours, just one pizza doesn’t feed the family. So more than one pizza equals more than one Bible. The Lord will help you decide how many Bibles to purchase.

**I have enclosed a response card and a return envelope for your convenience.**

Oh, by the way, you can help whether you like pizza or not. Thanks for your partnership!

J. Mark Horst, President



## **VOICE OF HOPE NOW AIRS ON FAITH FM, 94.3 KITCHENER**

Heralds of Hope, Inc. is pleased to announce a new release of THE VOICE OF HOPE, our signature, 30-minute program of Bible exposition and sacred music! CJTW, aka FaithFM, 94.3 in Kitchener, Ontario began airing THE VOICE OF HOPE on February 13th, 2011. We are glad to be able to provide this broadcast for our listeners and partners in the Kitchener/Waterloo area. If you live in this area please invite your friends and neighbors to tune in to THE VOICE OF HOPE.

CJTW 94.3FM can also be heard at [www.faithfm.org](http://www.faithfm.org) and on 926 Rogers Digital Cable.

## ***Oromo listeners being disciplined***

I would like to thank all program producers in general and the Heralds of Hope Afan Oromo producer in particular, for the fact that this program made me confess my sin. Soon I found myself in a world of forgiveness. Thank you and God bless you.

I really thank you because the Heralds of Hope program turned me to the Scripture records. There I found people who lived near to God. I know now by grace of God we can live up to the standard of God. Heralds of Hope Afan Oromo program is making the Bible come alive in my friend's life. Thank you. Continue this valuable message.

To HOH Afan Oromo radio program producer: above all let me praise Lord for your ministry is doing great; God has given us this time not for nothing but the door of hope to live right, and to make others do the same. You are in my prayers. And also I know that so many people are praying for you. You are not alone!

Dear HOH Afan Oromo radio program producer; this letter is to encourage you that you are contributing a lot to the church of God. Your program is helping me to strive for high standard of life in church and in our community at large. Continue to influence this generation; God will reward you!

## ***Hausa listeners welcome program***

This program Heralds of Hope is a wonderful teaching. I heard you explaining the book of Genesis. God bless you.  
Bitrus

Please will you help me with the teaching you are doing in the book of Genesis called Heralds of Hope? I need the cassette please.  
Mrs. Audu

Thank you for the new programme you introduced to us, I enjoy it. God bless you.  
Ruth

I learned that you are broadcasting a new programme. Is it different from the "Through the Bible? I like the teaching.  
Yusuf

I am not a Christian but I do enjoy one programme you are doing in the book of Genesis. Please how can I get that teaching? Thank you.  
Unknown

*Please continue praying for the Hausa people, who are predominately Muslim. There are approximately 40 million Hausa in northern Nigeria.*

*Also pray for the producer of the program, Bro. Ishaya Galadima. He is married and has five children. He asks us to pray for listeners affected by the recent anti-Christian violence in Jos, Plateau State.*

## **Bible Thank-You**

The following is an e-mail for Prison Superintendent, C. O. Hanson, Tamale, Ghana

We thank you once again for your Bibles to our Prisoners both Male and Female Prisoners. Tamale is a Muslim Community. They are purely Muslims because Islamic Religion in Ghana started in Tamale. Their Imams have told them that it is an abomination for a Muslim to read a Bible, or even to handle a Bible. Because of this it is hard to see a native of Tamale (Muslim) converted to Christianity. However, those Muslims in prison always watch how I distribute your Bibles and Tracts, parceling them out nicely to the Prisoners. They watch how we worship God, how we preach about salvation, forgiveness of sin, etc. Some have accepted Christ and now worship with us.

Unfortunately, if these Muslims accept Christ in the Prison, their family rejects them and does not even accept them when they are released from Prison. They even do not visit them in Prison. **The attached is the picture of the female prisoners with Female Officers having Bible Quiz.** I went there and took this picture on my mobile phone. The Prison Authority does not allow us to take pictures in the prison yard. The Officers always have Church Services with the Prisoners. God bless you and all our supporters.



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# The President's View

## The Prerogative of Pruning

A touch of spring is in the air here in southcentral Pennsylvania! Migratory birds are returning from their winter retreats, while slowly, and almost imperceptibly, plant life that lay dormant all winter pushes forth with new life. Shoots of the earliest plants peep through the ground in sunny, sheltered areas. These signs and others alert us that spring is not far away.

Already, migrant workers are busy in the orchards of our neighboring county with the annual rite of spring pruning. Excess and misdirected growth, as well as dead and diseased branches, are being removed to maximize the fruit-bearing potential of each tree. This is no random "slash and cut" program! The orchard owner hires those who know where and how to cut in order to make the tree most productive.

Jesus used the analogy of the pruning process in John chapter 15, referring to the relationship of the vine and the branches. He said, *"I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman."* He followed that by saying, *"You are the branches."* He spoke of the need of pruning in our lives.

Pruning is the prerogative of the Master Gardener. Because we belong to Him, He decides where the cutting must take place. It is a painful process for us! We so easily become comfortable with the "status quo," with the quality and quantity of last year's fruit. We're OK with a few cosmetic changes, a few little twigs trimmed here and there, but nothing major, Please!

Fortunately for us, the wise Master Gardener knows best. He sees the potential for increased fruitfulness that we haven't even dreamed of. But He also knows how painful it will be for us to submit to His pruning knife.

Isn't it amazing how we will submit our physical bodies to a fallible human being (a doctor), to correct some physical condition that hinders our ability to perform physically; but we often struggle to submit to the pruning of the all-sovereign Creator? Certainly, the One who created us knows us better than any earthly physician, and His procedures are always perfect!

Jesus told us how the pruning process is accomplished, at least in part. He said, *"...you are clean through the Word which I have spoken to you."* It is continuing exposure to the Word and obedience to its precepts that "cuts away" the hindrances to increasing fruitfulness.

Will you accept the temporary pain of pruning for the eternal reward of increased fruitfulness? It is His prerogative, you know. Let the Master Gardener evaluate your life and identify those areas that need to be pruned away. The process will be painful, but He is gentle. Commit yourself to the obedience that leads to increased fruitfulness. You will be glad you did!

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

  
J. Mark Horst, President

# Stewardship Through Faith and Patience

I stand in awe and worship as I review **ALL** that God has done and is doing through the ministry of Heralds of Hope, Inc. His bountiful provision through your gifts at year-end was a real blessing, encouragement, and a personal faith-builder.

I must confess my "little" faith as I was recently reviewing the year-to-date 2011 financial report with J. Mark. We were already \$25,000 short of our General Fund budget.

But guess what? When I opened today's mail there was an estate gift of \$23,570! Indeed, I was rebuked when I researched the places where Jesus shared the thought, "O ye of little faith.." This thought is repeated five times in the Gospels. How slow we are to trust God's many promises to provide for **ALL** our needs.

As you noticed on the front page of this newsletter, we are facing a large need. What better eternal investment can there be, than to give a seeker a copy of the life-changing Word of God? If we **ALL** prayerfully consider how God would have us to invest, I'm sure this large need can be met.

May each one of us be faithful and diligent in our stewardship of the resources God allows us to manage. Hebrews 6:10-12 says, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Trusting in God,  
Bob Kauffman

## “...buried with him by baptism into death.”

On Saturday afternoon 11th of December 2010, after the Church service, we started walking to the Nakhu River (we have renamed it, Jordan River) which is a one-hour walk from our church. Not all the church members could go to the Baptism service as they had to go to their work. In our country there is no concept of a day of rest. Most of the laborers and garment workers have to work 7 days a week.



We reached the river at 2 pm. Once there, we found the river was too shallow. It was impossible to dip the believers in the river. So, we started digging in the river and making stone walls to make the river deeper. The river water was very cold as it originates from the nearby mountain. It was around 5 degrees Celsius (41 Fahrenheit). It was stinky as well, because there are many pig farms on the river side that dump all the animal waste into the river.

But these things did not stop the high spirit of our 5 brothers. We believe that God has prepared for us a more beautiful and clean heavenly place where we will live for eternity.

We started singing songs and praising God. Then I shared a short message from Rom. 6: 3-14, reminding the 5 baptism candidates that this baptism is the picture of burying the old sinful, wicked life and receiving the new born-again life so that we should walk in newness of life. After the sermon, I asked each candidate if they have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. I also asked them if they believe that Christ died for their sins and Christ's blood alone can save them from their sins. I asked them if this is their own willingness to be baptized or if they are forced by any other person. We also gave them a document to sign to make sure that nobody will accuse us of proselytizing by force. After the affirmative answers and filling out the form, the church leaders as well as the church members prayed for each individual who were going to be baptized.



We started baptizing the 5 brothers one after another in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost according to the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matt 28:19. One Brother, named Kumar, proclaimed that he has to dump his old sinful nature into the river and become a new creature in Jesus Christ. Brother Kumar formerly was an alcoholic and a gambler. He received Christ through the Christian literature. After believing in Christ, it took some time to give up his habits. But by the grace of God he overcame his habits. So, he made a commitment in Christ that he has dumped his old habits and will live a life filled with Holy Ghost.



The water was so cold and stinky but by the grace of God we could baptize them. After that we declared them members of the body of Christ and the members of Zion Salvation Church. The church members congratulated the newly baptized believers. Then we presented Bibles to each of those who were baptized. We all prayed together, giving thanks to God who alone is worthy to be praised and who saved these precious souls for eternity. We returned home with great joy and happiness.

We thank God and you all for encouraging us through prayer and support. We thank all who contributed their valuable gifts for literature and Bibles. Your valuable gifts have blessed many souls and we are very thankful to God and to all righteous saints.

God bless you all!

In Christ,

Anand Sinha & Zion Salvation Church family.

**Praise God for this e-mail update  
from Pastor Anand in Nepal!**