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Malawi Bibles Reach Destination



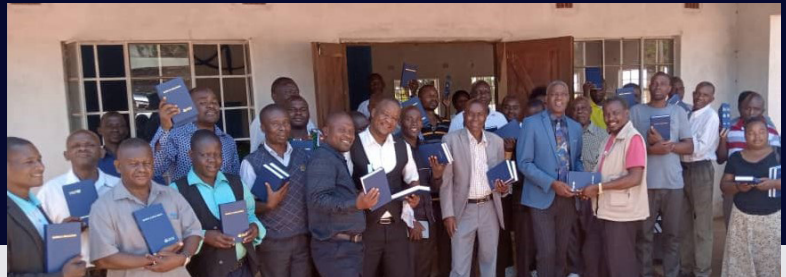
In 2023, HOH has shipped thousands of Bibles to partners in several countries. See page 5 for more info.

"Glory and honor be unto the Lord for the wonderful treasure of God's Word received. We are grateful for the additional Bibles.

This year, the Bibles have gone a long way because the pastors who have churches in rural remote areas were given more, so that the church branches where the need is greatest receive some.

I am glad to report that some Bibles have been sent to rural places. I am doing church planting across Malawi."

- Pastor directing distribution



Bibles in Uganda

More Bibles have arrived in Uganda, Africa! Please pray for safe and just distribution of these Bibles to Ugandans.



Hear more stories and updates
at [www.heraldsofhope.org/
blog](http://www.heraldsofhope.org/blog) or on social media!

Financial Status (YTD)

HOH strives to keep you informed of the current status of our budget, needs, opportunities, and how God is providing! The chart below indicates our annual budgeted income and expenses this year.

INCOME: NOV 30

\$1,795,735.08

\$2,150,600.00

EXPENSES: NOV 30

\$1,896,409.72

\$2,147,600.00

 Actual

 Budget

From the Director's Desk

Praise the Lord

In Psalm 50, God declares to His people, *"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me..."* (Psalm 50:23a). Throughout the psalm, God accepts the regular animal sacrifices, but what He really wants is the offering of thanksgiving!

As I write this article, we are rejoicing with thanksgiving. In a previous newsletter, I noted that we needed additional funds to meet our projected budget for 2023. Over the last months, you have responded generously! **A special thank you to those who attended one of our banquets in October.**

I am writing this before the year-end, so we don't yet know how the fiscal year finished out. I am optimistic due to the generous response thus far.

Next year, we are planning to expand into

additional languages. We hope to finalize Bengali and Dari in the next few months. Bemba will be on the air very soon, and Portuguese Creole (for West Africa) is in the research stage.

We have plans to focus more efforts on internet "broadcasting" through YouTube and social media. Pray for Heralds of Hope as we develop new markets and evaluate existing ones. Our hope and desire are to share clear Bible teaching with the world.



Blessings,

Anthony High,
Executive Director

Listen to Broadcasts: English

In our next issue:

We will highlight a Domestic Radio broadcast in your area or somewhere in North America.

HOPE FOR TODAY

1170 MW

South Africa | Friday 21:30

A list of the USA and international radio stations that air our *Voice of Hope* and *Hope for Today* broadcasts is available on our website: heraldsofhope.org/listen



Radio Responses

Meet Macedonian-Speaking Listeners

Cover Photo from Macedonia

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“I live in a village in Albania, and we do not have a church here. Since my husband got sick and is paralyzed in bed, I have not been able to go to the church that is in the nearby village.

My son gave me a solar radio and I have been listening since then. I'm very thankful that each day I can be in the presence of God and listen. I have been studying for the first time the book of Revelation while listening to your Heralds of Hope program. Now I understand the Bible much better.”

“The first program I listened to on Radio 7 Macedonia, was when I was at the hairdresser. She had a solar powered radio and told me about this new program. I was surprised because I never heard a program on the radio about the Bible. Everyone stayed silent so we could understand the Word of God. I felt a fear in my heart that it was important to be right with God. I could not live my life like God didn't matter to me.

Since then, I have been listening, and I read the Bible for the first time in my life. Thank you for these programs.”

“I have been listening to HOH for a long time.”

“I listen to Radio 7 daily because it is different from all the other stations in our country. The programs give me a lot of inner peace. I am a Russian orthodox believer, and though I always had a Bible, I never opened it. I was told that only the priests can understand the Bible, and we do what we are told. Through your program, I was encouraged to read the Bible myself for the first time.

This radio program has helped me a lot to understand the Gospels. I like that the teacher studies every chapter of the Gospel. I never thought that the Gospels had so much teaching about every day life. I learned from the program how to forgive others, and, since then, my relationships have improved greatly.”

“Our family was deeply shaken when my wife was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Pain and depression fell on all of us. It was in those moments that I began listening for the first time to a HOH study.”

Our Macedonian programs are fully-funded!

To learn about other needs, please contact us or designate your gift for “International Radio,” at www.heraldssofhope.org/give





Evaluate, Adjust, Respond

The Best and the Worst

As we reflect on 2023 and God's goodness, we have seen the best and worst of Bible distribution. This year was better than any other, and on the other hand, it was more difficult because of deception we discovered.

Just over a year ago, we began getting requests from Zambia. As we worked with these leaders, requests increased. We bought Bibles for the leaders from local bookstores, or so we thought. These leaders even sent us pictures and testimonies from their Bible distribution. As the requests and purchases increased, we looked for ways to validate the work.

We heard from another partner that he was considering a trip to Zambia. We wanted to go along and check on our contacts there. He discussed this with his contacts in Zambia, and they decided to investigate before the trip. They went to the town where the main bookstore was supposedly located, and they could not find a thing. We were shocked to hear this, and immediately we stopped our purchases. Unfortunately, we still don't know which leaders are connected to these "bookstores" and which ones are not.

While we were in Zambia, we made good contacts and feel good moving forward with them. Overall, the "disappearing" bookstores have had a positive impact on HOH and our Bible distribution program. We are working to create better procedures and more accountability with our partners.

Thankfully, it was not all negative in 2023. Bibles we helped print were delivered to eight countries in Africa. It is exciting to see and hear the reports that are coming in! Another positive, was to have a leader in Malawi pay for Bible transportation and storage. This is a small step toward vision and support for Bibles coming from within the country. Pray with us for people with this heart and vision to increase.

Through the ups and downs, God is good! He is worthy, and this never changes like our circumstances do. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.



Arlin Horst
Director of Development





The HOH Team Visits Guinea-Bissau | More photos on the back page



HOH Team Travels

Visiting Guinea-Bissau, Africa

On November 28th, we flew to Dakar, Senegal followed by another local flight to Cap Skirring. From here we traveled by land to Bissau, Guinea-Bissau.

The purpose of our trip was to meet with the organization who received a container of Bibles from Heralds of Hope. We have been working on this project for almost a year, and it is exciting to see the copies of the Bible in the hands of believers. This project was unique because the church in Guinea-Bissau has had great difficulty getting Bibles in the Portuguese Creole language for four years.

While in Guinea-Bissau, we took some time to travel with Training2Send staff members to see the work they are engaged in with training church leaders. The local churches have been experiencing exponential growth and this has led to a great need for Bibles. It was humbling to see the hunger for the Word of God.

We also discussed the possibility of broadcasting in the local language on Radio Voz de Esperanza (translated as Voice of Hope Radio) in the capital city.

We left having gained new friends and wonderful relationships with the church in Guinea-Bissau, as well as an understanding of the need for more Bibles in the future.

- Anthony High



A Word from the Bible Teacher

Living Hope for 2024

We have a saying, “as long as there’s life, there’s hope.” A Jewish man once said, “As long as there’s hope, there’s life.” Without hope, life isn’t worth living!

The resurrection of Jesus is the source of our living hope. The apostle Paul wrote in First Corinthians 15:19, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most miserable.” Jesus is the only source of living hope. And even though we know Him, you and I still battle with discouragement. Every day, we exercise our hope in Him by trusting in His promises.

An indestructible inheritance is the seal of our living hope. Peter wrote that our inheritance is incorruptible, untainted by sin, and eternal. In contrast to an earthly inheritance, your heavenly, eternal inheritance is guaranteed, but it does have a condition. Peter says, “[We] are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” As long as we continue to walk by faith, our inheritance is secure. How do we prove that we walk by faith? The whole epistle of James reminds us that faith

without corresponding action is dead.

Our sufferings develop the reality of our living hope. Suffering reminds us that physical life is temporary. I recently reached 65 years of age, and I understand better what Paul wrote to the Corinthian Believers, “Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

Our suffering brothers and sisters embrace this living hope. And they are so confident in that hope that they are willing to give everything, even life itself, to secure that eternal inheritance. Nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ.

Do you have a living hope like that? Is the source of your hope in the resurrection of Jesus? Have you accepted your indestructible inheritance as the seal of your living hope? And are the struggles and sufferings of life increasing the reality of your living hope?

Let’s ask God to help us better understand and practice these aspects of our living hope in 2024.



In the HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst
Bible Teacher



**Do you have a
Living Hope
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Giving Through Foundations

Options for Anonymous Giving

Did you know that people use charitable gift funds to donate anonymously to Heralds of Hope? We're so grateful for the way God is prompting His people to generously give through Anabaptist Foundation. We're also happy to answer any questions you have.

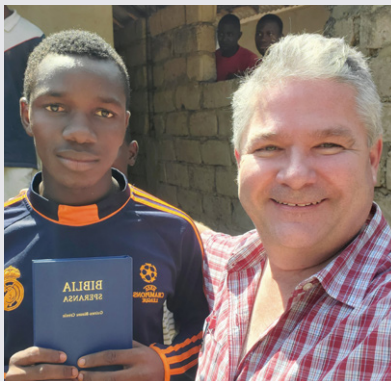
If you would like to know more about how you can anonymously support HOH through Anabaptist Foundation, contact the foundation for details.

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More Photos from Guinea-Bissau Trip

See page 6 for more information, and stay tuned for updates!



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