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A REFUGE FOR REFUGEES

Have you wished you could go to Italy, or Greece, or Spain to work in the refugee camps; to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them? Have you wished you could help reach out to these hurting people with HOPE in the midst of their hopelessness?

It's true, these people need to find homes; places where they can settle permanently to live, work, raise their families, and build a future. But more than that, they need a heavenly home; a refuge, a dwelling place that can never be taken from them. Reports from the refugee camps indicate that many Muslims are coming to faith in Christ. **But who will disciple them when they leave those camps and move on into the heart of Europe?**

Announcing HOH's Newest Opportunity

By the grace of God, HOH has been given the privilege to share the only true Refuge with these refugees. On November 3rd we began airing our weekly Arabic language program from a powerful 1,000 watt



Refugee Camp in Lesvos, Greece

AM radio station in Monte Carlo, Monaco. While the signal doesn't reach many of the refugee camps, it does reach into the major part of Europe where refugees are settling after they leave the camps.

Based on our other broadcasts into predominately Muslim areas, we believe this broadcast has great potential to reach Arabic speaking, Muslim refugees. Here's proof from one of those other language broadcasts.

"Hi, I grew up in a conservative family. We have been always told that Islam is a religion of wisdom and that it has high ethical standards and understanding. Also, we have been told that Christians are immoral and that the Bible allows everything. When I listened to your program I have to say that I was shocked. It was totally not how we have been taught. I understood then that I have been raised up with a lie for years. Your wisdom and ethic is much higher than ours. Be



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TURKISH TESTIMONIES

“I call your program ‘my life giving program,’ because through your program my life has changed. Since the first day I listened I wanted to get a Bible and read it. There is a church close to my office but I was not aware of it before. I asked them for a Bible and they gave me one. I do pray every day to Jesus. I know that He loves and He cares about me. I don’t feel alone anymore. I have set my hope in Him.”

- from a 31-year-old female listener

“Hello, I found your program by accident when I was searching for new channels at the radio. I did not understand at first that it was a Christian program. I thought that someone with a nice voice is giving Islamic advice. I love to listen to such teachings, especially when I am driving. After a while, I understood that it was a Christian program and was very surprised. I did not know that there was Christian radio in our country. I decided to get a Bible

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Representative photo of a Turkish man : via pixabay.com

and started to read. Now I am regularly listening to your program for 9 months.”

- from a 29-year-old male listener

Testimonies edited for clarity and brevity.

Please pray with us for Turkey and these needs shared from the radio station in Istanbul:

- We are praying for our children and families for the protection of Lord. We trust Him. Who else do we have?
- Please pray that the Lord will deliver many Turkish people from darkness, that they will find their hope in Christ.

BIBLE APPRECIATION

“Thank you for bringing our souls closer to God. We received the Hope Bibles you sent. Those who received them were so happy. Others were crying because they did not get one. Some that have been backsliding have run back to Jesus and are begging us to ask you for more Holy Bibles.”

- Brother Bulkem, Nigeria

“Dear Pastor, thank you a billion times for the Bible you sent to me. I really appreciate it, and I am so happy. Now I can read my Bible every day.”

- Kelvin, Nigeria

“I do not know how to thank you enough for the Bible you sent to me. I am one of the happiest persons on earth today. God bless you all.”

- Segun, Nigeria

“I cannot hide the goodness of the Lord over the Bible you sent to me. I have started reading it and the Lord has been wonderful to me. There’s nothing like the Word of God.”

- Benji, Nigeria





THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

THE GLORY THAT EXCELS

In II Corinthians 3:9, the law is referred to as the ministry of condemnation. Condemnation is judgment. It means to be pronounced guilty as charged; to suffer the sentence of punishment for your misdeeds. Yet the law, the ministry of condemnation, had a glory in revealing the holiness of God and His righteous standard.

On the other hand is the ministry of righteousness, or justification. Justification is pardon; it is an act of grace. Someone else has taken our sentence and paid the penalty. We are pronounced righteous by virtue of our acceptance of Christ's righteousness. His righteousness transforms us! No wonder Paul says that the law (condemnation) had no glory in comparison to the justification offered us in Christ!

This is what we celebrate at Christmas. The glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ (John 1:14). Hebrews 1:3 speaks of Jesus as "the brightness of (the Father's) glory and the express image of His person." Paul says in the final verse of this chapter that we gaze openly on the glory of the Lord and are transformed into the same image!

The glory revealed on Mt. Sinai was a fading glory because it did not touch the hearts of men. It gave them a list of rules and regulations but no transforming power to obey. It was a ministration of condemnation. Imagine the frustration of being told to keep the law and being told at the same time that it's impossible to do it. The glory revealed at Bethlehem was altogether different. The glory displayed in the night sky to the watching shepherds is not a fading glory. That glory grew with the coming of the Magi and with the revelation of John the Baptist. It was revealed in a short burst on the Mount of Transfiguration. It shook the earth and raised the dead at the crucifixion. The empty tomb added more rays and it took a quantum leap forward with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

It is a glory that continues to grow with each new addition to the family of God, as people from every tribe and tongue and nation embrace the glory of the cross. It is a glory that begins as a small spark in our lives and grows until ultimately we are perfected in His image when we enter His eternal presence.

Sincerely in the HOPE of the Gospel,

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

Stewardship

PLANNING YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

Year-end is an ideal time to re-view your important financial matters. Planning now can help you balance your personal and charitable goals for the remainder of this year and into the future.

US tax laws permit reduced taxes on amounts used to make charitable gifts. As faithful stewards of God's blessings we should make our charitable gifts in ways that enable us to give more while also reducing our taxes.

Those who have IRA's and are 70 or older, can give the required annual withdrawal amount directly to a charity. By doing this, the required withdrawal amount does not need to be included in your taxable income. This allows you to give a donation to a charity and save on your income taxes. This provision was made permanent last year. Contact your IRA administrator for more information.

Another opportunity is a Gift Annuity. They provide lifetime income, immediate and long term tax savings, and a future gift at your decease to a charity you choose. They can be funded with cash or Securities. A minimum investment of \$10,000 is required. The payment rate is determined by your age. You can e-mail bob@heraldsofhope.org or call 440-313-8408 if you have questions.

Grace & Peace, Bob Kauffman

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cause of this I got a Bible and started to read it. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I have no one with whom I can share this, but I wanted to tell you about it. Thank you for given me a new beginning.”

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could sit down with this young man, this new Believer, and begin to teach him the “all things” that Jesus commanded us to teach? People like this are so eager to learn, so hungry for the truth of God's Word! He is like the Ethiopian government official mentioned in Acts 8. When asked by Philip if he understood what he was reading, he said; “How can I (understand) unless someone guides me?”

While it's not the same as having a flesh and blood person sitting with you, our radio broadcasts can help guide listeners to a deeper understanding of God's Word and how it intersects with their lives.



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FEATURED PRODUCT

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens- \$10

What's Inside: 2 CDs - Approximately 2 hours of listening enjoyment!

Set in the 1840s on Christmas Eve, *A Christmas Carol* chronicles the personal transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, the proprietor of a London counting house.

On Christmas Eve Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley. In life Marley was very similar to Scrooge: remote, cruel, and parsimonious. In death he has learned the value of compassion and warns Scrooge to reform his ways before it is too late. Marley announces that Scrooge will be visited by three more specters: the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Enjoy this delightful tale of transformation in the true spirit of Christmas!

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These story CD sets make wonderful gifts!

Re-mastered!

