



## “GOD IS SPEAKING TO ME”

“My life is too terrible now. I am a fornicator and a drunkard. My wife and myself are not living together anymore. She has remarried, but each time I listen to you, God is speaking to me. Please help me out of this terrible situation.”

**“... each time I listen to you,  
God is speaking to me.”**

This heart-cry comes from a listener to our Hausa (pronounced: HOW-suh) language broadcasts in Nigeria.

We recently received an audience report from Trans World Radio. They produce these programs for us. The report covered the six-month period from March to September of this year. That means there were twenty-three 15-minute broadcasts, once each week. And the number of

responses was 6,406!

That is an average of 278 listener responses for each *Hope for Today* broadcast.

**Each 15-minute broadcast costs \$227.75 for translation, air-time, and follow-up.** If you divide that cost by the number of responses to each broadcast, **each of those listeners was reached for about \$.82 (82 cents)!**

Praise God for the power of electronic media to effectively and economically reach so many people for so little money. And please pray for the salvation of the listener whose text message is printed above.

Would you like to share the hope of Christ with Muslim Hausa people in Nigeria, Africa?  
*Please designate your gift for the Hausa Broadcast.*



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A Nigerian Muslim Festival  
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## MEMORIES OF HBS CRAIG'S EXPERIENCE IN NEPAL

I praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him and His church by teaching at the Himalayan Bible School. It was a blessing to share the word of God with those that are hungry to serve the God who has delivered them from darkness into the light, from empty idolatry into relationship with the one true God. Of the 50 students, about 80% of them were first-generation Christians and their energy shined through. It was very exciting and beautiful.

Many Nepalese do not know all the amazing Bible stories or how they fit together with the deeper things of God's word. They all have family and friends that are not believers and are at differing levels of resistance to them. There is a price to be considered before you profess faith in Jesus Christ. But for more and more that understand the dark emptiness of idolatry and the real life, abundant life, that Jesus Christ offers, the price is more of a purifying thing than a negative.

The atmosphere they create is full of joy and desire to learn and grow and serve in some capacity to help others that are being drawn out of the world and drawn to Christ. (It gave me the feeling of what I have always imagined it was like for the first century church.) They are realizing that the gospel is counter-cultural.

They are now the children of Light, in the middle of much darkness. They have a calling and a responsibility. To be able to go into that part of the world called the 10/40 window, to have the opportunity to teach and share the Word of God to hungry souls was very



encouraging. They sat on the floor in hot and cool weather for 8 to 10 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 3 weeks. They encouraged me and blessed me more than I can communicate in words. May the Lord build His church.

- Craig Swartzentruber

*Craig and Marita serve as the pastoral couple at River of Hope Fellowship, Fairfield, Montana.*



## UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS



If you are receiving forwarded mail, **now is the time to let us know of your change of address.** Otherwise, after 12 months, you will no longer receive our newsletter.

If your name or business is misspelled on the envelope, we would be glad to correct it.

Also, if your envelope does not include a ZIP+4 Code (54321-2222), make sure that your address does not have errors or missing information. Then let us know so we can improve efficiency and save postage. Thank you!

Contact us by phone, email, or snail mail using the information below.





## THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

### THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

As part of the celebration of our 50th year of ministry, we are using this column to highlight our Statement of Faith; outlining the core beliefs of the organization.

**Article 7:** We believe that the **Christian Life** is total commitment to the Lordship of Christ; that every Believer is entrusted by the Lord with the stewardship of the Gospel; that Christians will conduct their affairs consistent with this commitment and entrustment so that all they are and have contributes to the spread of the Gospel.

Article 7 is based on the following Scriptures (NKJV):

Luke 9:23-24. *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory..."*

Matthew 28:18-20. *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

I Peter 1:13-16. *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

**YOUR ETERNAL REWARDS WILL BE BASED ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL!**

Sincerely in the HOPE of the Gospel,

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

## Stewardship

### YEAR-END INVESTING

The Scriptures remind us, the fields are white and ready to harvest.<sup>1</sup> And we must work while it is day, for the night is coming.<sup>2</sup>

Heralding the Gospel by electronic media reaches large numbers of people where missionaries cannot go. Our merciful God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."<sup>3</sup>

Because of your faithful prayers and investments, thousands of people have heard and/or read the Good News of God's Word.

**Native pastors are so grateful for the Bibles and literature to help evangelize their villages. They are pleading for more because the needs are great.**

Pastor Umba from the Congo sent the following testimony;

*"We are so happy to receive the Hope News in Kisongye language. We haven't had literature in our language, so it is like missionaries that are touching the hearts of many people. Also, the Swahili Bibles are so good for us as we have missed not having God's Word in our language. May God richly bless the donors and HOH!"*

Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with us here at year end, so we can keep sharing "All the Word to All the World!"

For God's Glory,  
Bob Kauffman

1 John 4:35  
2 John 9:4  
3 2 Peter 3:9

## DONORS SHARE THEIR STORIES

We asked, "What's your story? Why do you partner with Heralds of Hope?" Thank you for your encouraging replies!

"Ever since hearing about your ministry (at a local Community Center presentation), we've appreciated HOH as a channel of truth proclamation. Indeed, I see your work as a continuation of the call of the Apostle Paul.

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and apostleship to call*

*all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. Romans 1:1-5.*

Continue to spread the Word!"

David Peachey, Jr., Maryland

"From the very beginning, my pastor was a close friend of the Yoder's. So, I have been familiar from the beginning of Heralds of Hope and have always been interested in the work. It was exciting to be involved from the beginning.

Later, I had the privilege of visiting J. Otis and Isabelle Yoder and seeing the operations of Heralds of Hope. It was very intriguing to me."

Fannie Ellen Yoder, Michigan

## BIBLES ARE ARRIVING - BIBLE PROJECT UPDATE

Malawi



Pakistan



Congo



## FEATURED PRODUCT

*Sod House Winter* read by J. Otis Yoder - \$16

What's Inside: 5 CDs - 5+ hours of engaging storytelling

This is a saga of the Larsson family immigrating from Sweden to the plains of Minnesota. After spending eleven stormy weeks aboard ship, the weary Larssons arrive in New York. Part of their journey to Minnesota is traveled by walking, with adventures along the way.

*Sod House Winter: They Came from Sweden* is written by Clara Ingram Judson.

To order *Sod House Winter*, call our offices toll-free at 1-866-960-0292, or email us at [hope@heraldsofhope.org](mailto:hope@heraldsofhope.org)

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Christmas  
gift!

