



## QUEBEC – MESSAGES OF HOPE

### Aujourd'hui l'Espoir (AE)

provides a phone line, called The Hope Line, where individuals can call and ask questions about the Christian faith. The volunteers who answer the phone connect individuals with a local church to provide continued resources and discipleship.

Mrs. F is a woman who contacted The Hope Line. Annabelle, The Hope Line coordinator, connected Mrs. F to a friend who lives in the same area. The friend, Lorraine, met with Mrs. F and shared the following:

*"(Mrs F) explained to me that while listening to the radio program, she was so moved that she began to cry. Her heart felt torn and empty. She desired to know more about God. She then decided to watch one of the gospel programs available on AE's website. At the closing of the program, AE's contact information was provided. She immediately called, and that is how Annabelle helped us to connect.*

*"I had three phone conversations with Mrs. F. I listened to her story, answered her questions, and explained the good news of the gospel to her. Clearly, she was ready to pray and ask Jesus into her heart, committing her life to follow Jesus. I gave her a Bible, as well as a practical study on the Gospel of John. The next day, she attended the service at a church near where she lives and received a warm welcome."*

### Update on the FM Project

For the past few years, TWR-Canada has been working together with AE and Galcom on a Christian radio station project for Quebec. The current web radio station will be the basis for the flagship station and up to 100 repeater stations across the province. The initial application was denied due to technicalities. We have rewritten the application, which will be submitted soon. We hope to receive an answer from the CRTC by the end of this year.

**We ask that you pray for the CRTC to view our proposal and grant approval for the FM stations.**

*- Portions of a report from TWR-Canada*

### MATCHING FUND UPDATE!

The goal of the Matching Fund was to raise \$50K to match TWO \$50K matching offers, or a total of

**\$150,000.00**

toward our unfunded and under-funded international radio broadcasts.

**PRAISE GOD, as of the July 31 deadline, we have received a total of**

**\$239,157.58!**



## FINISHING THE RACE (CONTINUED)

Second, we find great comfort in the writer's description that the race is "marked out for us." God has a plan for our lives. To discover it requires us to run the course before us today. We so often suffer from a restless search for God's future will for us and often ignore and neglect the very thing before us now.

Third, is the admonition to persist. We are told to run the race "with perseverance". This is the essence of marathon running and the heart of the Christian life.

Fourth, we must maintain proper perspective. "Fix your eyes on Jesus." Remember why you are running the race and remember Whom it is that enables you to succeed. Consider Him so that you will not grow weary and lose heart!

Last, note the writer's emphasis on how many have run the race before us. Referred to as a "great cloud of witnesses", they are not just observers, but have walked where we have walked, run the same race, and have finished the course!

Heralds of Hope walks in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have gone before us, and if not for this heritage, we could not even do the work we do today.

Rather than winning the Olympic Marathon, John Stephen Aikhwari finished bloodied, bandaged, and in last place—but he finished. Where are you in your journey of faith and service? God has called you to finish the race and will welcome you Himself with the everlasting arms of the Savior.

*Adapted from NRB Today*

Sincerely in the HOPE of the Gospel,



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

## FINAL ADDRESS UPDATE



Our new address correction system is up and running. Now, when you file a change-of-address with the USPS, it will automatically update in our system. But no system is perfect. **If you stop receiving our newsletter, or are getting it at the wrong address, please contact us.** We can shelter your address from the auto-update.

Address quality is very important. This summer we had several thank-you letters that we were unable to send with the original information. You can help us stay in touch by providing information not tied to a physical address. A cellphone number or email address can be helpful.

Thank you for your help with this, and we'll turn this space back over to testimonies.

- Eric Druist, Mailroom

## BIBLE LESSONS FOR GHANA



These students are grateful for their new Bible lessons! They thank the church in Pennsylvania, who raised funds through their summer VBS to pay for the printing of these lessons.





## THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

### FINISHING THE RACE

**J**ohn Stephen Akhwari is an Olympic legend. In the 1960s, he was an elite middle- and long-distance runner.

The Olympic Marathon began in the afternoon of October 20, 1968. With the sharp report of the starter's pistol, the runners began their long journey in the warm Mexican sun and John Steven Akhwari moved deftly to the front of the pack.

Four hours later, there were only a few thousand spectators still milling about in Olympic Stadium. In the cool of the lengthening dusk, the last of the exhausted marathon runners were receiving treatment at first-aid stations or being carried off in stretchers. The winner of the race, an Ethiopian, had crossed the finish line more than an hour before.

Preparing to leave, the last spectators were startled by the sounds of police sirens approaching the stadium gate. As the gate opened, into the stadium came a solitary figure, the last man to finish the Olympic Marathon—John Stephen Akhwari.

Earlier in the race, Akhwari was severely injured in a collision and fall. Urged to quit and seek treatment, he refused. Bloodied and bandaged he continued on, with each step of his shuffling gait rewarding him with sharp pain.

Shaking and grimacing, he hobbled around the stadium track and finished the race. The remaining spectators rose and cheered him as though he had won.

Asked why he continued in spite of his injury, and knowing that he had no hope of winning, John Stephen Akhwari replied, "My country did not send me 7,000 miles to start the race; they sent me 7,000 miles to finish it."

The writer of Hebrews uses the metaphor of a race to describe our journey as Christians in this world (Hebrews 12). The race in view there is certainly a marathon—a life-long exertion of faith.

Among the many nuggets impounded within this metaphor, five should command our regular attention. The first is the directive to run. Like any physical race, living out our faith requires great effort, a spiritual striving, discipline, exertion, and determination. It isn't always easy, but we must run nonetheless!

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## Stewardship ETERNAL FRUIT

Your very generous giving for the double matching fund was so encouraging! Because you cared and shared, many seekers will hear the Good News of God's Word. Pray with us for much eternal fruit to result like the following testimony from Algeria;

*"I have found Jesus! Because of you I am joyfully living my faith!"*

Also praise God with us for the other eternal fruit that is resulting from our Bible and literature distribution.

Following is a testimony from Brother Evance from Malawi;

*"Thank you very much for your Bibles and teaching materials! They are helping us to prepare teachings which are bringing people to salvation and spiritual growth! We hope to have more Bibles and teaching materials both in Chichewa and English for distribution as soon as they are available!"*

Because of several large gifts, we are printing 10,000 hard cover Hope Bibles in a larger font. These NKJV Bibles cost \$4.70 each plus shipping. Plans are to ship 3,000 each to ministry partners in Malawi, Kenya, Ghana, and 1,000 to Ethiopia. These partners are currently out of Bibles. **We still need \$15,500 to complete this Bible printing project.** Please contact us if you would like to help!

Praise God for Eternal Fruit!

Bob Kauffman

## HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE



Dipesh

Pabita

Barsha

Ganga

Sandesh

Sameera



Apsara

Sagun

Ruth

Anjana

Bishnu

Suni

In years past, we provided an annual update on the orphanage ministry in Nepal (Hope Children's Home). Numbers of you have faithfully supported these children. WE APOLOGIZE for neglecting the annual update in 2018. As usual, some of the children have reached sufficient age to leave the orphanage. That means the child you were sponsoring may no longer be in the home.



Rupa

Nishma

Sahanaz

**We are working to reconnect you with the child you were sponsoring or with a new child.** Again, we apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Please pray that God would continue to enable the work of Hope Children's Home in Nepal. - J. Mark Horst

### FEATURED PRODUCT

*The Law & the Gospel* by J. Otis Yoder - \$5

What's Inside: Sermons from Galatians - 118 pages

Many people today think that the Law and the Gospel are in opposition to each other. Since we live in the age of grace, some say the Law is no longer needed. What really is the relationship of these two?

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