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The Word is Life

Upcoming Programs

20 Benefit Concert | Drayton Reformed*
 MAR Drayton, Ontario | 7:30PM
 Music by New Heights Quartet

22 Countryside Menn. Church*
 MAR Hawkesville, Ontario | 10:55AM

22 Fairview Menn. Church
 MAR Reading, PA | 9:25AM

22 Bradford Menn. Church*
 MAR Bradford, PA | 6:00PM

24 Spring Banquet | Der Dutchman
 MAR Walnut Creek, OH | 6:30PM
RSVP to 330.465.8200 | Music by Amish Youth

25 Truth & Grace Menn. Church
 MAR Elnora, IN | 6:30PM

25 Fresh Start Chapel*
 MAR Washington, IN | 7:00PM

26 North Vine Menn. Church
 MAR Arthur, IL | 7:00PM

26 Linn Menn. Church*
 MAR Roanoke, IL | 7:00PM

27 Spring Banquet | Essenhouse
 MAR Middlebury, IN | 6:30PM
RSVP to 574.596.6707 | Music by Amos Raber's

29 Abundant Life Christian Fellowship
 MAR Townville, PA | 9:45AM

29 Pleasant View Conservative
 MAR Cochran, PA | 6:00PM

05 Mid-Valley Menn. Church
 APR State Line, PA | 10:00AM

08 Susquehanna Menn. Church
 APR Port Trevorton, PA | 7:00PM

09 Morning View Menn. Church
 APR Singers Glen, VA | 7:00PM



Ohene Kumi
 Torch Ministries—Ghana

* Ohene will not be at the events marked by an asterisk.

Notice: Banquets are a RSVP only event. Please call one of the following to make your reservations.

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Prayer Call

You can find the Prayer Calendar [here](#).

Bible Bulletin



"I asked my father to buy a Bible, but he did not have the money. I saw the hand of God when I received a Bible. I could not believe it was happening!"

The President's View

Why Radio?

Radio is important in the 21st century because it provides an opportunity for people who cannot access the internet and cannot read to keep up-to-date on the news and trends. Radio also provides portable entertainment and information for many; according to an American Media Services survey, 78 percent of individuals listen to radio in the car.

The radio is important in both developing and developed countries for providing information. It can function when TV stations cannot and is more easily accessed than the newspaper. The information given over the radio can be broadcast to a large number of listeners and provides them with instantaneous information.¹

People from all around the world can search the airwaves for reliable sources of information even when phone lines are cut, and the internet is blocked.²

Radio is everywhere, reaching consumers...whether they are at home, at work, or in their car...delivering messages 24/7 to consumers personally, one-on-one, in an attentive environment.

Radio's fundamental strength continues to be the power of words and sound...its human voice...

Unlike other media, the radio experience remains intact platform to platform – whether it is delivered on a desktop, in a car, MP3 player, or cell phone. These platforms allow radio to maintain its local presence while also delivering to a national audience. New technologies are increasing and enhancing listeners radio experience through text messaging, mobile applications, time-shifted listening via podcasts, word-of-mouth forums, and other opportunities.³

In today's high-tech world, it can be easy to overlook the importance of radio. Radio may be old, but it's still going strong. It continues to serve as the primary source of information for most people in the world.

And it is especially important for rural communities in Africa, where it is the communication tool of choice of some of the world's most vulnerable people: Africa's small-scale farmers.

76% of African farmers have access to a radio—18% mobile phone, 3% Internet, 2% landline.

Radio can reach communities at the very end of the development road — people who live in areas with no phones and no electricity. Radio reaches people who can't read or write. Even in very poor communities, radio penetration is vast.

Most farmers in developing countries won't have internet access in their lifetime. About four-fifths of the world's people don't even have access to a telephone. But, with more than 800 million radios in developing countries, an average of one in ten people has a radio.⁴

1 www.reference.com/technology/radio-important-7baceff1ed4f32f4

2 www.reference.com/technology/radio-important-society-3e11b43ce1243b40

3 www.themediaonline.co.za/2011/06/why-radio-is-more-relevant-today-than-ever-before/

4 www.farmradio.org/about-us/why-radio/

Sincerely in the HOPE of the Gospel,
J. Mark Horst

President | HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

Commitment and Compassion

Baptism of Abdul

Brother Abdul is a former Muslim. He heard the Gospel through the radio program, and accepted Christ 2 years ago. He is a tailor and is working in garment factory in the city. He is joining our church fellowship. He requested water baptism as he wanted to become a disciple of Christ and to grow in faith. We gave him water baptism in a secret location.

We gave him the most precious gift, a Holy Bible in the Urdu language to meditate in the word and to grow in faith. He is the only believer in his family and he has the keen desire to see his family members saved in Christ. Kindly keep in prayer for him for his spiritual growth and his desire to share the gospel to his family members.



Sewing Course Graduation

We went to a village in southern Nepal (name withheld) for the sewing course graduation program. We were holding sewing course for some women in this village to help them become self-supporting with sewing skills. We also shared the gospel with them.

The sewing classes were held in a local church. The pastor's wife is the teacher who is giving students sewing lessons. The students of the sewing class who were present for graduation program welcomed us. Those who attended the graduation were villagers, mostly students, parents, and family members.

We thanked the students for their desire to learn the sewing course and for their hard work. We encouraged the students to apply their skills to be self-supporting and to support their families also. We distributed achievement certificate to six students who had completed the sewing classes. The students are very grateful for the opportunity to learn sewing skills and thanked us for that. They told us this skill will enable them to make some income.

The parents are also very happy that their daughters have benefited through the sewing classes. Their parents thanked us for bringing this kind of training course in their village. At the end of the program we prayed to Almighty God to bless the students and their families with divine blessings.

5 out of 6 students have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Please pray that they will be able to preserve their faith by the grace of God.

The above information is shared by our ministry partner from Nepal. Faces have been darkened and some information changed to protect Believers from reprisal/persecution.

Stewardship - Eternal Investments!

I'm so grateful for each of you who pray and give! Your investments in eternity are a blessing, encouragement and answer to prayer.

Because you care and share, seekers can hear the Good News of the Gospel or receive a copy of God's Word;

From our Nepali broadcasts,

"I have been listening to the Heralds of Hope program for 3 years. Through this program I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour. The program is so powerful that it helped me change my sinful habits... I now have the mind-set to help others."

From our Turkish broadcast in Istanbul, Turkey;

"The first time when I listened to your program my boss was very upset... I started to listen in secret...after a month I decided to give my heart to Jesus. Nobody knows about it... I'm scared I will lose my job or that my family will be angry with me. Please pray for me."

From Malawi, *"You are a great blessing to me and the people of my area. I am begging you to assist my evangelism team with English and Chichewa Bibles, Hope News tracts, and your sermon books for the sake of lost souls and for spiritual growth in our Churches."*

From Nigeria Bible recipients, *"My dream finally came true. Thanks so much for the Bible."*

Keep pressing on!
Bob Kauffman

Radio Listeners Respond! - Nepal, Nepali Language



"I am a very constant listener for two years. I have received lots of blessing through the HOH program. In my two years of experience, I can say it is being a tutor and good teacher for me and my spiritual life. **I always find new applicable and practical spiritual lessons that I am learning and applying in my life.** I am known as a regular listener of the HOH program, because I call the TWR-Nepal office and send them letters and text messages too. So TWR staff know me well."

(Testimonies edited for brevity and clarity. Representative photos via unsplash.com)

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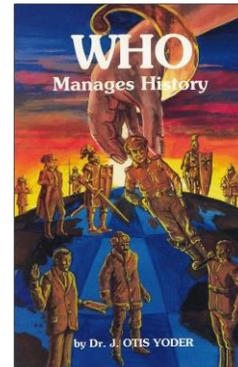


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