



**“MY SALVATION IS SURE . . . ”**

**Nigeria Fact Sheet**

- is the largest country in Africa by population
- has a Christian group of nearly 50% of the population
- is home to Boko Haram, a militant and ruthless Islamic group
- ranks 12th on Open Doors World Watch List for persecution
- is a Tier 1 Country of Particular Concern (USCIRF 2019)\*
- leads the world in Christian martyrdom: 100 deaths in January 2020 alone!

The facts about Nigeria are sobering, and our hearts ache for our suffering Brothers and Sisters. By God’s grace and your partnership, we are evangelizing Muslims and discipling Christ-followers through our weekly Hausa-language program.

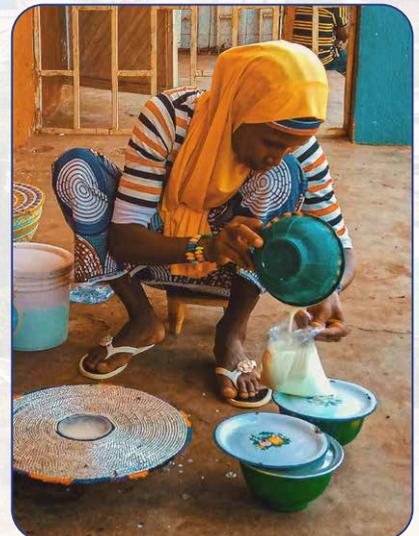
The impact of our broadcast continues to amaze us! Every time we receive a six-month report from Trans World Radio (TWR), the number of listener responses jumps dramatically. In March–September 2020, there were **14,147 responses** to twenty-six weekly broadcasts. **The average number of responses for each fifteen-minute broadcast is 544.** Talk about return on investment!

In light of both the need and the response, we want to add another weekly fifteen-minute Hausa program. TWR has informed us that airtime is available. Each broadcast costs \$227.00, making a total annual cost of \$11,804.00. The HOH Board of Directors has given us approval to sign a contract for this addition if we can raise the needed funds.

Here’s what your help could mean to a listener in Nigeria.

*“My salvation is sure because of what I have learned from Heralds of Hope Hausa programs. Thank you so much.”*

Read more testimonies on the back page.



\*United States Commission on Int’l Religious Freedom

## SWEET FELLOWSHIP - TOUR REPORT

By God's grace, Joyce and I were able to present the work of Heralds of Hope on a PR trip from October 13 through 31. We conducted fifteen programs in twelve different states while traveling more than 5,600 miles! Only one program was cancelled because of COVID-19, but even that cancellation resulted in a divine appointment. God is good.

We encountered much beautiful autumn scenery along the way, especially in some states and areas we'd never visited before. But more importantly, we enjoyed sweet fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.



We felt welcomed, loved, and cared for by our hosts. Thank you to each of you who shared so graciously with us in this way.

We were encouraged by the desire of attendees to help get the Gospel to the unreached and to disciple new Believers. During our programs, many thoughtful questions were asked, and we had the privilege of explaining the process of having our English Bible teaching scripts translated and produced as radio programs in other languages.

Many people were surprised by the reach of a ministry that has a staff number of just eight people. I reminded them that without their prayers and financial support, none of what we do would be possible. We praise God that numerous churches and individuals expressed interest in a greater level of partnership with us. We arrived home tired in body, but refreshed in spirit, grateful for the opportunity to have such sweet fellowship.

- J. Mark Horst

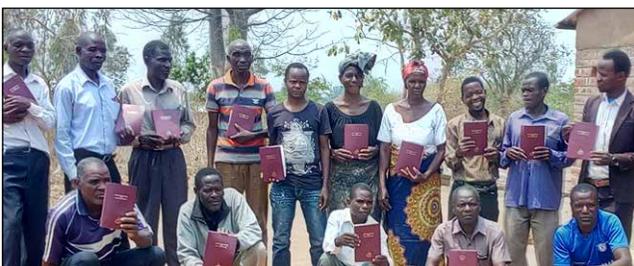
## BIBLE BULLETIN

*Recipients in Malawi share their thankfulness for Bibles. Please pray for them!*

"I am very happy in receiving this Bible as I didn't have one before. I will testify to sisters and brothers, for them to know Jesus and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior. Thank you."

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"As a pastor, thank you very much for giving this Bible to me. This Bible shall help me in teaching, preaching and witnessing to different people in my area. Thank you very much and God bless you."



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"I have a living testimony that I have a Bible that I shall be using for witnessing. Thank you."

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"I want to thank you for the Bible I have received. This is my first step of having a holy Bible in our family since I became a Christian ten years ago. I was just hearing the Gospel from our Evangelist who is the only person in our church that has a Bible."

### **Bibles & Literature**

International mail has fully reopened!

We are shipping Hope Bibles, library boxes, and tracts & literature once more. Learn about these resources on our website, and pray for us as we catch up with requests.





## THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

### TRUE RELIGION

**R**eligion is a word that often gets a “bad rap.” Perhaps it is because it is seen as something formal or dead. Karl Marx famously said, “Religion is the opium of the people.” He saw it as a coping mechanism for the weak to get through life.

Some people say they are spiritual but not religious. They may be interested in Christianity but they reject the externals of the faith. Others, like Richard Dawkins, see religion as superstition, even fanaticism. Michael Ward says, “There can be bad religion and good religion; bad religion done well; good religion done badly; mediocre religion done well or badly—just as in the case with science.”

But what is religion; and what is true religion? The etymology of the word shows us it means something like “*tying back together*,” *re-ligamenting*; *seeking oneness*, *integration*, or *wholeness*. In a sense, it is the opposite of analysis, which means loosening up. Analysis is important, it helps us understand how things work; but things only work if we put them back together, when we reconnect them. Neither analysis, nor religion is an end in itself.

True religion should always be capable of reform. It must be open to self-criticism and criticism from the outside. It must be open to revision in light of new knowledge and understanding (provided, the knowledge and understanding is Biblical). The Luddite impulse must be resisted, i.e. “We have always done things this way and we must always do things this way.”

True religion needs to be understood in two senses: it both *does* and *is*. There is the religious impulse of tying things back together; we might call it the outworking of religion. Then, there's religion itself; the recurring pattern of analysis and reintegration working together to keep religion from becoming a mummified corpse.

True religion calls us to analyze our relationship to God and His Word; it challenges us to a better integration of life and faith. It will also show us how to serve the world around us with a spirit of humility and love.

In the hope of the Gospel,  
J. Mark Horst, President  
HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

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## Stewardship

### THE WORD ON THE STREET

The Bible is a precious book for all followers of Jesus. It gives us a way to grow in our knowledge and relationship with Him. The reception of this book can vary widely. It has been rejected, burned, loved, copied by hand, ignored, and explained away. But it has a powerful presence that cannot be overlooked. When people read and study this book, the Holy Spirit draws them to God Himself.

Our family visited New York City a few years ago where I was introduced to the idea of a “Bible stand.” I knew that in my community, people have easy access to buy a Bible, or access the text on the internet. But I decided to try it. I simply placed a sign by my small table that read “FREE GIFT.” Some people walked by and ignored me, others turned back after walking a few steps past, and still others immediately stopped to see what I was handing out.

I concluded that giving a gift of a Bible can open doors to a deeper conversation. There is something about personal interaction in gift-giving that is much different than searching for a website.

#### **GIVE A BIBLE?**

Would you or your church be interested in obtaining Bibles to distribute at a local fair or vendor show? Or perhaps you know of a busy sidewalk in your community. Contact our office and we can ship a box or two of our Hope Bibles for distribution. We would ask for a donation to cover our costs.

Tony High, Administrative Assitant

# RADIO LISTENERS RESPOND!

## NIGERIA : HAUSA LANGUAGE

*Please pray for Hausa-speaking listeners! As you see below, Hausa-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ are asking us for more radio programming in their language. We would love to provide an additional airing for them.*



“We are here facing Boko Haram.\* You are our source of encouragement.

Would it be possible to increase the time slot of Heralds of Hope and add 30 minutes for us?”

“I write to thank you for your prayers. Please pray for me as I still have some ill-health challenges.”

“Heralds of Hope programs have changed my life! Thank you for this program.

“I am a blind man who enjoys Heralds of Hope programs. Thank you for the teachings.”

“I am enjoying your program Heralds of Hope, it is very edifying. Thank you; please continue teaching us.”

“My life is weak spiritually; what Heralds of Hope is teaching about the King of Kings, has touched me. Please pray for me.”

“HOH program is too short, but very rich spiritually. May the Grace of our Lord be with you.”

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**Hausa people are asking for more programs!**

To help send the Gospel to Nigerians, please designate your gift with “Hausa Radio.”

\*Boko Haram is a militant, violent Islamic movement.

## FEATURED PRODUCT

*Sod House Winter* Clara Ingram Johnson  
Read by J. Otis Yoder | \$20

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.

**To order your copy of this audiobook, please use the contact information below.**



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