



## HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Each new year begins with a question, “What will the year bring?” Though we don’t know the answer to that question, we do know that “the future is just as bright as the promises of God.”

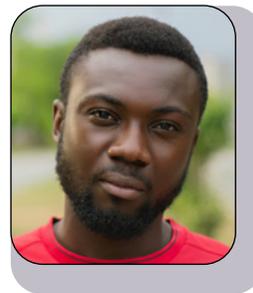
In many respects, 2020 was not a bright year. COVID-19 was a reminder of the uncertainty and brevity of life. It also reminded us that God isn’t limited by our circumstances! And God motivated from you, our HOPE family, an outpouring of prayer and financial support that left us in awe.

By God’s grace and your generosity, four new language broadcasts to Central Asia will begin in 2021. The programs in **Tajik** and **Kazakh** began January 1. The **Uzbek** and **Central Asia Russian** are slated to begin in March. These broadcasts will potentially reach hundreds of thousands of people with the Gospel in one of the most under-reached areas of the world.



### SAYING YES TO HAUSA-SPEAKERS

Also beginning in March, Lord willing, is an ad-



ditional broadcast to Nigeria in the **Hausa** language. Our Hausa broadcasts generate more than 540 responses to EVERY 15-minute program! Listeners have been begging for more programs; now we look forward to what God will do through this.

We also began a broadcast in the **Macedonian** language to the country of North Macedonia. This is possible through our partnership with Radio 7, which already produces and airs our Albanian broadcasts. Located on the Balkan peninsula next to Albania and Greece, the majority religions of North Macedonia are Eastern Orthodox and Muslim. Because Turkish is widely spoken in this country, that is an additional broadcast possibility.



**THANK YOU so much for your partnership that enables these new and vital broadcasts.** We rest in the confidence of God’s promise that His Word will accomplish what He sends it to do!

**See the back page for listener responses!**  
In this issue, we’re featuring stories from Arabic-speakers. Many people are receiving hope.

## HOH STAFF & BOARD CELEBRATE

The evening of December 3, 2020, Heralds of Hope staff, board members, and their families met at Slate Hill Mennonite Fellowship Hall. We started the event with a delicious meal, then proceeded with the activities that were planned for the evening.

The Sensenig family led us in a time of worship with their string quartet and the singing of several carols. They asked us to join them on the last verse of Silent Night. As the final notes of the song died away, I thought about how beautiful it was that families



and individuals from different areas and walks of life could come together and celebrate Jesus' birthday. What a wonderful gift!



The special feature of the evening was a chalk drawing by Bonnie Sensenig. It was amazing how she took a canvas with only a few lines and turned it into a pretty winter scene. While she was drawing, her husband played Christmas music and shared a Christmas reading. When she was finished, the main lights were turned off and a special black light was turned on the canvas, revealing a picture of Mary and baby Jesus that had been hidden while she was drawing. It was really neat to watch!

This evening was also a farewell for Bob Kauffman, honoring his upcoming retirement in January 2021. J. Mark Horst and Tony High presented Bob with an engraved world map in honor of his 13 years of service. As a newcomer to the team, I haven't seen all of the things Bob has accomplished, but he definitely has left an impression on this ministry. His knowledge, his personal relationships, and his wisdom will be greatly missed. We know he isn't retiring from serving God, he is just doing it in other ways. **May God bless you for your service, Bob!**

- Janette Martin

## BIBLE BULLETIN

*Recipients in Malawi share their thankfulness for Bibles. Please pray for their faith and witness!*

**"We were praying to have a Bible,** and today looks to be amazing day to receive a gift of Bible! We greatly appreciate you for sharing the word of God to us. Please do this to others. Thanks for reaching out to everyone with the Word of God, we will happily study the Bibles in our homes and share the Word of God with our loved ones. God bless you all."

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"We are very happy to receive the Bible, **we hope that our lives will not be same!** Thanks to Heralds of Hope, may our Good Lord Jesus Christ bless them abundantly, for their spirit of generosity."

## GOD PROVIDES

Since our PR events were limited this year, we recorded two of them. That way, if you weren't able to attend, you can still get a "taste" of what part of it was like. God provided for HOH abundantly this year, so these events focused on sharing updated information and allowing us to thank you personally.

Please use the following link to access the "Thank You" video. [www.heraldssofhope.org/thank-you](http://www.heraldssofhope.org/thank-you)

If you would like to experience the whole virtual program, **contact us to receive it in February.**





## THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

### IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.” Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

This quote is eerily descriptive of our times. 2020 is a year we won't soon forget! The paranoia and fear mongering surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has left even the steadiest among us a bit disoriented. Conflicting information and general incompetence from a wide variety of “experts” has broken trust in long-venerated institutions. While the disease was deadly, we now know, in many cases, the mandated cures were worse than the disease!

In scenes reminiscent of the French Revolution, the wealthy and powerful of the world continue to oppress and crush the poor and powerless. They make rules for the masses that they themselves refuse to follow. Some live lavishly while others live in grinding poverty. Powerful international corporations exploit slave laborers to build the latest gadgets and gear for a world gone technologically mad.

And yet, in all of this, God *was* and *is* at work! Despite the dire predictions of a worldwide catastrophe and the drumbeat of gloomy economic news, many ministries, including HOH, received more donations this past year than ever before! This allowed us to expand the radio outreach by five additional languages! (See the front page for the details.)

The lock downs around the world brought about unprecedented exposure to the Gospel as millions of people with unexpected “free time” accessed radio, TV, and social media. Jesus is fulfilling His promise to build His church, snatching the lost from the desperate clutches of Satan himself. It is your prayers and financial support that have helped make the Gospel so readily available!

Praise God, the winter of despair is giving way to the spring of HOPE!

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

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## Stewardship

### STARTING OVER

Did you ever wish you could start over? We reboot our computers, in conversation we start over to get better wording, so why not restart the whole year? I know the answer, but I admit there are times I wish I could do it.

Do you really want to restart a whole year? I'm glad God doesn't allow that. There are no time warps, no alternate universe, no “wrinkle in time” that allows us to change our place in time. There's no doubt that 2020 was a difficult year, and for me, it brought many changes. I'm not sure I would change anything if I could. The mistakes I made and the things I experienced taught me many lessons. I grew and I learned through the difficulties.

For Heralds of Hope, 2020 was that kind of year. It was difficult. We had to cancel many of our events. Most of the staff experienced some sickness from COVID-19, and we know people who died from it. But there was also growth happening. We added staff and were blessed financially beyond measure by our partners. We were pushed to investigate new ways of doing public relations and broadcasting, and some of our office processes were streamlined.

It's truly amazing what God has done throughout this difficult year. I am excited to see what 2021 has in store. God shines the brightest when life becomes darker. I say THANK YOU for the prayers, support, and financial gifts!

Tony High, Administrative Assistant

## RADIO LISTENERS RESPOND!

### ARABIC LANGUAGE

*Please pray for Arabic-speaking listeners! God is reaching them in many areas of the world.*



“Thank you with all of my heart! You are a blessing to many. Thank you for helping us Christians to stay on the right path. May the Lord bless this ministry.”

- Joseph, **Egypt**

“I’ve been listening for some time now, and I feel that I need to let you know that and simply say “thank you” for helping me grow in my faith.

- Sameh, **Syria**

“Doubt grows through tough circumstances in my life. I always believed in Jesus, but life took me far

away from Him, and I let it do that. You have been with me all along, and when I needed to feel hope, I listened to your episodes. I need your prayers for my family to know Jesus and be saved. I would like to stay in touch with your team as I listen to your program, because I feel His Word is making a difference. I feel stronger when I am with Him. Thank you so much.”

- Mariam, **Morocco**

“I need this program in my life; it is helping me carry on with joy and hope in my heart. Please pray for me.”

- Oscar, **Sudan**

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**Our Arabic programs are not fully funded!**

To help send the Gospel to Arabic-speakers, please designate your gift for “Arabic Radio.”

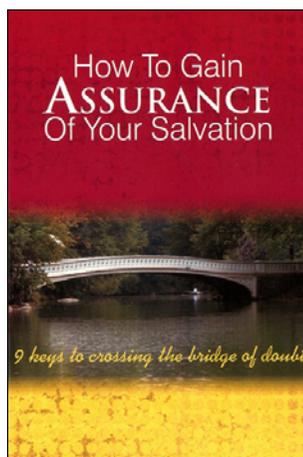
### FEATURED PRODUCT

*How to Gain Assurance of Your Salvation*

B. Charles Hostetter | \$3

Do Christians ever doubt their salvation? In this broken, sin-cursed earth it can be difficult to remember ourselves held and kept by the grace of Christ. In this small book, B. Charles Hostetter offers comforting truth to help you gain or regain assurance of your salvation.

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