



# HOPE HORIZONS

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# HOPE Bibles

## Distribution in Kenya and Zambia



*HOH team members are evaluating Bible distribution in two countries. See page 5 for more pictures and info.*

Stay tuned for more stories and updates from the team that traveled to Kenya and Zambia!



## Financial Status (YTD)

HOH strives to keep you informed of the current status of our budget, needs, opportunities, and how God is providing! The chart below indicates our annual budgeted income and expenses this year.

### INCOME: SEPT 30

**\$1,238,264.58**

**\$1,612,949.97**

### EXPENSES:

**\$1,626,844.45**

**\$1,610,700.12**

Hear more stories and updates at [www.heraldsofhope.org/blog](http://www.heraldsofhope.org/blog) or on social media!



"Time flies" is a worn-out adage used to express amazement at the passage of time. As I write this article, the leaves are changing, and the mornings require an extra layer of warmth.

I have also been studying our financial reports and have noticed a change in the past three years. It seems that the black has started to turn red. From 2020 to 2022 we were blessed in excess. In the past two years we have adjusted our goals to put the funds to use. We were able to print many more Bibles than previous years in multiple languages and have been working on expanding into new languages.

We have also recognized a need to pursue in-person accountability with our distribution partners. This does increase our costs, but we believe it will

help us to build better relationships and evaluate the needs of our partners. By the next newsletter, we should have more information on trips to Kenya, Zambia, and Guinea-Bissau.

As we reach the end of the third quarter, we are experiencing a "slow season" downturn and a changing economy. As of September 30, we need an additional \$900,000 to complete our budget for the year. Would you be willing to partner with



Blessings,

Anthony High,  
*Executive Director*



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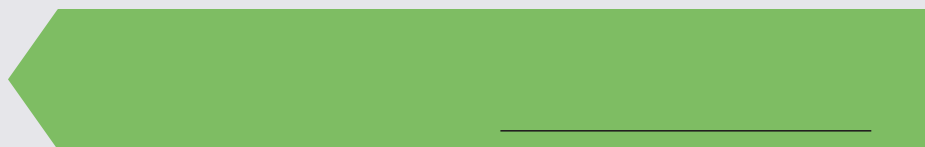
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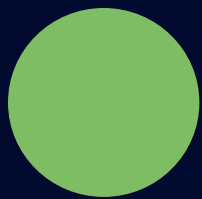
Kavita is 80% physically disabled. She had great faith in religion and rituals. Despite her disability, she would observe all the religious ceremonies. She says she had heard the name of Jesus before but thought he, too, is one of the gods.

**Her life was not easy, and she was slowly getting discouraged and depressed.** Our [partner] staff member met her during field visits. As he works among people like her, she too was encouraged with how he helps others notwithstanding his physical condition. He encouraged her to read and listen to the Word of God.

She attended our Women's Seminar and learned how to study the Bible. She decided to read the Bible regularly and meditate upon it as taught in the seminar. She says, **"I now know that Jesus is Truth, Way, and Life. I found joy and salvation in Him.** I know Jesus loves me despite my physical condition. I want to love and serve Him all my life."

**"[By your program] I'm encouraged and have a positive attitude toward life's challenges."**





# Creating Connections

## HOH Team Visits Africa

Since 2020, we have realized the insufficiency of Zoom calls and online meetings. We are thankful for this technology, but it is not a substitute for in-person connection. We value the chance to meet our partners, and thank God for the opportunity to travel to Eldoret, Kenya, and meet with Pastor Joe.

One of the highlights of our trip was a pastor's meeting hosted by Joe at the Vine Sanctuary. Pastor Joe invited all the leaders who had benefited from Hope Bibles. There was a nice representation of pastors, with close to 300 churches represented at this meeting.

The three of us shared different aspects of HOH and a challenge from the Word. The instant connection and camaraderie we had while meeting for the first time is not something we can make up on our own, and we thank God for His Spirit's guidance.

Another highlight was hearing the testimonies of a few leaders who had taken our Bibles to rural areas. One had Bibles sent via mail to the town ahead of him. He





# Read for Hope!

## 4th Annual December Read-A-Thon

Reading for a month helps others read the Word of God! Do you want to participate? Sign up, gather your books, and join us from December 1–31, 2023.

Forms and sample letters are available to make this an easy process. Registration is open! Sign-up or learn more at [www.heralldsofhope.org/read-a-thon/](http://www.heralldsofhope.org/read-a-thon/) and read to put Bibles into waiting hands!



## You're Invited!

### Join Us at an Event

**November 19, 2023 | 10 AM**

Great Trail Christian Church  
6132 Arrow Road.  
Minerva, OH 44657

**November 22, 2023 | 7 PM**

Newberry Christian Menn. Fellowship  
2233 Linn Street.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

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*All event details are here: [heralldsofhope.org/events](http://heralldsofhope.org/events).*

*Would you like us to give a presentation at your church? Contact us to set one up!*

*This column is adapted from “Listening to the Language of the Bible” by Lois Tverberg with Bruce Okema*

Proverbs 9:10 reads like this: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

The Hebrew word for fear is *yir’ah* (YEER-ah). The “fear of the Lord” is a common expression in the Bible. This expression has been interpreted by some to mean that we should be afraid of God. In Ephesians 5:21 Paul writes about “the fear of God [Christ].”

But *yir’ah* is a very rich word in Hebrew and is used many times in a positive way. Some examples are Isaiah 11:2-3 and Proverbs 22:4. Like many Hebrew words, *yir’ah* has a broader meaning that encompasses things like honor, respect, reverence, and worshipful awe. When we read the word “reverence” in the OT, it is most often *yir’ah*.

This fear of the Lord allows you and me to grow in intimate knowledge of God and reassures us of His power and control over



In the HOPE of the Gospel,

J. Mark Horst  
*Bible Teacher*

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