Can you imagine celebrating Advent without the knowledge given to us in the Holy Scripture? What would that be like? The greatest gifts ever given to humankind are revealed through the Living Word and in the written Word!

But imagine, like this 63-year-old lady from Zimbabwe, that you’ve never had a copy of the Scriptures until a donor from Heralds of Hope made it possible. Or how about the man from Nigeria who wrote to tell us that he received a Bible from us in 1984? In the front of his Bible was this quote, “Sin will keep you from this book, and this book will keep you from sin.” He said that message still guides his life today.

It is because of the testimonies of people like this and the continuing cries for Bibles in indigenous languages that we decided to use our Year-End Fund Letter for Bible purchases and distribution. As you can see from the graph, we haven’t yet reached our goal. But rest assured, whatever is given will be used to place copies of the complete Scripture in the hands of eager recipients.

Thank you so much for giving the gift of the written Word to introduce people to the Living Word!

WHAT’S INSIDE?
Bibles to Zimbabwe - Agnella’s Story
See You at REACH!
We are excited to share testimonies with you from our Bible distribution in Zimbabwe. This is the first time we have distributed Shona-language Bibles to the Masvingo area of Zimbabwe. We thank God for leading us in this partnership. Their testimonies are powerful, and remind us how privileged we are to have God’s Word so accessible. May we never take it for granted. Stories like this are not possible without your support, so we sincerely thank you for your interest in spreading God’s Word. - Arlin Horst

**AGNELLA’S STORY**

1. What is your name and age?

I am Agnella, a 65-year-old mother of 7 sons and 4 grandchildren. My husband is a retired builder. We are subsistence farmers.

2. Who introduced you to this program?

I was introduced to this program by Pastor Muchayengani. It is hard to believe that in our nation and economy someone was willing to give us Bibles for free.

3. How were you selected out of more than 300 hundred participants?

I attribute this to the grace of God, because for a very long time, I desired to have my own Bible. The price of Bibles in our bookstores prevented me from buying one.

When the Bibles were brought to our centre, I was confident that I was going to get one. A lot of people wanted to receive this precious gift. Pastor Muchayengani introduced the hat system. Our names were written on small papers and thrown into the hat. Anyone whose name was picked would receive a Bible. This was very fair and transparent. One tall guy was selected to hold the hat and another lady was given the task of picking the papers. It was very interesting because all eyes were on these two. I thank God because the first paper that was picked had my name on it. Everyone present really liked this system. I am very happy to be a proud owner of this Bible.

4. What is your vision for the future?

I feel very happy knowing that at last I have a Bible. I am very active in women’s ministry and now that I have a Bible, I am going to double my effort. I have received a new lease of life. Having received a copy of the Bible, I am encouraged and motivated to do more for the Lord because God is with me.

5. Do you have anything to tell Heralds of Hope?

Heralds of Hope, thank you very much for reaching me and my community with the true word of God. It is very difficult to buy Shona-language Bibles in this country, but through your benevolence, I am a proud owner of a personal copy of the precious book of life.
A BRIGHT FUTURE

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, I appreciate the words of Adoniram Judson. He said, “The future is as bright as the promises of God.”

Yes, despite all the fear-mongering about COVID-19 and its variants, despite rising rates of crime in our major cities, and despite the shrill cries of doom by climate-change alarmists, I am excited about the year 2022. Why? Because of the promises of God!

Do we need to fear disease and death? Absolutely not! While things like this are not pleasant to experience, God definitely uses them to work in our lives. Our experience with Joyce’s cancer is one we wouldn’t wish for anyone, but we continue to see God demonstrate His presence and power as He walks with us. He has given us peace and assurance that we belong to Him and He makes no mistakes.

But what about the possibility of experiencing violence? Should that make us fearful? No! Jesus said we should fear the One who can destroy soul and body in Hell, not the one who can only destroy the body. Satan thought if he could get God’s permission to touch Job’s physical body, that would cause Job to curse God. How did that work out? Job said, and I paraphrase, “Even if He kills me, I will still trust Him.” That statement seems like the raving of a lunatic—until you know who God is.

Climate-change hysteria promoted by the world’s elite is poisoning the minds of the world’s young people. They believe the planet is doomed. Yet God promised Noah (Genesis 8:22) that “while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” Is God trustworthy? Absolutely. Which of His promises has He failed to keep?

I am confident, along with the apostle Paul, “...that He who has begun a good work in you [and me] will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ...” And then, when that Day comes, we will enter into a future that is indescribable from our present perspective.

May YOUR future be as bright as the promises of God!

In the hope of the Gospel,
J. Mark Horst, Bible Teacher

HOPE CHILDREN’S HOME UPDATE II

In the last newsletter, I explained the changes taking place with the Hope Children’s Home in Nepal. If you missed the article, Heralds of Hope is discontinuing the orphan support program. Conditions in Nepal left us uncertain as to how we should proceed. Soon after the newsletter was sent, we learned that Anand is able to connect with SAFE Asia, a support ministry based in Canon City, CO. They focus on assisting indigenous ministries in caring for vulnerable children. We are rejoicing that Hope Children’s Home can work with them to continue serving the vulnerable in Nepal.

If you want to continue supporting the Hope Children’s Home in Kathmandu, Nepal, please contact SAFE at: PO Box 505, Canon City, CO 81215, or email safeasia2016@gmail.com or call 719-275-3396.

LEGACY DONATIONS

Wills, annuities, and trusts are planning tools for something we do not like to talk about, death. I recently received a call from someone who wanted to know how to bless Heralds of Hope in his will. I find this to be a tremendous honor. While we are not financial advisors, we can point you to the right people to assist you if you would like to bless Heralds of Hope in this way. Please give the office a call at 1-866-960-0292 or email hope@heraldsofhope.org to ask for more information.

Tony High, Executive Director
NEPAL: NEPALI LANGUAGE

The following testimonies are provided by TWR (Trans World Radio). Please pray for these listeners!

“I know about the HOH program and it’s special in our life—so awesome. I would like to pour out my heart that two months ago my mother passed away. She is my only one so tender, caring, and loving, and my reason to live in this earth. I felt I lost everything, now I have no one, I thought why should I live? Whom should I live for?

In that moment, God spoke about hope in Jesus and purpose to live on the earth through the book of Revelation. These words of God revived me. I should say to everyone, ‘please listen to this program.’”

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“Life has lots of difficulties and stress, but today God has enabled me to manage. I was an unstable man, but when the word of God taught me to be stable in him, I became a man of endeavor. Do you know what is the secret of this? I love to hear and obey the word of God! I am a keen listener of your radio program—it’s a priority in my life. I encourage all people to listen to you. Thank you, HOH program.”

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“I am from the Tharu community, but I can speak the Nepali language very well. I am a good listener of the HOH program. For two years, I have been listening to TWR programs. I came to know about it from one of my Christian neighbors. As soon as I connected with the HOH program, I haven’t let it go, even a single day.

My life is full of religion, I never harm anyone and always try to help humans, so I prove much respect and honor to each of the gods.

As I connected with this Christian program, it became regular in my life. Day by day, listening and asking curious questions to my neighbors, it led me to strong belief that without Jesus, we don’t have salvation. One day, I went to the church, and the pastor treated me with respect. I felt so peaceful in my heart, and decided to give my life to God. So, I connected with TWR staff, and he came and gave me the class. His regular follow-up led me to baptism. God is so great and gracious. I still listen to TWR programs, especially the HOH program.”

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Our Nepali-language programs are not fully sponsored. To help send the Gospel in Nepali, please designate your gift for “Nepali Radio.”