



MINISTRY THROUGH MEDIA

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Dear Friend,

We pray that this letter finds you doing well in the grace of the One who is able to make a way where there is no way (Isaiah 43:16-19) . . . who is able to “*set a table in the wilderness*” (Psalm 78:19-27) . . . who is able to “*supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:19) . . . and who has promised to do so if we will “*seek first His kingdom and His righteousness*” (Matthew 6:33).

I know I’ve opened with a very long run-on sentence. But I just had to get that thought out, and I didn’t want to take half a page to do it. As it is, there is not enough space in this letter to share all that God has been doing in, through, and around the ministry of Mars Hill thus far in 2009. But I will share a few things as examples, and I hope they encourage you to remember that our God is not restrained by anything!

The Khmer HOPE . . .

Khmer is the main language of Cambodia. Our ministry partners for The Khmer HOPE are missionaries, Kirk and Kelle Richter, from Boerne, Texas. Recently they’ve updated their ministry website to include an online version of The Khmer HOPE, and various photos and slide shows of how they are using The HOPE to share the Gospel in a variety of settings. Here are just a few photos from their website . . .



Before the first screening, the Khmer HOPE was dedicated to God.



At a Church in Phnom Penh people get copies of The HOPE to share with friends.



The Khmer HOPE on display at a Missions Conference in Cambodia



Getting to a remote village and setting up a screening of The HOPE is a labor of love.



“What’s this big white thing in our field?” For many, this will be their first “movie.”



People turn out to see a movie about a God-man who rose from the grave.

We praise God for how He is using The HOPE in Cambodia. We also praise Him that similar stories with The HOPE are being lived out regularly by other missionaries in many other nations around the world. To learn more about The Khmer HOPE visit www.his-handsandfeet.org/hope_video.html.

God Provides a Producer & Production Equipment for New Translations of The HOPE . . .

In 2008, after more than 50 years of spreading the gospel through media, one of our most beloved ministry partners closed their doors. Over the past three decades, Gospel Communications and Mars Hill partnered in film projects that were used to bring thousands of people around the world to faith in Christ. We praise God for all He did through our relationship.

In their final chapter of ministry, Gospel Communications blessed us by donating all of their production and post-production equipment to Mars Hill in order to further the mission of The HOPE. What's more, their International Director, David Zeoli, decided to continue working with us to produce translations of The HOPE. With Gospel Communications, David had been involved in the Bambara, Swahili, and Romanian versions of The HOPE. David is so committed to The HOPE that he is raising the funds to produce 2-3 translations a year. David's first translation project of this year is Tagalog, a major language of the Philippines.



David Zeoli directing "The Gift," a film addressing the HIV/Aids epidemic in Africa.

A Model Partnership . . .



Calvary Chapel in Melbourne found a way to reach their own community for Christ, and fund The Creole HOPE.

Creole is a main language in Haiti. Being committed to ministry in Haiti, Calvary Chapel of Melbourne, Florida, decided to take the lead in producing a Creole version of The HOPE. They prayed for a creative way to fund the project, and God gave them an idea . . .

On a weekend in March, they showed The HOPE in all their services. Encouraging people to share The HOPE with others, they also offered DVDs for sale. They said that all the proceeds would go to fund The Creole HOPE. That weekend, 87 people made decisions for Christ, and they sold nearly 4,000 DVDs. What a way to reach a community and another nation at the same time!

The stories in this letter represent the kinds of things God is doing with The HOPE around the world. And it is all possible because God has raised up people like you who pray for, and help fund the work. If you are ever interested in helping fund a special project, we would love to connect you with an opportunity that will bring people to Christ. For instance, an inner city Church in Philadelphia is praying now for the funds to launch a door to door evangelistic campaign with The HOPE. A youth ministry in Hong Kong needs funding to take 5,000 DVDs into mainland China. And there are more opportunities like these. God is moving, but as we see so often, He moves through people. Thank you so much for your interest in this ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Fred Carpenter
President