

December 2012

Dear Friend,

I pray this finds you and your loved ones doing well in His grace during this special season!

For 35 years, I've written December letters like this one, trying to communicate what God had done that year through Mars Hill. There has never been a year more difficult to summarize. God has done so much more than I can express in a letter. We are exceedingly grateful! And here are some highlights . . .

From God's Heart to Their Heart - In January, a Mars Hill team took The Creole HOPE to Haiti and witnessed how important it is for people to see and hear the Gospel in their primary tongue; their heart language. This kind of divine exchange is now being repeated often in Haiti and around the world. The HOPE is currently in 50 languages, with over 40 new translation projects in process.



The Mars Hill team will not forget those in Haiti who stood motionless watching The HOPE in their language.

Reaching the Least Known - We are thrilled to have a role in reaching people groups that most of the world has never heard of. In 2012, we completed translations of The HOPE for the Kanayatn People of Indonesia, the Triqui Indians of Mexico and the Waiapi Tribe of Brazil (who number only about 2,000).



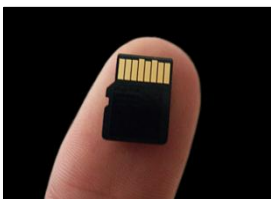
Unknown to the world, these Waiapi children are known by God.

Harvest Time in Meso-America - In the first 3 quarters of 2012, Harvest Partners showed The HOPE to 14,024 villagers in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. 1,021

men, women and children made a first time decision to follow Christ and 909 asked to be disciplined.



Children eagerly await the movie that has come to their village.



Not the Only Game in Town - In partnership with the Digital Bible Society we distributed 50,000 DVDs and Micro SD cards containing The Arabic HOPE at the Summer Olympic Games. Much of this media was given to visiting Christians from the Middle East for circulation back in their home countries. A Micro SD chip (picture left) can slide into a smart phone slot and hold a Bible, other Christian writings and a full length video of The HOPE.



Guarding the Trust - In the middle of all this ministry we conducted an audit and submitted the documentation necessary to maintain our accreditation with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. The ECFA is an association of nearly 1,700 evangelical nonprofit ministries requiring the highest standards of financial accountability and disclosure.

Reaching the World at Our Doorstep - There are now over 700,000 International students in the U.S. The HOPE continues to be one of the primary tools used by Bridges International and many other campus ministries to reach International students for Christ.

HOPE on the Amazon - Authorities are increasingly barring missionary activity in the Amazon Basin. However, God is raising up Christian tribal leaders who are burdened to reach the remaining unreached tribes of that area with the Gospel. But they need tools. This year, in partnership with the Vernacular Media Services (of Wycliffe/SIL) and Renew Outreach, we completed The HOPE in Portuguese, the trade language of the Amazon and the gateway language for translation work in hundreds of tribal languages. Already indigenous tribal missionaries are taking The HOPE on solar powered projection systems to remote tribes. The HOPE is often translated in person as it is shown. Plans are now being laid to produce new tribal translations of The HOPE.



Tribal leaders are willing to risk their lives to take the Gospel to unreached tribes. We are blessed to equip them with The HOPE.



Building Community Through Social Media - Finally, we've launched into the world of social media via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. The community is growing and fresh ministry news is going out daily. Get in on the buzz by liking us at www.facebook.com/thehopeforall.

We're about out of space and I've left so much out. I've not been able to write about our involvement with the Issachar Initiative to help mobilize the Church to complete the Great Commission . . . or the new French online discipleship curriculum built around The HOPE . . . or the hundreds of television broadcasts of The HOPE in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa . . . or the many exciting new translation projects that were launched. But really, I need a little room to look ahead.

Forecasting HOPE in the New Year - Actually, much of 2012 was about preparation for 2013. Within a few weeks of this newsletter we expect to launch a new website that will stream The HOPE in 9 languages, provide online study guides and allow for follow-up with online counselors. We are doing much of this project in partnership with Global Media Outreach. Based upon GMO's response rate, we are prayerfully anticipating that the Gospel will be presented to 1 million people, and that 150,000 will respond by trusting Christ. Hopefully, next year's December letter will be even more difficult to write than this one!

Thank you so much for your interest in this ministry. It is because of the prayer support and financial support of people like you that we are able to do what we do. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or if you are interested in how you can be more involved with our work. May you and your loved ones have a wonderful Christ-filled Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Fred Carpenter'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fred Carpenter
President