



# MINISTRY THROUGH MEDIA

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Dear Friend,

Just two days prior to writing this letter, three new language versions of The HOPE were completed: Issan, Woun Meu and Kimwani. You may not be familiar with these languages. Before these translation projects began, I wasn't either.

- **Issan** is spoken in the poorest area of Thailand by about 20 million people, mostly Buddhist.
- **Woun Meu** is spoken by about 15,000 indigenous tribal people in Panama and Columbia.
- **Kimwani** is spoken by about 100,000 people in the coastlands and numerous islands of northern Mozambique. Most of these people are Muslim with roots in animism (spirit worship).

What a blessing to have a part in spreading God's grand story of salvation worldwide through new translations of The HOPE. More and more, our work involves people whose names I can't pronounce . . . who speak languages I've never heard of . . . and who live in places I can't easily pinpoint on a map. And the truth is; I love it! Each time we add a new project for a different people group, I get a glimpse into God's love for the whole world! I am reminded Jesus came to purchase, with His precious blood, people from every tongue, tribe and nation (Rev. 5:9)!

Whenever I hear of someone who came to Christ after viewing a translation of The HOPE, I am reminded of God's amazing personal love for individual people . . . people like Karem in Malaysia, Sanogo in Cote D'Ivoire, Kanchana in India, Zewdi in Ethiopia, Cialis in Tanzania, and many others like them . . . all of whom came to Christ after viewing The HOPE online.

Every time I hear a story about how God is using The HOPE in the remote villages of our world I am reminded how incredibly far He will go to reach the lost people of our world . . . people like the eighty-year-old couple who came to Christ a few weeks ago in a remote village in the mountains of Honduras. In all their years, they had never heard God's plan of salvation . . . until our friend, Edwin Villafranca, took La Esperanza (the Spanish HOPE) to their village.

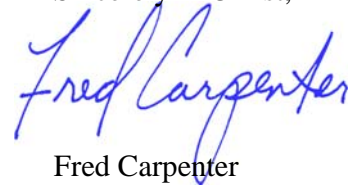
We now have 34 translations of The HOPE that are being used by a global network of incredible ministry partners. Another 26 HOPE translations are now in the process of being created. People around the world are constantly viewing The HOPE online in one of five languages. Thousands of missionaries are using media tools that have been built around The HOPE, tools like The HOPE English as a Second Language Software Curriculum. By His grace, the Gospel is being proclaimed to the nations and people are coming to Christ!

Whenever I stop to think about all God is doing with The HOPE, I am amazed. With only six fulltime Mars Hill staff, I am reminded how small we are and how great He is. I am also reminded how grateful I am for each and every person who helps to make this work possible through their prayers and financial support. This ministry is truly a testimony to the way God works through His people, the Body of Christ on earth, to fulfill His purposes.

As I look toward 2010 I see tremendous challenge and opportunity. I look forward to sharing what God has done to overcome the challenges and lay hold of the opportunities. I appreciate your interest in this ministry.

May you and your family have a Christ filled Christmas. And in the coming year, may He bless you so that you might be a blessing to others . . . and bring glory to His name!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "F".

Fred Carpenter  
President