



MINISTRY THROUGH MEDIA

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Dear Friend,

I pray that this finds you doing well in His amazing grace!

We are only a few months into the new year, and already God has done some very exciting things related to our work with The HOPE. I thought you might be blessed to hear about a few of these.

- Two weeks ago we approved the final video edit of the **Haitian Creole version of The HOPE**. This project was launched in March 2009. Only God could have known that His grand redemptive story would be available in the heart language of 8 million people who have recently suffered unimaginable tragedy. There are about 14 million Haitian Creole speakers worldwide.
- Also two weeks ago we received check disks for approval of the final edit for the **Issan** (Thailand and Laos) and the **Wa** (Myanmar, China and Thailand) **versions of The HOPE**. Wa is spoken by about 1.2 million people who were formerly infamous as headhunters. TIME/Asia now calls the Wa people, "the most well equipped drug (trafficking) army in the world."
- A key group of mission leaders has compiled a list of **the 639 most unreached (unevangelized) people groups in the world** with populations over 100,000 (<https://finishingthetask.com/639.aspx>). Of the 639, 113 do not have a Jesus Film or any scripture in their language. A few weeks into the new year Paul Eshleman (formerly of the Jesus Film Project) sent me a list of 22 people groups from among the 113. Paul's challenge to us is to prioritize these 22 people groups for translations of The HOPE. If you've ever been put in a big game when the game is on the line, then you know how we feel. The difference of course; this is not a game and the stakes are eternal.
- Discussions are now underway for the recently completed **Tagalog Version of The HOPE** (spoken by about 22 million speakers in the Philippines) to be broadcast on national television during the week of Easter (Resurrection Day). Please pray for this outreach effort.
- **The Farsi version of The HOPE** is now moving forward! Our lead partner is Dr. Hormoz Shariat of Iran Alive Ministries. Joel Rosenberg (author of The Last Jihad series) has called Hormoz the Billy Graham of Iran. Hormoz is leading an amazing underground Church movement in Iran. He is also broadcasting Christian programming into Iran 24/7. Hormoz says this about The Farsi HOPE Project. *"We are very excited about this project. We did an evangelistic video 4 years ago. Through TV broadcast and also duplication and distribution, we believe over 100,000 Muslims have come to Christ. I sense that Hope video will also be effective in bringing Muslims to Christ."* . . . He should know.
- Our **HOPE ESL** (English as a Second Language) Software Curriculum is now being used by missionaries around the world to share the Gospel with people who want to learn English. On Feb. 6 the Lovells in Krasnodar, Russia began using it on Saturday nights with their newly

formed “English Club.” Wendy Lovell says that everyone “*is excited about using it and the quality is amazing.*” We have reason to believe this kind of story is being replicated worldwide.

What a way to start the year! God is amazing!

We finished 2009 with 8 new translations of The HOPE, bringing our total number of available HOPE adaptations to 35. We also finished 2009 about \$90,000 short of our funding goal. With 24 HOPE translation projects currently in the works, we are facing great opportunity and challenge. But nothing we are facing is greater than our God!

Thank you for your interest in this ministry!

Sincerely in Christ,



Fred Carpenter
President