



MINISTRY THROUGH MEDIA

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Dear Friend,

For those who do not yet know Him, and for those who have known Him for years, the simple yet profound message of Christmas is essentially the same. Just as He came into the world over 2,000 years ago, Jesus is still able to enter into your life and my life where we need Him the most . . . in a way that He is perhaps least expected . . . at exactly the right time.

As we are in the time of year that people around the world celebrate His Advent, the staff and board of Mars Hill pray that you discover His presence in that place in your life where you need Him the most.

At Mars Hill we are grateful to celebrate His advent in the hearts of people around the world throughout the year. Here are some examples of reports we have received in the past few months.

- From Tibet a Buddhist Monk turned to Christ after receiving the Tibetan version of The HOPE and the Thangkas (visual aids) that were created to accompany The HOPE.
- From San Francisco, a friend of Mars Hill reported that *"The HOPE hit a home run!"* after a man in his church said that *"The HOPE video he gave to a long time friend was instrumental in him understanding the Gospel and making a profession of faith."*
- From Panama a man wrote, *"Seeing the scriptures rather than just reading, gave me a deeper understanding of things that I had known over the years . . . thank you for committing yourselves to such an important task of explaining in a film the story of the hope that God has given to all of us."*
- From The HOPE Internet site a man named Scott wrote *"Tonight, after many years of struggle, I placed my trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord of my life. I have been set free! GOD BLESS YOU ALL! I pray that God will use this resource to bring others the indescribable peace that I feel."*
- Also from The HOPE Internet site a woman named Theresa wrote, *"After I had watched that video things just seemed to come so clear and understandable to me and I gave my life to Christ right then and there. It's been about a month now and I feel like the Bible is all new to me and I'm reading it again for the first time. Thank You so much for providing such a wonderful tool."*

Other recent noteworthy news within the past few months includes . . .

- In September, The Swahili HOPE was premiered in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. Our lead partner in this project, Gospel Communications, reported that people did not cease in expressing thanks that The HOPE was in their language. Over the coming months, mobile teams will tour these countries, screening The Swahili HOPE. Several nationwide broadcasts are also planned.
- A few days ago we received the most recent version of The HOPE ESL (English as a Second Language) Curriculum Software. ESL is an extremely effective way for missionaries to share the

Gospel in other cultures. The HOPE ESL Program is amazing! It is packed with interactive lessons and games; and of course, the Gospel. This tool should be available to the public early in '08.

- Chinese Treasures '07 is a virtual theological library with an interactive version of The Mandarin HOPE . . . all on one CD. Since its release about 6 months ago, over 23,000 CT'07 discs have been distributed. For every disc that makes it into China, ten will be copied.
- At the Romanian National Prayer Breakfast (11/9/07) in Bucharest, our Romanian partner, Alpha & Omega Media, gave out copies of The Romanian HOPE (La Speranta) to all the participants. This group of 200 included many members of the Romanian Parliament and top political leaders.
- In the West African country of Mali, 90% of the 12 million population is Sunni Muslim. Though the official language is French, about 2.7 million speak Bambara. Filming of the Bambara storytellers is now finished and we anticipate the completion of The Bambara HOPE any day now.
- From Uruguay, David Glaze of the IMB Media Center for Middle America reported on November 6 that filming of the storytellers for the Uruguayan sign language version of The HOPE was finished. A missionary there related that more than a video, this will be like a Bible for Uruguayan Deaf.
- TheHOPEProject.com website is still having over a thousand visitors a day. Last month we had 32,416 visitors from 4,710 cities in 177 countries. In January the Spanish section of the site should be up. We believe that in '08 we will be able to add multiple languages to The HOPE web ministry.
- On December 23 the Thai version of The HOPE will be broadcast on television in Thailand.

The HOPE is now in 15 languages with over 30 translation projects in process! We praise God for this, and for the ministry that is happening through these translations. The building of strategic partnerships worldwide, the creation of new HOPE translations, and the development of The HOPE web ministry is possible to a large degree because of people such as yourself who support this ministry through prayer and giving. If you are led to join in, or continue in, that circle of donors and intercessors that surrounds this ministry, please know that: 1) your gifts and prayers will make a difference in helping us to continue, and 2) we will do everything we can to multiply the seed you sow in the harvest through this ministry!

May you and your family have a Christ filled Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fred Carpenter
President