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# Update on the Worldwide Ministry of The HOPE



The HOPE is an 80 minute dramatic motion picture presentation of God's amazing story of redemption as revealed in 36 Biblical events from creation through Christ.

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### From My Heart to Yours

As the president of Mars Hill, I am often asked, "How do you decide which language(s) will be next for a translation of The HOPE video?" Knowing there are over 6,500 living languages in the world, and that every tongue, tribe and nation must be reached with the Gospel (Rev.5:9, 7:9), we believe that God should determine the next language. We've done our best to serve this conviction by setting up and promoting a partnering process to allow for as many translation opportunities as possible. In other words, we raise the flag for The HOPE in the missions community worldwide, and we partner with whoever gathers around the flagpole.

That said, I am thrilled to say, after having completed over 60 translations of The HOPE, *finally*, we expect to complete a Hebrew version of The HOPE within the next few months! Based upon what I know from scripture, what I am observing in the world today and what I sense in my heart, I believe this project is truly strategic in context of the Great Commission.

- Until All Have Heard, Fred Carpenter

### Jewish People in the World Today

• There are approximately 15 million Jews in the world today. About 75% live in the U.S. and Israel (5.5 and 6 million, respectively).

• Without a homeland for thousands of years until 1948, the remaining Jewish population is literally scattered in just about every country of the world.

• While Jewish people have, by necessity, adopted the language of the country in which they now live, it is estimated that as many as 9 million Jews (particularly the Orthodox) speak Hebrew.



*The 55 dots represent unreached Jewish people groups (* $\approx$  14.9 *million people).* 

More information can be found here.

### Why this Project is Important

• In spreading the Gospel, God places a priority on reaching the Jew (Rom.1:16 - "to the Jew first"). Wherever Paul went to plant a church, he went first to the Jews of that city.

• Even with Jewish people speaking so many different languages, Hebrew is still the heart language for millions of them. It is the common thread to reach unreached Jewish people groups.

• The HOPE clearly presents the over-arching story of God's redemptive plan, and the vital role of Israel in that plan. It is not a typical western presentation of the Gospel.

• No one comes to Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) unless the Father draws him (John 6:44). To this day, there is a veil over the hearts of most Jewish people, preventing them from seeing the connection between the old covenant and the new (2 Cor.3:14-15). But someday (we believe soon) that veil will be lifted, and

The Hebrew HOPE will be there to help them connect the dots.

• If you are of the theological persuasion that anticipates a tribulation period on earth in which 144,000 Jews (Rev.7:4) have come to faith in Yeshua, and have been sealed by God for the purpose of giving the world one last opportunity to embrace the Gospel, then you can see how it could be a very strategic thing to have The Hebrew HOPE in Jewish homes around the world when that day comes. If you read Rev.7:4 symbolically, then the broader challenge remains, to fulfill the purpose of God to populate heaven with every tribe and nation; we must reach the Jewish people of our world!



## Our Partners & How They Will Use The Hebrew HOPE

We are so thankful for our ministry partners who have prayed for and helped fund The Hebrew HOPE Project. You know who you are, and so does our Father! We are also very grateful for our lead partner in this project. One for Israel is an initiative of native-born Israelis on the forefront of high-tech evangelism, proclaiming salvation to Israel, raising up leaders and equipping them with the tools they need to transform Jewish communities around the world.

After creating The Hebrew HOPE video, One for Israel plans to build a website around it, and then to vigorously market this website, integrating it into their already effective Internet outreach. We encourage you to check out our lead partners at <u>www.oneforisrael.org</u>. We know you'll be blessed, and impressed!

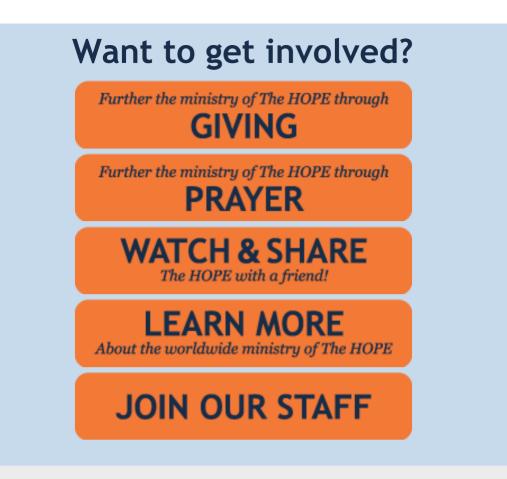
### **Prayer Requests**

• Pray for One for Israel. They are ministering in a very difficult environment, and they need God's constant protection and provision to do what He is calling them to do.

• Pray for God's hand to be upon the video and website production process that will be taking place over the next few months.

• And as The Hebrew HOPE is rolled out into the world, pray that God multiplies its impact even beyond our plans, as only He can!

On May 16, Mars Hill is participating in a dinner to introduce One for Israel to the Christian community in Houston. If you are interested in attending contact Regina <u>281-403-1463</u>.





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