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Dear Friend,

I can hardly believe it, 2022 was Mars Hill's 45<sup>th</sup> year of ministry through media!

During those years thousands upon thousands of people around the world came to faith in Christ after watching a Mars Hill film or video. I am humbled and grateful by this. Humbled because I know it was really God's doing, and I just got to be a part of it. Grateful because I know it would not have been possible without the hundreds of people who joined in this work along the way.

And while I am so very blessed by the fruit of our work over those years, I truly believe that what we are working on now will have a Great Commission impact far beyond anything we've seen thus far.

The primary mission emphasis in Mars Hill's current season of ministry is PG Studio™, a software application that will allow Christians anywhere in the world to create new language versions of Scripture and media (like our movie, The HOPE) using only a mobile phone. Even today, there are still thousands of unreached people groups with no Bibles or Bible-based resources in their own language!

Many in the global missions community are telling us that this app has the potential to be a real "game-changer" in the Church's mandate to fulfill the Great Commission. Our primary collaborator on this project, The JESUS Film Project, is saying they need this app for their next 800 language versions of The JESUS Film!

We launched the coding on PG Studio™ nearly 2 ½ years ago. It is without question the most difficult project Mars Hill has ever taken on. It has required more money, time and energy than we expected. This is why I am sending you a traditional letter instead of a slick, 4-color newsletter as we usually try to do at this time of year. There is so much more to report, but there simply is not time for it this year.

All that said, God is allowing us to make great progress on PG Studio™. We are overcoming technical challenges that some in the mobile software industry said could not be overcome. And, we really do believe that we will be able to hand missionaries a usable app in 2023. I so look forward to posting up a demo of this app in 2023 so that you might be able to see why we are so excited about it.

In addition to our work on PG Studio™, we continue to serve several other very important areas of Mars Hill's mission to use media to introduce people from every tongue, tribe and nation to Jesus . . .

- **Translations** - We have a number of new translations of The HOPE in process. One of the most exciting to us is The Ticuna HOPE project. We have contextualized this version with images specific to the Amazon basin so that it can be adapted for any of the unreached tribes in that region. There are about 50,000 Ticuna in Brazil, Peru and Columbia. While many Ticuna still need to meet Jesus, there are several Christian communities among the Ticuna, and they are capable of taking the Gospel into the remote areas of the Amazon as indigenous missionaries. This is a very exciting possibility since outsiders

can no longer go into these areas for this purpose. Distribution of The Ticuna HOPE is planned for the early spring of 2023 in coordination with the release of a new translation of the entire Ticuna Bible.

- **Internet Ministry** - This year, at an average rate of about 200 per day, visitors from every country in the world have come to our main ministry website, [www.thehopeproject.com](http://www.thehopeproject.com), where they have been able to watch The HOPE in one of 37 languages, and use The HOPE Study Guide in one of 13 languages. This website is a valuable resource to which our grass roots ministry partners around the world can refer the people they are evangelizing and discipling. Some ministry partners stream various language versions of The HOPE through their own websites.
- **Replication** – We are so pleased to report that God is allowing us to reproduce what we do with The HOPE through another ministry, School to the Nations. Our relationship with STN began in 2019. STN currently has 5 HOPE translation projects in process. At this writing, they are very close to completing an Afro-Ecuadorian version of The HOPE. STN is also setting up HOPE production hubs in West Africa and Southeast Asia. Each of these production hubs will be able to produce dozens of regional and tribal language versions of The HOPE. We praise God for the committed team of media missionaries at STN!
- **The Best Stories** – The best stories of the ministry of The HOPE are often those that happen when a Christ-follower somewhere in the world uses The HOPE as a tool to reach another person with the Gospel, or to disciple that person in their faith. Whether through the option to download on our website, or through distribution partners like Mega Voice or the Digital Bible Society, keeping the distribution channels open is an important part of what we do on an ongoing basis so that people can obtain The HOPE to use however God may lead them. So far this year, we've distributed 29,474 units of The HOPE. Our total number of units distributed to date is over 1.3 million.

We are now in that season of the year when we remember the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and soon we will be looking forward to a new year that will bring us even closer to His second coming. On behalf of our entire staff and board I thank you for your interest in the ministry of Mars Hill, and I pray that you experience God's presence, peace, power and provision throughout Christmas and the coming new year.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fred Carpenter  
President, Mars Hill Productions