TEAMWORK

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Recently, I’ve been studying about the life and ministry of one of the leaders of the early Christian church. His birth name was Joseph, (Acts 4:36) but the apostles gave him a nickname: Barnabas, Son of Encouragement. Dr. Luke describes Barnabas as “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.” (Acts 11:24 NKJV) Most of all, Barnabas was an encourager who recognized the importance of teamwork!

When Barnabas sold a piece of property and laid the proceeds at the apostles’ feet, he wasn’t just thinking about himself. He was thinking about the entire team, the growing community of Christians in need of financial assistance. Barnabas was sent by the apostles in Jerusalem to minister to the believers at Antioch in Syria. The church in Antioch had been established because of the powerful preaching of Stephen the deacon, along with some Christian leaders from Cyprus and Cyrene. Barnabas sought to strengthen these believers, encouraging them to remain steadfast in the LORD. He soon realized that more help was needed, so he traveled to Tarsus and brought recently converted Saul back with him to join the ministry team in Antioch. Together, they accomplished more than Barnabas could have accomplished by himself. “So it was,” Dr. Luke records, “that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people.” (Acts 11:26 NKJV) Later they were joined by two prophets, Judas and Silas (Acts 15:30-31). Barnabas valued and modeled the importance of teamwork.

At Hope Channel International, we also recognize the importance of teamwork. With 69 channels in our global network, broadcasting in more than 80 languages, no single individual could carry such a load. It takes teamwork. Recently, I reviewed some broadcasts from one of our latest channels, Hope Channel Indian Ocean. The host was speaking Malagasy. I realized it would take me a lifetime to master the language and culture of Madagascar, but God was raising up a team of workers for that Hope Channel. In fact, God is raising up leaders in media ministry from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Working together as a team under the empowerment and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish the mission God has set before us!

Teamwork is vitally important for our Three Angels Messages Proclamation Project. You’ll learn more about this amazing outreach endeavor in this issue of HopeLink. We plan to train and equip hundreds of young evangelists with the skills and resources needed to share the Three Angels Messages in their region of the world. The presentations will be fresh, enthusiastic, and compelling—and the lives of those young evangelists will be transformed in the process. A major evangelistic initiative like the Three Angels Messages Proclamation Project takes teamwork, young and old working together to accomplish the mission.

It also takes teamwork to fund our global evangelistic media network. Occasionally, we are blessed with a large donation of $100,000 or more, from an individual donor or from an estate, and we give thanks to God for those major donors. But we can’t depend on one or two generous donors to fund our entire global evangelistic media ministry. It takes thousands of small and medium donations to enable us to reach our fundraising and mission goals. In this issue of HopeLink, you’ll read reports from our Day of Hope and Celebration of Hope fundraising events. You’ll be reminded that each impact partner is important, each one makes a difference for today and for eternity.

Here are just a few comments from recent donors:

I’m always blessed when I watch your programs. To further the work of the Gospel, enclosed is a check for $1,000, to be used where needed. May God continue to bless the entire Hope Channel family. (NJ, USA)

I’ve been tuning in every Friday evening for three and a half years now, and I feel like I know you all personally. You are part of my family! I just wanted you to know that you are a real blessing to all of us who have to stay home because of the pandemic. Thank you for bringing the world and love of God into my home. Enclosed is a small gift of $100 to help further your evangelistic ministry into all the world. (MT, USA)

Thank you for your excellent Bible programs. They have been my wake-up call since I found Hope Channel during the COVID lockdown. I’m sending a $200 donation to let you know how much I appreciate your ministry. (NC, USA)

These are just a few of the many notes we receive from our impact partners who recognize the importance of teamwork as we share the Gospel message with the world. Thanks to each one of you for being part of the team! We thank God for your continued support and prayers.

Derek Morris
President, Hope Channel International, Inc.
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Hope Sabbath School isn’t only an in-depth, interactive study of the Word of God, but an interactive space for our viewers to share their thoughts with us. Every week, we ask a question on social media related to that week’s lesson and the responses we receive are not only inspiring, but take the lessons to even greater depth and life.

Question: How can we avoid the trap of legalism, thinking our obedience to God’s law earns His love and favor?

How can we avoid the trap of legalism? Let’s look at where legalism starts - feeling entitled to earning something because we worked for it and supposedly met certain requirements. To not fall into the devil’s way of reasoning, we need to study the simplicity of Jesus’ teachings on salvation. Jesus worked to earn our salvation. He gives it to us. There’s nothing earned on our part as human’s to have achieved salvation. That, Jesus accomplished on the cross on our behalf. So that in itself should take away our sense of entitlement by looking at what Jesus did on our behalf. The next step is to be humbled. Prayer and humility is an excellent response to grace because it gives us the right attitude towards God’s acts of love towards us. We did not deserve grace, but yet this enormous gift is given to us, and so receiving is all we can really do when it comes to our salvation. Being recipients should change our proud hearts to being humble because we cannot accomplish salvation other than through accepting Christ’s merits. – Angelique van Wyk

Our law-keeping will not save us but our law-breaking will keep us from getting saved. What is the difference? Where is the contradiction? The difference is not in our relationship to the law but rather our relationship to the Savior. If the latter is right the former will take care of itself. When we truly love a person then pleasing him/her is not much of a problem. We don’t have to overly concern ourselves with the do’s and don’ts. Things automatically fall into place. The questions we need to ask ourselves are ‘Why and how do we love Jesus?’ Maybe we can relate it to the person we love the most and then extrapolate it to our relationship with Jesus. Who is Jesus compared to the person we love the most? – Amod

I was explaining to my husband that I usually use the scenario of a relationship. Just as in marriage is just a dating relationship, when you say that you love the person, you’ll do things that are pleasing to them and things they don’t appreciate, those you’ll avoid. It’s the same with the 10 commandments. We keep them based on the love we have for God and the fact that we’re in a relationship with Him, not because we want Him to love us or to be saved. I hope this makes sense. – Evy Mitchell

As a student in college, I was ferociously heading toward a career as a pastor. In my teen years I had the great example of a Godly youth pastor at a time in life when I needed it most, which is why I had decided to embark on the same career. In college though, I was introduced to media production, which opened the door to a creative outlet that I loved. As I finished up my time at what was then Columbia Union College, I was looking toward a life of combining my two interests: TV production and ministry. Being somewhat of a perfectionist though, I knew there was a lot more for me to learn about media, which is how I wound up sitting in front of an executive producer at Discovery Communications.

I remember sitting nervously across from this executive producer, hoping to work at the parent company of Discovery Channel. I was interviewing for an internship because I figured it was my best opportunity to break into television production. When he asked me why I wanted to work for Discovery I replied quite plainly, “My church has a television channel and I want to learn how quality programming is created, so that I can share my talents for ministry.” Looking back, some might consider it a horrible answer, but it was the truth, and apparently good enough to get me the job. That executive producer ended up being my supervisor for several years and the position opened the door for me to work on some amazing productions for Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, TLC, and several other Discovery networks.

My time at Discovery was a highlight of my life. I was surrounded by top media professionals that were happy to share their experiences and I was able to glean training from them that has stuck with me ever since. I was accomplishing my goal to learn how quality productions were created.

Over time though, I discovered that it felt somewhat empty. I loved the people that I worked with, and the work was fun, but God seemed to be calling me back to ministry. God seemed to be speaking to me, calling me to a work that held more purpose.

Paul writes in Colossians 3 about how we are to elevate our thoughts, words, and actions to honor God. Looking at my work, I realized that what I was doing was creating content that generated revenue, but it wasn’t necessarily glorifying God or lifting those in need.

When the opportunity opened to work for Hope Channel, I jumped on it. It seemed like it was the right time for me to make the move back to ministry.

I believe that being at Hope Channel is that past hope, realized. As a producer, I have the privilege to work with professionals that know not only God’s Word, but God personally. I am honored to work with a team that begins meetings with prayer and that genuinely cares about the struggles and challenges that we each face not only with our projects, but also in our personal lives.

My time at Hope Channel is still new, but I am excited about the many opportunities before me. Already I can see the value in helping viewers make healthier life choices through health programs, and to better understand God through personal stories and testimonies that we share. Sitting at my desk, I realize that this is what I always envisioned in 2007 fervently sitting through my interview at Discovery.
Morning is Coming, Wake Up to the 3AM Call

By Maharani Lumban-Gaal

“At this time in Earth’s history, when it seems that darkness and doom are pressing in from every side, the Three Angels’ Messages call us to remember that He is Lord, and in the end, He will win,” says Justin Woods, director of digital distribution. Although the Three Angels’ Messages (3AM) is deeply embedded within the Church, how often do we really stop and reflect on the weight and significance of this message? The message is to prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus Christ and if that is the call, how important then should our mission be to share it with as many people as possible?

One of the age groups that are neglected in understanding and digesting this integral message are young people. Prolific and inspired writer, Ellen G. White, writes that “The third angel’s message reveals the great saving truth for this time. Its truths are constantly unfolding, and it is God’s design that even the children and youth shall understand intelligently what God requires, that they may distinguish between righteousness and sin, between obedience and disobedience.” (Manuscript 75, 1906, p.3) In order to fulfill this mission of illuminating the Three Angels’ Messages to the youth, the Adventist Church initiated a five-year global 3AM project. As a part of this project, Hope Channel, being the largest global media network of the Church, created 3AM: Morning is Coming to proclaim The Three Angels Messages to all parts of the world through various media activities.

One of those media activities is an eight-episode sermon series presented by young people, starting with the thirty most popular languages in the world. Every year, ten more languages will be added, so that by 2026, these succinct, impactful sermons will be preached in seventy languages! Hope Channel will help onboard and support the Hope Channel global media networks to develop their 3AM media activities in their local language. By the end of the five-year plan, there will be over 500 young presenters that will be trained by 70 Hope Channel evangelists around the world. “We already have an agreement with Living Hope School of Evangelism, Pastor Mark Finley, to train these Hope Channel evangelists around the world here in Virginia and we will send them around the world to preach the gospel,” says Vyacheslav Demyan, director of programming.

The eight-part sermon series premiered on November 13, 2021 at 12 PM ET on Youtube and astounding results already came in the first month! On the Facebook page, 1,200,000 were reached with more than 22,000 gained followers. On Youtube, almost 800,000 views and 2,000+ subscribers. The desired outcomes at the end of the 5 year project is to reach 55 million people via television program, 300 million people via Facebook and Youtube, and 300,000 people who sign up for online Bible study courses.

Media is a part of almost every facet of a young person’s life and Hope Channel sees the necessity to utilize this ministry to build long-term relationships with them; where they can be inspired, encouraged, and equipped to become disciples of Jesus in prayer and ministry. The goal of 3AM: Morning is Coming is to become a strong evangelism brand for young people who may have become less enthusiastic about their faith. The hope is to reignite their personal relationship with Jesus and help them understand what is happening in the world, and why—and what is to come. It is about encouraging them to develop a holistic worldview on the past, current, and future as presented in the Bible so that they can be free of fears, uncertainty, and loneliness. “I really like the fact that the target audience is young people simply because they are a group that is often overlooked and ignored,” shares Everett Wiles, producer of 3AM: Morning is Coming. “I hope and pray that as they watch and engage with the content, that many lives will be changed, many lives will be transformed and ultimately individuals will have a closer relationship with God that will lead to eternal life.” As they come to better understand how the Three Angels’ Messages is applicable to their life, they will be stirred to share with others, seek community with other young believers, and continue engaging with the Bible and its Author. And through the other various media activities like Bible study courses and social media engagement, they will receive a comprehensive message of hope for the future, instead of anxiety and doom.

“This project is of utmost importance to everyone as it focuses on what the Bible says about the climax to the battle between God and Satan,” says Everett. The “battle between God and Satan” can sound daunting, but at its core, it really is a demonstration of how much God cares about each individual in a very personal way. His character of benevolence is magnified through His personal care for every minute detail of your life. 3AM: Morning is Coming paints a picture of a personal God that makes you fall in love with Him and experience a miracle of spiritual healing. Internalizing His personal care and love for you banishes fear from the future because “perfect love casts out fear,” 1 John 4:18 (NKJV). The Three Angels’ Messages is a message of love, not of fear and that is what we want young viewers to experience when learning about the big picture of world history and what is to come. Justin Woods, director of digital distribution shares, “I pray that our viewers will gain a new and deeper understanding of the Three Angels’ Messages, and the lovely character of He who sent them.”

“My hope is that they also get to experience a relationship with God from a young age and learn the importance of the gospel. That is also why I hope that viewers of these presentations learn the meaning and importance of The Three Angels’ Messages and feel the urge to also share it with their friends and families. Jesus will come back soon, and He wants to take us all with him, but it is only up to us to accept that invitation.” says Henesis Vega, a recent graduate of Brooklyn College.

“I hope and pray that as these
Presentations are being listened to that God will awake our full senses to hear what He has for us in these last days and grow a better understanding of God’s character. Jesus is coming back soon to take us home and my prayer is that those taking part in these presentations would draw closer to Christ,” says Rebecca Fanai, graduate of Andrews University and current nurse in Maryland.

“I hope viewers will open their hearts to receive the presented material so God can grow the seed of faith that was planted in them by the power of the Holy Spirit,” says Tiara Best, Washington Adventist University student studying Music Therapy.

“I hope everyone watching walks away with a more complete understanding of the 3 Angels Message and see’s God’s plan and infinite love toward us,” says Caleb Salazar, student at Montgomery College studying communications disorders.

“I would love for you to be motivated by 3 AM: Morning is Coming to impact the world around you now! The point of Revelation is not only that we know the end that is coming, but so that we can help people understand the beauty of the gospel now,” says Caleb Haakenson, video producer at Adventist Mission.

“Many biblical topics can be difficult to comprehend at first glance. This can sometimes intimidate us; stopping us from diving deeper and discovering all that God wants to reveal to us about His character and what He calls us to do in crucial times like the ones we are living. I truly hope that the 3AM project will help someone understand these important messages and will inspire them to continue learning from His word and to go out into the world spreading the beautiful seed of the gospel,” says Kenia Reyes-de Leon, Senior Editorial Assistant for the Youth Ministries and co-host of Hope Channel’s program, Bible HelpDesk.

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Growing up, Cipriano was a quiet child who enjoyed reading and writing poetry. He was bullied and tormented by other kids, so he spent a lot of time alone. But when he turned 15, he changed and began to defend himself against the bullies by striking back and physically attacking his classmates.

This anger and aggression granted him acceptance among the bullies, and those who were once his enemies soon became his friends—sending him down a troubling path.

His new friends introduced him to different types of drugs and alcohol. Believing alcohol was the answer to his problems, it became his drug of choice. “The combination of the music I listened to and the alcohol abuse became a crutch for me. It was my way of unleashing my frustration, “ shares Cipriano.

His love for writing poetry led him to become the lead vocalist and lyricist in a band with some of his friends. However, this extracurricular activity only pushed him further into alcoholism. Cipriano recalls, “When I wasn’t consuming alcohol with my bandmates or scoring it from the seniors in high school, I resorted to stealing it from family members or shoplifting booze from local liquor stores.” He was on a dangerous path, but then he met a girl who would change his life.

She was also quiet and kept to herself, but, unlike Cipriano, she stayed out of trouble and focused on her education. They were inseparable, and as their relationship grew, he found himself spending less time with his bandmates and more time with his girlfriend. She was a good influence on his life, and for a short while he even managed to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

But everything came crashing down on Cipriano when he learned of his girlfriend’s tragic past—she had been sexually abused for years, between the ages of five and 10. This ignited a deep rage within him—one that would further fuel his dependency on alcohol.

“I lost faith in humanity, and for a short time I blamed God for not protecting my girlfriend as a child,” says Cipriano. Even though his girlfriend wasn’t angry at God and believed it was her abuser, not God, who was responsible for the ungodly acts, Cipriano still carried her pain entangled with his own. This sent him into the darkest period of his life.

Alcohol completely controlled Cipriano’s life. By the young age of 19, he had already developed health issues related to his liver. Because of his excessive drinking, he was unable to hold a steady job and resorted to selling marijuana. He lost interest in all the things he once loved and even quit his band.

His addiction made him become everything he despised. When he drank to the point of having no memory, he would become like the bullies who had tormented him as a child—verbally and physically abusive. His family and girlfriend could no longer bear to be in his company when he would drink, so they left him. He became depressed and suicidal.

Finally, he decided he had had enough. He wanted out of his misery. He quit drinking alcohol “cold turkey,” stopped selling marijuana, cut off all contact with the drug dealers, and stopped begging on the streets. He returned to the loving home of his grandparents. Cipriano was ready for a new life, but it would not come without a fight.

While many may applaud the victorious gesture of the abrupt cessation of alcohol, for people with severe alcohol dependency, like Cipriano, it can be fatal. Cipriano experienced delirium tremens, life-threatening withdrawal symptoms that can lead to organ failure and cause a heart attack or stroke. For days he experienced hallucinations, seizures, uncontrollable shaking, insomnia, and vomiting blood.

Feeling that death was near, his grandmother and great-grandmother began to teach him about the love of Jesus and comforted him with God’s good news. They prayed with him and encouraged him to repent, ask God for forgiveness, and accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

“Even though my condition worsened, every time I called out to the Lord, my prayers would empower me with strength,” says Cipriano.

As he lay sick and bedridden, his grandfather installed an old television in his room to distract him from his pain. Cipriano turned on the television and discovered a program that would change his life: Hope Sabbath School.

He was drawn to the Bible study. Hope Sabbath School helped him focus on Scripture rather than his agony. “It was more than just Pastor Derek’s smile that felt so inviting—I could feel the Holy Spirit working through the Hope Sabbath School team. I could feel the Lord reaching out to me. Hope Sabbath School became my education, my church. It became a part of my healing process. Hope Sabbath School guided me to the path of Christ, which leads to God.”

God gave Cipriano a second chance at life and broke the shackles of his addictions. He is now filled with God’s unconditional love and has been sober ever since. His family became united in God, and Cipriano and his girlfriend are now closer than ever before.

Cipriano victoriously shares, “Even though I have a full-blown heart condition as a result of [coming so close to] death, I feel reborn with a brand-new heart, a heart that is filled with thankfulness and peace.”

Your gift goes far beyond the production and distribution of life-changing programs like Hope Sabbath School. Your gift is guiding viewers out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. Choose today to partner with Hope Channel and share the everlasting hope that is helping to bring His children home.
To say we are living in unusual times is an understatement. In the wake of COVID-19, we faced many challenges as we planned Hope Channel events in 2021. Travel restrictions and health mandates were still in place, but that didn’t stop us from moving forward with our mission. Our team worked tirelessly to ensure safe opportunities remained for our viewers and donors to come together and celebrate the miracles God has been working through Hope Channel, thanks to our generous donors. Throughout 2021 we saw our donors overcome challenges and make an impact like never before.

Celebration of Hope

After all our events were canceled in 2020, our team was excited to finally come together again and safely meet with our donors in person for Celebration of Hope. Dedicated Hope Channel supporters gathered in beautiful Orlando, Florida, for a weekend of fellowship and restoration—which was the theme carried throughout our events in 2021.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

- The weekend was filled with uplifting musical performances by Jennifer LaMountain, Charles Haugabrooks, Michael Andrews, and Jeremy Morada.
- The guest speaker, Pastor Lonnie Melashenko, shared a true story about the famous actor Telly Savalas. On a long flight to Greece, Savalas was seated in first class and didn’t want to be bothered. A military gentleman seated next to him told Savalas he was a big fan and asked for an autograph for his family. Savalas ignored the gentleman the entire flight. It wasn’t until the plane landed and the pilot welcomed back the King of Greece that Savalas realized who was seated next to him. Pastor Lonnie shared the powerful message that, like Telly Savalas, we too may be in the presence of a King—Jesus Christ—who wants to talk to us and have a relationship, but we ignore Him.
- In a live session of Hope Sabbath School, President Derek Morris led an interactive, in-depth study of the word of God with attendees as the students.
- Sabbath afternoon messages were educational and timely. Vicki Griffin, host of Living Free, and director of health ministries for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, discussed practical tips in her health seminar and shared how the gospel is the ultimate path to overcoming addiction.
- Pastor Ruber and Ketty Leal, co-directors of family ministries for the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and cofounders of ForeverONE® Ministries, gave a seminar about helping families thrive in these unique times.
- Sunday morning included a planned giving seminar by Jason Miller, the director of planned giving for Hope Channel, and guest John Matthews.
- For the first time, a youth session was held for teenagers and youth. Pastor James Doggette, Jr., shared the fruits of the spirits as ways youth can combat anger and other wiles of the devil.

Attendees were also given exclusive updates on Hope Channel International, Inc.’s mission and vision for 2022:

- Justin Woods, director of digital distribution, shared the exciting news that more than 174,000 students are enrolled in Hope.Study. Launched in April 2021, the Bible course platform now has plans to expand into additional courses.
- Joe Sloan, director of international development, shared how our global network has added eight international channels in 2021, bringing us to 69 channels—Hope Channel Uganda being the newest channel.
- The vice president for programming, Vyacheslav Demyan, shared the exciting five-year goal of reaching 33 million people online with the three angels’ messages through our 3AM: Morning is Coming project.
- Season Cromwell, host of Let’s Pray Live, and Justin Woods, hosted a live demonstration of Heroes 2, in which two attendees from the audience challenged each other’s biblical knowledge in a friendly match.

The weekend event would not have been complete without hearing transformational stories. Attendees were introduced to Jordan Chollette, our new...
videographer for Transformed, and he shared some of the life-changing stories he has captured on camera.

Even though Celebration of Hope may have looked different with new safety protocols in place, one thing remained the same: It was a weekend to celebrate the impact donors are making in the lives of Hope Channel viewers. Three exemplary donors, who have helped Hope Channel further our mission of sharing the gospel, were honored by receiving the first-ever Ambassador of Hope awards as a token of Hope Channel’s appreciation.

Indeed, the 2021 Celebration of Hope was very special for both our attendees and our staff, and we truly felt God’s presence and His restoration. Here is what some of our attendees had to say about Celebration of Hope:

“Everyone was so personable and made you feel so important to be a part of this ministry, and it really felt like a family.”

“I received the nourishment I was needing. Thank you, and praise God!”

“It was a wonderful, spiritual weekend! What a blessing to meet the team. Our continued prayers are with each of you. It felt like we were meeting family!”

“It was special this year. Keep up the good work.”

Virtual Celebration of Hope
As an alternative to our in-person event, Hope Channel held its fourth Virtual Celebration of Hope as an opportunity for people to experience the blessings of a Celebration of Hope from the comfort of their own home. People tuned in online from across the United States and around the world, including Japan, Barbados, Florida, and Arizona, just to name a few places.

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me,” performed by the Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers, set the tone for guest speaker, Pastor Dwight Nelson.

“The theme for this hour is restoration,” proclaimed Pastor Nelson to all of our virtual attendees. “Let the record show that the greatest restoration that can take place in all the universe is when the son of David takes a sinner like you and a sinner like me and restores us so that it is just as if we have never sinned. There is no greater restoration than this. How do you spell that restoration? G-R-A-C-E.”

Additional performances included the beautiful vocals of Denise Barclay and lively instrumentals by Douglas Lira and Felipe Paccagnella.

An impact report from Hope Channel Tanzania demonstrated to our virtual attendees the importance of media ministry. President Derek Morris shared that over 30,000 people requested baptism as a result of net evangelism led by Pastor Malekana. It broadcasted from Hope Channel Tanzania to 3,978 satellite locations in Tanzania in June 2021. “In fact, some channels saw twofold to fivefold increases in reach and engagement online. Souls not previously reachable responded to God’s love by the Holy Spirit through the networks on-air programming and digital outreach,” shared Morris.

Viewers were moved by an interview with Dr. Beverly Anderson and Dr. Ronald Anderson, as they shared how they overcame financial adversities by studying hard and dedicating their careers to God. Today they both are successful, world-renowned doctors in their fields. They have been blessed by God and share that blessing with others by sharing the gospel. An attendee was so moved by this story of generosity that they wrote, “When it comes to money, my little may help me a little bit for a little while, or my little can go to Hope Channel to help many for eternity. What a no-brainer.”

The program ended with a podcast-style interview about planned giving with Jason Miller and Ronnie Mills, Hope Channel’s director of fundraising. Jason taught viewers about wills and annuities and presented biblical principles of stewardship. He also shared testimonies and practical guidance for estate planning God’s way.

Day of Hope
Following the premiere of our first-ever live fundraising telethon in 2020,
Hope Channel broadcasted three live Day of Hope programs in 2021 to show our viewers the impact Hope Channel is making around the world for Christ. With inspiring musical performances, Hope Channel updates, and encouraging interviews with donors, we could not have anticipated the enthusiasm we received from our viewers.

Live phone calls were taken from our viewers as they made donations. Viewers shared how Hope Channel had blessed them and how they wanted to share that blessing with others. Many callers were excited to call on live television and be able to make an impact in real time.

One caller shared that every morning she wakes up at 5:00 a.m. and gets her paralyzed daughter ready for the day while watching Hope Channel. This helps her begin each day with hope and encouragement. Many calls began with “I don’t have much” or “It may be little, but here is my gift,” as they eagerly joined Hope Channel in making an everlasting impact on other viewers’ lives. Regardless of the amount, whether it was $5 or $1,000, God took what viewers earnestly gave and multiplied it. Each Day of Hope broadcast had a goal of reaching $100,000, and it was surpassed each time by raising over $300,000 total. The Hope Channel team witnessed first-hand that God can take a $5 donation and provide hope to the person on the other side of the television screen.

**Impact Day**

As this new year begins, we are hopeful about all the new opportunities God has in store for Hope Channel. The miracles we have witnessed in 2021 show us that more people want to join Hope Channel’s Impact Movement and make a difference in our viewers’ lives. People are being blessed by uplifting, Bible-based programming. If anything has been certain within these past two years, it is that more people need hope, and we need more people to help share that hope.

After an extensive viewership analysis was performed by our analytics and innovation department, we were able to pinpoint geographical areas where Hope Channel is most watched in the United States. Of the 21 geographical areas identified, six cities across the East Coast and West Coast were selected to debut our first-ever, day-long events called Impact Day.

"The Impact Day events give Hope Channel an opportunity to meet with its viewing audience in various locations throughout the U.S. This exciting new initiative will allow us to show the impact that God is doing through Hope Channel and invite them to become part of this powerful Impact Movement,” says Ronnie Mills. “With the help of additional supporters, we can provide evangelism, Bible-based programming, and wholistic outreach that will prepare people to welcome the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

With Impact Day events being local for attendees and only lasting one day, Hope Channel expenses will be lower, which means more donated funds can go toward our mission. Without an up-front minimum pledge, supporters who may not have been able to financially attend Celebration of Hope now have the opportunity to experience live music and Hope Channel presentations, meet our staff and hosts, and join our mission. Our prayer is that viewers who have been blessed by Hope Channel will be inspired to share the blessing they have received with others by becoming Impact Partners, giving monthly donations that fit their budget. We are excited for this new opportunity to be able to meet with you in your home city.

**2022 Hope Channel Impact Days**

- **May 1, 2022:** Hope Channel Studio, Silver Spring, Maryland
- **August 13-14, 2022:** Teaneck, N.J./New York City
- **September 18, 2022:** Portland, Oregon
- **October 2, 2022:** Battle Creek, Michigan
- **November 6, 2022:** Collegedale, Tennessee
- **December 11, 2022:** Loma Linda, California

Registration slots are limited. If you are interested in attending an Impact Day or have additional questions, please contact Ronnie Mills, director of fundraising, at ronnie.mills@HopeTV.org.

We hope you will be able to join us for one of our events this year. We thank you for your continued prayers and support in 2022. With God’s mighty power and your continued faithful support, there is no doubt we can make an even greater impact for the kingdom of heaven. Join us as we continue to share hope with millions of people around the world.
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THE NEW BEGINNING –
ASIA HOPE CHANNELS

Commemorating the work of Ivy and G.T. Ng, Asian Channels Coordinator & Assistant to the President

Early 2007, when Pastor G. T. Ng answered a call to serve at the GC Secretariat in Washington D.C., he and his wife, Ivy, left their mission field in Silang, Cavite at the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), Philippines, after having served for over one and a half decades. Out of the four job openings that were available at that time in the North American Division (NAD) and General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists (GC), God led Ivy Ng to join the Adventist Television Network (ATN), the predecessor of Hope Channel International, Inc. From that modest start, the budding media ministry went through thick and thin and expanded through the years into a full-fledged powerhouse. Ivy was privileged to have watched and been involved in the incredible development of the ministry up to her retirement at the end of 2021, from four channels in 2003 to 70 today. Her decade and a half service as the Asia Channels Coordinator and the Assistant to the President was vital to the ministry of Hope Channel.

From the United States, Hope Channel extended into Central America and the rest of the Continent. Then it marched across the European and African continent. Then Hope Channel expanded eastward to the Asia-Pacific region into the 10/40 Window, a rectangular geographic area stretching from North Africa through the Middle East to Asia, covering 68 countries with 5.2 billion people. About 61 percent of the population are considered unreached by the gospel. Seen in this context, the venturing of Hope Channel into Asia in 2011 was highly significant.

Since 2011, through the Lord’s unseen hand and His marvelous and bountiful blessings, coupled with the strong support from donors and dedicated church leadership of Northern Asia-Pacific (NSD), SSD and GC, Hope Channel has made great strides in starting new channels. Hope Channel India, Hope Channel Chinese, and Hope MENA Channels were born in 2011 with great enthusiasm. Hope Channel Indonesia and Hope Channel Philippines followed suit in 2013 and in 2015, Hope Channel Japan, Hope Channel Korea, and Hope Channel Southeast Asia were all launched in the same year. Bringing up the rear was Hope Channel Singapore and Hope Channel Central Asia joining the global network in 2018. Praise the Lord that through the initiative of G. T. and Ivy Ng, there has been rapid growth and expansion of this vital media ministry in a non-Christian continent.

Project Hope

The first-ever “Chinese Project Hope,” coordinated by then Hope Channel Inc. and the guidance of the Ngs, was launched in March 2009 at the Loma Linda and the Los Angeles Chinese Church. Using the church auditoriums, Californian medical doctors, and other presenters in their own professional fields, sacrificed and volunteered their precious time. They gathered six days a week for four weeks, successfully completed in 24 production days with the taping of 120 half-hour shows.

A generous church member, sensing the great need of a dedicated production space, and through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, donated their family warehouse to Hope Channel. This was inconceivable as the Ng’s need for a space was fulfilled right before their very eyes. It was just amazing; faith in God was strengthened. Transformed into a smart studio space, Hope Channel Inc. was able to hold Project Hope in Loma Linda, year after year.

Those who came to the newly renovated studio expressed their excitement and joy over being able to share in developing these new television programs for Chinese Hope TV that was launched on July 1, 2011. Programs that were produced were subsequently transferred to our sister studio in Taiwan for post-production and preparation for broadcast on the new Chinese Hope TV.

With the large Indonesian Adventist communities in the Loma Linda area, Bahasa Indonesian programs were also produced by many professional guest speakers for the newly launched Hope Channel Indonesia. Many were involved who volunteered their time and talents helping in many ways to make this a success.
Most Memorable Experiences from GT and Ivy Ng’s Work

Throughout their years of service, GT and Ivy have been witness to the miraculous hand of God and shared their most memorable experiences.

The establishment of the ten Asian Hope Channels (see table below) with another new addition this year, has been an exciting and memorable experience for GT and Ivy Ng. These channels arise from all five regions of Asia, namely, Central Asia, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Western Asia.

The creation of Hope Channel Southeast Asia studio located in the campus of the Asia-Pacific International University, Thailand was an amazing story. While the Ngs were on annual leave in Singapore, several meetings were held with the Southeast Asia Union Mission officers to discuss the need of a media ministry/outreach. Through the teamwork of church leaders, donors, and friends, the dream to proclaim the message of hope through media became a reality. Inaugurated on August 9, 2019, the brand-new studio was the result of magnanimous blessings from God. The studio testified to the great love of God as funds poured in.

The Lord’s blessings continued to pour even at this time of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Hope Channel India studio located in Hapur, New Delhi, the nation’s capital, continued its construction and upon its completion, the much-needed studio will be able to produce many more Hindi programs. Hindi is the dominant language in India with its three-quarter of a billion speakers, located mostly in the northern states of India.

Wanting to increase the number of video viewership, Hope Channel Japan recently utilized Facebook Ads to make as many people as possible aware of the existence of Hope Channel Japan. The target is geared toward those who are interested in Christianity in the Tokyo metropolitan area. Since December 10, 2020, they have hit 18 advertisements so far. As a result, the number of Facebook followers has increased from 698 to 2,404 as of last year. In just three months, Hope Channel Japan has tripled their followers among the mostly non-Christians. The number of YouTube subscribers has also increased by more than 10%. Although only 0.8% of the population in Japan are Christians, more people are now interested in Christianity than ever before. It is Ivy and GT’s wish that these people will one day be connected to the Bible Correspondence Course through Hope Channel.

Ever thought of watching Hope Channel on a cruise ship? In the middle of the deep ocean on the East China Sea, Hope Channel Chinese was spotted on the televisions of the cruise ship by a Hope Channel fan traveling from Taiwan to Japan. People on this ship are watching Hope Channel Chinese via shipboard satellite! The Lord works in marvelous ways.

The Joy of Working for the Lord!

A recent news story titled, “The Coronavirus Outbreak Spurs Record Bible Purchases. People are Looking for Hope” shares how people are turning to the Bible for wisdom and comfort during COVID-19. This increase in the desire to read the Bible opens the door of opportunity for Hope Channel to share Bible truth and that has propelled the Ngs in their relentless work.

“It brings us great joy knowing that Hope Channel is able to share the message of hope to this broken world especially at this unprecedented time we live in. Signs are pointing to the soon coming of our Lord. Now is the time to act and act quick we must.”

It is a privilege and a blessing for us to play a part in proclaiming His soon return through media ministry as Hope Channel can bring the gospel message to places where missionaries cannot go. Hope Channel is without borders,” shares GT and Ivy Ng.

Many people still have not had the chance to learn of the good news of the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. GT and Ivy Ng’s dedication to Hope Channel, especially the Asian channels, reminds us that the time is short, and the opportunity is before us. Now is the time to share the message of hope and health to our global communities while the door is still open.

Ten (10) Asia Hope Channels with the year launched and ways to watch:

1. Hope Channel India (2011)
   • Website: https://www.hopechannelindia.org/

2. Hope Channel Chinese (2011)
   • Website: http://chinesehope.tv

3. Hope Channel MENA (2011)
4. Hope Channel Indonesia (2013)
5. Hope Channel Philippines (2013)
8. Hope Channel Southeast Asia (2015)