A Dawn of Hope

CBH continues to be excited about our growing partnership possibilities with the Church of God in Haiti and Mission Haiti Medical to express the healing hope that can only come through Jesus Christ, the one true living God. As we have responded to the invitation of the Haitian church for partnered ministry, we have received ministry space from Mission Haiti Medical for facilities that can equip the Church of God in Haiti to expand its message of hope across the island. Wonderful progress is being made to develop that space, identify key leadership, and explore avenues for sending out a message of hope across Haiti. We are very excited and encouraged.

The possibilities of this integrated approach to ministry became very clear to me on my recent trip to St. Ard, Haiti, and the ministry center there of which CBH is becoming a part.

I sat by as a father held his five-year-old son. His little boy was going into surgery, and the concern was written like a love letter on his face. He sat outside the surgery room, saying nothing, head down, rubbing his palms together, tapping his foot.

The cries of two baby boys echoed through the clinic’s hallways. You could hear them everywhere you went. “Twins? Where? I’ve got to go hold them!”

“They were born right down the hall!”

“How old are they?”

“Thirty-two weeks.”

“That’s eight weeks premature. Do we have oxygen?”

“We need to move them. We don’t have what we need to keep them alive.”

One after another, stories of people seeking hope, people in pain, people hungry, people with few good options. I don’t want to sugarcoat things. Haiti is a very difficult place to live and to minister. And while physical healing is very important, Dr. Mark Fulton, founder of Mission Haiti Medical, feels clearly that “the overlying need is a spiritual need, their need for hope, their need for hope in Jesus Christ.” It’s the same need for all people everywhere.

And hope lives in Haiti! It lives in the smiles of the Haitian pastors, willing to help in any way so that people would see that there is hope of a better tomorrow. It lives in the Haitian doctors at the clinic, using their God-given talents to heal hurts. It lives in emerging CBH-Creole pastors who will not only broadcast hope through the airwaves but also pray with patients and their families and provide spiritual support at the clinic, helping ensure that while the body heals, eternity is not lost.

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These are days of great opportunity. Pastor Nerva Alladin, of Les Cayes, Haiti, says it this way: “For all of us here, we can say that this is truly a beneficial moment. This is a great opportunity for the Church of God in Haiti to send a message of God to all of the far corners of Haiti.” We at CBH are so excited to be a part of this wonderful effort of hope. Please join us in prayer and financial support as we come alongside to partner with the Haitian Christians to do the ministry God has called them to do!

By Allison Suer
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Christians Broadcasting Hope

Photos: For more photos from the trip, search for CBH: Christians Broadcasting Hope on Facebook!

1. An anesthesiologist carries a five-year-old boy in for surgery. CBH-Creole aims to have a pastor at the clinic on-call to pray with the patients and the families. 2. One of the Church of God pastors helps unload the semi. Upon CBH’s departure, he gave us all great big hugs and said, “You come back soon!” 3. A little girl crawls across rubble to her home in St. Ard, Haiti. 4. Outside the studio, before and after with new doors. 5. Recording room before and after.

You + CBH

Are you wondering how you can get a little more involved with CBH in tangible ways? Here are some extra-budgetary costs you can help out with this year. Give us a call if you’d like to help out with this ministry area.

Haiti Broadcast
We have a life-changing opportunity for you to get involved in our new broadcast in Haiti! At the request of Haitian pastors, we’ve come alongside them and are teaching them how to develop their own programming to air in Haiti and into the Dominican Republic.

- **Engineering Space**—$750
  Engineering space is essential for a broadcast. This expense covers monitors, mixers, interfaces, and cables.
- **Recording Equipment**—$1,200
  This cost covers microphones, stands, headphones, direct input boxes, and more
- **Computer Editing Equipment**—$1,500
  Supporting this program would provide the Haitian studio with a computer as well as necessary computer editing software.

**India Tribal Area Seekers’ Conference**—$1,200
This conference allows selected listeners and CBH staff to sit down and really talk about Jesus. The percentage of attendees who make a commitment for Christ at these conferences is remarkable. The money you donate will cover all logistical costs for the conference.
Over the years I have had the privilege of being invited to people’s homes to hear the story. With coffee or bread pudding, a piece of pie or a soda, I sit and listen to the story—their story. I listen to people talk about their love of God and their sense of being blessed. It is the story of good stewards who want to make a difference.

They tell of the ministry they love—the ministry they have supported and helped make possible. It is their ministry. For one plants the seeds, others tend, and yet others reap a harvest. But each has a real part in the story.

Two themes are always true. There is great joy in knowing that their gift can make a difference. There is a heartfelt desire to believe a lasting difference is made.

A lasting difference—what a magnificent thought! Is that your heart’s desire? We can help.

An estate gift can make a perpetual difference through an endowment to the ministry you partner with. Many have made a profound difference through support of CBH. Of course, an endowment can support other ministries you love.

What is an endowment? In general terms, it is a gift to the ministry you love with the goal of providing perpetual support. The gift is invested and funds for ministry are provided from investment. Over time the endowment grows. Other people with the same love for ministry may add to the endowment. This long term gift can provide income many more times than the gift itself. It makes a difference, a lasting difference.

So I sit in the homes and hear the story of wonderful people who care enough to make a difference. They speak of ministry, and it is their ministry—they make it possible.

If you are among this alliance of wonderful people, call us at 800-848-2464 and ask to speak to Stewardship Ministry Group. Without any pressure, we will listen to you and give you the information you need to make the choices that help you in your lasting ministry goals.

By Kirk Bookout
Donor and Church Relations, Church of God Ministries
The water gently lapping against the wooden keel of the boat matches the soft blue of the sky above as your eyes scan the shoreline. The steep hills that surround you at every turn stand in stark relief against that same blue sky, sweeping your eyes heavenward. The afternoon is fading, although the sunlight dances as it hits the water. There will still be enough day left once the boat returns to its dock, but for a moment you are overcome with the wonder, the beauty, and the sense of the place. It’s so quiet you think you can hear him whisper. You imagine what it must have been like in those days: the nets, the crowds, the fish, the fields ablaze with wildflowers draping the sloping landscape just ahead. Drinking it all in, you know that it is today as it was then. The lake. The hills. The cool breeze that rolls down across the face of the mountains to the west. You are on the Sea of Galilee. It is the stage upon which Jesus walked—and yes, he walked literally across this inland fresh-water sea, eight miles long and seven miles wide.

As the shoreline comes now closer, your mind runs ahead. Next stop: the river Jordan, where the team will have a baptismal service, a few hundred yards from where the river flows out of the Galilee, at one of the two places that tradition suggests that John the Baptist drew crowds and where Jesus himself was baptized.

Come with us. Sail across the Sea of Galilee, stand on the banks of the Jordan, wander the ancient streets of Capernaum, and marvel at the ancient walled city of Jerusalem. Gethsemane. Golgotha. The Mount of Olives. Bethany. Mount Zion. The valley of the brook Kidron. Caesarea Philippi. And, yes, the City of David, Bethlehem. These are more than just place names in Bible stories. They are real places, still living and breathing today.

CBH-ViewPoint will take you there in January 2014, one year from now. Travel with us. Discover with us. In the footsteps of Jesus and where God walked into this world. The Scriptures were born here. The Word became flesh here. It’s like no other place on earth.

This will be CBH’s third expedition to Israel and Jordan. This will be a trip like no other in that we will provide more teaching—and more free time for the team to explore, once we have the lay of the land in view. You will celebrate Christmas Eve in Bethlehem on January 6 (observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians who follow the ancient Julian calendar). You will find a fresh new frame with which to understand the Bible as you see how history and experience find their center in Christ. I’m signed up; wouldn’t miss it.

Reservations are now open. Bring a friend. Bring your family. Talk it up at church. Everywhere. Just visit our website, www.cbhviewpoint.org, for all the specs. And in the meantime, stay tuned. CBH-ViewPoint is, fifty-two weeks a year, working to help you see your world from Heaven’s view.

Sign up now!
Have you ever wanted to visit Bethlehem on the Orthodox Christmas? Have you ever wanted to be three feet away from a lion? Call 800-757-VIEW and see the world from Heaven’s view!

Russia October 2013
Holy Lands January 2014
Kenya 2014

Retreat to the Cove 2013
Join us for the Retreat to the Cove 2013 as we host special guest Kathy Troccoli! Call 800-757-VIEW to sign up today!

Check out the Kathy Troccoli CDs available on the back of this newsletter! *While supplies last.*
CBH Launches

OPTIMIZED WEBSITE AND NEW CBH APP

I’m at church following along in the Bible app on my iPhone as Jim Lyon reads from God’s Word. I’m at the store shopping for groceries using the Notes app on my phone to find the plethora of items I need for the week. I’m with friends and the conversation turns to movies: “Who was it that played Abraham Lincoln in the movie Lincoln that just released?” I get out my phone and open my IMDB (Internet Movie Database) app and say, “It was Daniel Day-Lewis.” I can even calculate the payments (including interest) on a loan for a home or a car, use my phone as a flashlight, pay bills, find the nearest Starbucks, or keep up with my favorite sports team all because I have the app. Truly there’s an app for that, whatever THAT is.

As the new year dawns here at CBH, we’re looking at the ways we communicate with our listeners, supporters, and partners. One of the questions we have asked is, how accessible are we to the people who want to find us? On the web? On the radio? As we’ve looked at this question, we’ve come up with some solutions that will ultimately help make the message of hope more accessible to more people. There are two primary areas that we have looked at to improve our presence among our friends and listeners, and both involve mobile devices.

We are convinced that radio is by far the best bang for the buck when it comes to spreading the hope of Christ around the world. However, we can’t ignore the reality that mobile devices are quickly changing the way people access radio and other kinds of information, especially in more developed countries. People with mobile devices can already access our website, but because of screen sizes and other related issues, browsing an Internet site on a mobile device can be somewhat clunky if the site is not prepared specifically for mobile devices. In fact, some functionality may not even be available. So with that in mind, we recently optimized our website for mobile devices. This makes it easier to move through our website on a smart phone, tablet, or iPod. We believe that this change will help make it easier for visitors to find what they’re looking for when they visit our site.

We also realized that as the world of communications continues its rapid expansion, we need to be poised to move with this growth. As we begin the new year, we are launching our first Christians Broadcasting Hope app for mobile devices. This new app will place much of the information from our website, and more, at your fingertips. Just download the app and you’re off and running. Do you want to listen to the newest radio program from ViewPoint or our Spanish broadcast La Hermandad Cristiana? Just open the app and start listening. What’s new with CBH? Again, just open the app and read our news articles. Want to make a donation to CBH? You can do it right from the app. This new app will be in place while we develop a fully customized version over the course of the next year. We’re striving to make it easy for you to access CBH in the way that’s most convenient for you, and we’re positioning ourselves to maximize our reach around the globe.

We are very excited about these new additions to our CBH offerings. Our broadcasts are more accessible than ever before, and we hope you’ll get on board by downloading our new app. Simply go to our homepage at www.cbhviewpoint.org and click on the App button, or use your QR Code Reader on your mobile device to scan the code on this page. Once the app opens, you’ll need to select the button at the bottom that says open in Safari (or another web browser if using a non-Apple device). When the web page is open, follow the prompts to save the app to your phone. You’ll be more connected to CBH than ever. Hey, anyone know where CBH is traveling this year? There’s an app for that. Get it today!

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We’ve had many listeners call in from the East Coast of the United States. With such awful tragedies in such a short time, there are many people trying to find hope in these dark times. Here are some stories from our CBH family on the East Coast.

PS: Thank you to Angie Garcia for sharing her photos from Hurricane Sandy! You can follow her on Twitter @Angie_Garcia_17

“It’s been a hard few months, here on the East Coast—the hurricane and now the tragedy in Connecticut. Several of the families affected attend my church, and I have seen firsthand how hard this time is for them. We are constantly praying for them, lifting them up, and surrounding them in love. It gives me great hope that the family of God will not be broken, and that no matter how deep the darkness gets, there will always be a ray of hope lighting the way. Thank you for broadcasting just that—hope.” —Chris, Connecticut

“When we got hit by Hurricane Sandy, I was ankle deep in water at my home and a blizzard was on the way. It was a scary time, and I was scrambling to make sure my family was okay and had enough food and water. I am so grateful that we have a God to trust in. I don’t know how people get through hard times if they don’t have God!” —Angie, New York

“I had been an alcoholic for many years. I took a flask to work with me. One morning, for some reason, I just started praying every time I wanted to take a drink. One morning, I prayed and prayed and I threw the flask over the Brooklyn Bridge. By the time I got off the bridge, I knew I was a new creature. I’ve been praising God ever since.” —Jim, New York

Photos

1. Angie assesses the damage from ripped up floorboards in her home. The water poured into her home, settling at over two feet at its highest point.
2. The storm deposited this boat on Angie’s street.
3. Hurricane Sandy tore this boardwalk from its foundations as it ripped across the New York shoreline.

To Do:

- Visit the Garden Tomb
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Sail the Sea of Galilee
- Explore one of the 7 Wonders of the World
- Walk where Jesus walked

The Holy Lands

January 3–13, 2014
You’re already changing the world this year! Thanks to you, the pastors in India will be able to host a Seekers’ Conference this year! That means that hundreds of people in India will be able to hear the life-changing message of hope through Jesus Christ—many for the first time! We’ve talked to the pastors and they’re already busy making plans for this year. Here is just one of the many testimonies from past conferences:

This woman is from a high caste Hindu family and the man is from a low-caste Hindu family. But they were married after they became believers of Christ. As per the Hindu practice, this kind of marriage could have never occurred because of unequal castes.

When she was eighteen years old, she first came to know about Jesus. Before that she was worshiping all kinds of gods and goddess. She said, “I was given an impression that all these idols are incarnations of God. But looking to the evil lives of the idol worshipers, I started questioning people, Are these idols really God? Gradually I left idol worshiping and I did not worship anybody. In the meantime, I met a Christian believer woman who used to listen to Christian radio programmes. She told me about the Lord Jesus and gave me few Christian booklets. The more I read these booklets, the more I was convinced that Jesus was Lord indeed.”

“In my house I openly started praying and reading Bible. My parents were upset with me and started mistreating me. I was severely beaten, was locked up in a solitary room, and was no more allowed to go to music class. Under these circumstances, I was crying to the Lord. There was no fellowship, no Christian friends, and moreover I was imprisoned in my own house.

“One day, seizing an opportunity, I ran from my house to my music teacher’s house and insisted that in order to save me he must marry me. He obliged, and after few days of hiding we were married secretly in a court.”

A few days after their marriage, this Seekers’ Conference was held and the couple attended the conference. On the last day of the conference, both of them took water baptism.

Please pray for this couple as they are hated by their own relatives, community, and others. Please pray for these Seekers’ Conferences. This is one of our good strategies to bring people to the Lord.

For ways you can get involved and support CBH around the world, check out the CBH Special Projects on page 2!

Photos
1. Women kneel and spend time with the Lord.
2. Children sit and hear the message of hope in Christ. Satya Jyoti (True Light) is broadcast throughout the region, also spreading the word of hope.
3. Hundreds gather to watch as new believers proclaim their faith through baptism.

CBH Tumbler
Receive a 16 oz. tumbler with CBH logo, while supplies last, for any donation amount. See order form on back.
STAFF PICKS
FAVORITE BOOKS, VIDEOS, AND MUSIC FROM THE CBH STAFF

Kathy Troccoli CDs

Some artists make music that brings you to your feet in praise. Kathy’s music makes you want to bow your head in worship. Her songs make God more real in a day and age when “seeing is believing” seems to be the motto of many. After twenty-one years, thirteen CDs, nineteen Dove Award nominations, three Grammy nominations, and seventeen #1 songs, CBH is offering you the opportunity to have Kathy Troccoli in your living room. Make any donation to the life-changing ministry of Christians Broadcasting Hope and we’ll send you one of Kathy’s CDs, while supplies last! If you have a preference, please note it below in the order form. Options include: The Kathy Troccoli Collection, The Story of Love, or Draw Me Close: Songs of Worship.