All Is Well—CBH Arabic

Every now and then I like to look more closely at a popular worship song, and today I’m checking out “Mighty to Save,” performed by Hillsong, written by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding. You might know this song as “Everyone needs compassion” if, like me, you tend to call songs by their first line.

The lyrics of the first verse are so powerful, proclaiming that everyone needs compassion, and that Christ is the only hope for the nations. This is evident in Scripture, and in Acts 2 in particular when the disciples were heard speaking in foreign languages. Scripture says about the people listening: “When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken...Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues” (Acts 2:6, 11b niv).

However, God reveals his hope for everyone in many ways; one way is through listening to the gospel. CBH has been broadcasting hope for decades, and today we rejoice that we have the opportunity to share the gospel with some of the 250 million people in the Arab world.

Therefore, a partnership has been revived between CBH and Salem Church of God. According to Pastor Bob Moss: “Three of the national radio speakers of the Church of God were former pastors of this congregation: W. Dale Oldham, the founder of the broadcast; Dr. R. Eugene Sterner; and Dr. David Grubbs.”

The Salem Church is being asked to (continued on page 2)

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Men and women in the Arab world are facing discouragement and disappointment on a daily basis.

Left: Myrna anxiously awaits her turn at the mic.  
Right: Nabil records in studio with CBH.
revive its relationship with CBH in a new enterprise aimed at reaching those in the Arabic world. Nabil and Myrna Safi are a part of the Salem congregation and have been asked to produce an Arabic broadcast, Kello Tamam (All Is Well).

The end of Acts 2 gives more meaning to the original title of the above mentioned song, as God adds to the church those who were saved. Our job is to “let the world know,” and he is “mighty to save.”

For more information or to listen to the broadcast, go to www.kellotamam.org

We’ve had an exciting turnout from people around the country coming together to give $107.50 to sponsor three hours of Hope. Below are a few of the people who have joined the team. It’s not too late to get involved in changing the world together. Choose Hope—Give Today!

In memory of Joseph Toth, Kimberly and Kevin Majeski, Sue Glander, Meril Chirgwin, Iva Becker Ronald Davidson, Martha Gainey, Charles Hamilton, William Lobdell, Arthur Little, Howard Simmons

Churches and individuals from around the country come together to sponsor a day or more of ministry at CBH by giving $860 for a day. Below are the people who have joined the team for the first time or renewed their pledge since March. If you want more information on how you or your church can change the world by sponsoring a day of worldwide radio ministry, please contact us toll free at 800-848-2464, ext. 2161.

March is Hope Month at CBH, and each year we work to raise funds for our global ministry by encouraging people to donate just $9 per month to help spread hope throughout the world. This year, you helped us raise over $13,000 toward global ministry! Thank you! Here are just a few of the amazing people and churches who teamed together with CBH to fight fear and spread hope throughout the world! Hope lives! Thank you for helping us tell the world!
CBH has, through the years, had many talented and dedicated individuals who have contributed their efforts to this ministry of hope. No one has been more faithful, more energetic, and more fruitful in their CBH ministry than our Portuguese speaker, Mario Hort! Recently, Mario celebrated forty years of radio ministry; the majority of those years have included his partnership with CBH. We are so thankful for his decades of investment in radio ministry. When we asked him for his thoughts about this momentous moment in his life and the ministry he has loved for so many years, he told us this:

“The best letter from our radio ministry of the last forty years is a living letter from a member of the Rondon congregation’s leadership. After forty years of preaching the gospel on radio, our church leaders came to an official celebration at the Church of God in Rondon, Brazil, on April 7, 2013. A new member of the leadership team, in charge of future planning, Luiz Prass, became aware of the great work done in the last forty years of radio ministry, and said full of gladness, ‘Pastor Mario, when I was a child, I passed in front of the Church of God every day. Never did I imagine I would be a trustee of this congregation. But I remember the words of my mother saying, “Luiz, listen to Pastor Mario speaking every Saturday on radio. Listen to what he says and how to conduct your family.’” In discussing his marriage Luiz said to his bride-to-be: ‘I agree to have our wedding at your church, but after the wedding, I want to attend the Rondon Church of God with Pastor Mario Hort.’ However, ever since the wedding, the entire family has now been part of the congregation for many years. And on April 3, 2013, Luiz attended his first trustee meeting joined by our radio ministry team! He was full of joy as he learned of the total scope of the local, national, and international radio ministry of the Church of God.”

Right: Teaching: Mario shares his vast experience of broadcasting.
Bottom Left: Awarding: CBH-Portuguese host Mario Hort and his wife Natalia are honored for forty years in broadcasting.
Bottom Right: Laughing: One hundred and fifty members of the choir Ecos da Liberdade joined Mario and Natalia Hort in celebration.

Testimonies of a life lived for the kingdom

Hello Shepherd Mario (Hort),

It is so good to receive your message. I am very thankful to God for your life, when thirty-six years ago you visited me at my church. I will never forget that Saturday night when I accepted Jesus. Weeks later I received a letter from your secretary, Elizane, giving me support in the decision that I had taken. Well, all this has become unforgettable, because in spite of having failed a lot of times, Jesus never again left my life. I try to pass that on to my children, who now also follow that same road. Thanks to God for their lives and for you.

—Guido Hinz, Edmonton, Canada
Christians Broadcasting Hope (CBH) has a long history reaching back into the 1940s. It was then that a Christian radio program, developed specifically for radio (as opposed to the more familiar simple rebroadcast of an already established Sunday church service), was launched by the Church of God. We take custom Christian radio for granted these days, but the concept then was revolutionary and daring.

In the sixty-six years since, week in and week out, CBH has been on air with a message of hope, grounded in the Scriptures. The English program (ViewPoint) on which I speak has been the flagship, even as indigenous programming has taken to the airwaves around the world, under the CBH umbrella. In Swahili and Hindi and Spanish and Russian and so many more, the gospel is brought to life every day on air (and online) in the CBH global family of broadcasts. Dollar for dollar, few ministries reach as far and as wide as CBH does.

CBH is a ministry owned by Church of God Ministries in the United States and Canada, based in Anderson, Indiana. Church of God Ministries not only fields CBH but also serves on many other fronts, with mission staff in many countries, relief work on five continents, programs and resources for local churches coast to coast, and so much more. Church of God Ministries networks a constellation of schools, colleges, universities, women’s ministries, children’s ministries, and other Christian partners all focused for Heaven’s sake. It’s no small thing.

This spring, I was asked to become the next general director of Church of God Ministries, relinquishing my role as a local church pastor. After much careful praying, thinking, listening, and wrestling with the opportunity, I concluded that it was a post I must embrace. My new role begins on August 5; I will also step away from my position as senior pastor at the Madison Park Church this summer.

One question now often asked is, “Will you still speak on ViewPoint?” And the answer is, “Yes.” The Ministries Council of the Church of God (a broad group of representatives from throughout the United States and Canada to whom the general director reports) has agreed that I should remain on the program for this next chapter. Wearing a new hat with new global responsibilities, I may be able to speak into the larger radio audience in fresh, new ways. Our ViewPoint cohosts (a terrific team!) will remain in place too.

Thanks for your faithfulness. Thanks for your interest and prayerful investment in the CBH ministry. Thanks for listening. There are days of great adventure ahead. There are opportunities to be seized and much promise to bring to life. Stay tuned.

Ephesians 2:10
My mind is still reeling from Lori Salierno at the Cove last October. Just yesterday, one of her visuals flashed through my mind and my spirit was lifted. Then I realized that I was encouraged by a message I heard six months ago.

The Cove stays with you. It seems as if God gives you what you need so that when you actually need the message, it’s replaying in your mind like an Andy Griffith rerun, only not in black and white; it’s as fresh as if the words were just uttered.

I don’t know what you will need in six months, a year, two years, but I do know that God does. Come away with us and be renewed. You’ll be glad you did. Even if it isn’t until six months later.

Testimonies

“We always leave the Cove feeling refreshed and recharged, not exhausted and attempting to process too much information. The balance of worship inspiration, challenge, fellowship, free time, and inviting lounge areas draw us back each year like a magnet.”
—Larry and Che-Che, Lake Wales, Florida

“It is wonderful to be treated so grand. No house work. No commitments. Just a time to let go and let God fill my cup in beautiful surroundings that only God and his Spirit can make you want to go back for more.”
—Mollie, Flint, Michigan

“Blessed quietness, atmosphere, spirit, worship, fellowship, meals, rooms, old friends and new friends—they all made this a unique time away from it all.”
—John, Salem, Oregon

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Words of Hope

Christ has continued to expand this CBH radio ministry here in East Africa, particularly in Kenya and Uganda, since we moved to the FM station based in the western part of Kenya. We are allowed to run our thirty-minute program, and it has really touched many people. They are calling to request the following items: prayer for healing diseases, doing well in exams at school, peace in marriage, getting a job, etc. It has a targeted population of about 7.6 million active listeners. Even in this moment, as I am writing this e-mail, a person has just called asking to receive Christ in her life. Hope lives! Tell the world!

—From Obed Okech, CBH Director in Kenya, East Africa

Answered Prayers

An Oriya listener says:
I am from a Hindu family. My family members do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. I am twenty-five years old.

I had requested all the friends of Satya Jyoti to pray for my physical healing. My backbone is fractured and both my left and right legs have stopped functioning. I have been bedridden for nearly four years. The Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus walked on this earth, brought the sick to him, and no matter what the disease, the touch of his hands brought healing. I believe this miraculous power of God is freely available to us even today. He has given us this glorious assurance. Now I had received a letter from Satya Jyoti where in they had written that they are praying for my healing.

With joyful heart now I am writing this that I am slowly improving and believe that Jesus has touched me. I praise his mighty name. Please continue praying for me.

A Hindi listener says:
I listen to your Hindi program every Thursday. The message is very touching, and it helps me to see my lifestyle. I believe in Jesus Christ, but my parents and brother do not. My father is a drunkard. Every day he is drinking. After drinking he beats my mother and me. He spends our money gambling. Our family is in total chaos. I requested that the staff at Satya Jyoti to pray so that the divine power will touch my father. I thank Jesus that he answered everybody’s prayers and for one month now my father has not drunk or gambled. Praise the Lord!

Left: The KIST Choir sings as one voice to the Lord. The choir contributed to the CBH production of Ndiyo Bwana Wangu, a CD project to raise money for CBH projects in other parts of the world.

Bottom Left: A guitarist tunes his guitar as he prepares to record in the CBH studio.

Bottom Right: Women pray as they prepare themselves for baptism.
“We got to go in the tomb. It’s awe-inspiring when you can really say, ’I walked today where Jesus walked.’”

“I was baptized at twelve years of age, and I was baptized again in the Jordan River. To know from Scripture that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan made a great confirmation in my faith.”

“We went out to Galilee and we shut the music off. We just sat on the water for about an hour and reflected on the fact that we were sitting in a boat in the same water that Jesus walked on.”

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