It has been an exciting year here at CBH. Many wonderful things are happening, but none is more encouraging that our focused efforts to continue to move our broadcasts from shortwave to AM and FM radio stations. We made this change with one of our broadcasts in India and with our CBH Swahili broadcast in East Africa, located at the Kima International School of Theology (KIST). The results have been wonderful! CBH Swahili Producer, Obed Okech, says it this way:

“The first Sunday was a remarkable and unforgettable day that touched our lives. The very first program from CBH studio went on air at West FM station and aroused many call-ins and texts requesting healing, salvation, prayer of reconciliation between family members, ways of getting the teaching and preaching booklets, ways to know more about KIST and CBH Studio, and prayer requests for families and marriages...

“God has remained immutable, even in small undertakings that a person can simply not ignore. Moving to a local FM local station is rejuvenating what people in western Kenya had forgotten. The programs have given KIST and the ministries here a new image. It attracts many calls to know what the station actually stands for. This has brought new life at KIST and the entire Kenyan Church of God. We stand with Christ and his saving work of which we are part. Thank you for all endeavors that you put in place to see that the programs are running.”

God has blessed CBH with terrific teams around the world that carry messages of Hope every week to a seeking world. You can, through a special gift this Christmas, be a part of that Hope-giving work that happens every week through our CBH broadcasts. Please consider a financial gift this year to help us continue to be a voice of Hope. The opportunities are endless! Will you help us and give a gift of Hope to the world?

May you have a blessed and Hope-filled holiday season!

John Walters
CBH Coordinator

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Mark 10:14 niv)

Hundreds gather to worship in Kenya.

Children welcome CBH team members into Kenya!
**VIEWPOINT**

By Jim Lyon  Host, CBH ViewPoint

First Corinthians 13:13 reminds us, that in the end “these three remain: faith, hope and love” (NIV).

First Thessalonians 1:3 explains how each of these three virtues is brought to life in this world: “We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (NIV).

Faith produces good work, evidenced in our conduct. Faith that does not prove itself true with works is, as James tells us, “no faith at all.” “What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? …faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless” (James 2:14, 17 NLT).

Love inspires labor—not just work (as we understand the modern sense of the word labor), but an intense, sometimes tough, tenacious commitment to act on behalf of others, denying ourselves. The original Greek word used here is tied to the idea of beating the breast in anguish rising from deep affection and sacrifice. That’s what love does: it gives birth to action and commitment that can cost us deeply. That’s true love—not the transient, cavalier, here-today-maybe-gone-tomorrow kind of emotion so commonplace today.

And hope. It brings endurance, steadfastness. In a world of hurt, in a world of tall mountains to climb and dark valleys to navigate, it is hope that sees us through. Hope is the confident expectation of something that isn’t yet. It is framed by certainty and trust. Hope is the currency of life, the light ahead, the reason to keep going.

We are Christians and we broadcast hope. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, in nine languages, worldwide. Christians Broadcasting Hope. That’s who we are.

Does it matter? Does it make a difference? Absolutely. From the guy who wrote recently from a prison in Oregon to say that he finds hope every week listening to CBH ViewPoint (“It’s different than other things I hear. There is a different spirit on your radio show that is changing me.”), to the mom who reached out to us to ask if there was hope for her son in prison (no relationship between them), to the idol-worshipping villagers in India responding to the hope of our broadcast in the Odia language, to the orphaned children in Ukraine cared for by new believers whose church has been formed by gathering around a radio to listen to our Russian program, to the forty-something Texan who found hope by listening to our Spanish broadcast, the hope we beam into this broken world is the stuff of Heaven. The stories are legion.

If ever there was a day in which the world needed to have hope, this is it. If ever we had a chance to experience and share faith, hope, and love, this is it. A new year will shortly dawn. If ever there was a chance to say thank you to our friends and supporters, now is the time.

Thank you for praying for the ministry of CBH, for supporting this global enterprise, for tuning in each week. Thank you for your faithful work, labor of love, and enduring hope. We couldn’t do it without you. And there’s so much more good to be done. You are making a difference in more places, changing more lives, bringing more hope than you can imagine.

The world needs Christians who will broadcast hope. We do. You do too, with every prayer, with every dollar, with every encouraging word you invest in this ministry. Thanks for being our partners.

May the Lord’s blessing and peace be yours this Christmastime and throughout the new year to come. Stay tuned.

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**Hymns and Stories from the Chapel (CD) & Go Ahead. Ask Anything (Book)**

by CBH ViewPoint host Jim Lyon available now.

Mark the box on the response sheet to get your copy today.
ViewPoint Testimonies

“As you can see, I am writing to you from prison. I have been locked up for six years. I listen to your show every Sunday morning. (I NEVER miss it!) I always get something good from listening to ViewPoint. When our God desires to take hold of a person and use them for the glory of his kingdom, well, that is exactly what he does. For me, I am forty-four; I have four children and now one granddaughter. I hope to be in all of their lives again one day. I strive every day to serve my King, Jesus Christ. I will witness to other inmates while I am here, and I will share the hope that I have. I wanted to thank you for your program because it has been of great encouragement and blessing to me.” —John

“I am blind and don’t get out of my home much. Sadly, most of the company I get are the are walls in my living room. After I heard ViewPoint, the walls of my house seemed to expand and grow with love and hope. Now, I listen every week. It has changed my life, my world, and allowed my soul to see what my eyes cannot. Thank you so much. God bless you.” —Elizebeth

“I’ve been listening to your broadcast for a couple of years now. I appreciate the topics you address, and it has been an encouragement for me. About five years ago, I went through a very ugly divorce. I haven’t been able to get my feet under me since then. My energy, finances, time, etc., go into caring, praying, worrying for my sons, and I haven’t taken the time to care for myself much. Listening to your program is helping me see that I need to live my life every day instead of just surviving every day. Thank you.” —Chris

“What a life-changing experience! I loved being in Lebanon and was so blessed by the love of Jesus in the hearts of the born-again Lebanese and Syrian people. I felt safe the whole time as Jim led our team through crowded airports, downtown Paris, and, most of all, Beirut. Thank you!” —A CBH traveler to Beirut

Thanks to Our Newest Churches/Individuals

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 October 2012. 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.

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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!

Ronald Jack, Arthur Little, Barbara Theodore, Jeanette Davisson, Walter Perry, Tina Rumple

Send Hope Forever—Remember CBH Endowments
**CBH Around the World**

*CBH-Viewpoint*

“My father passed away on Friday. I was devastated and lying in bed on Sunday when *ViewPoint* came on the radio. I had never heard it before, but it was exactly what I needed to hear. I was able to get out of bed, and I was praising God all day! Hope was brought back into my life that day, and I am so grateful.” — *Leslie*

*CBH-Spanish*

“Thank you very much for the CD you sent me from *Hermandad*! The materials you sent me have helped me in my walk with God, and I am so blessed to be able to hear such a program! You reached out to me in love, and I have been blessed by the power of God’s Word. Bless you!” — *Laura*

*CBH-Portuguese*

“I was arrested and am serving time in prison. As I sat thinking of all the things I’d lost, I saw a booklet, *Echoes of the Freedom*, in my cell. I began to read the booklet, and suddenly I felt Espírito Santo (Holy Spirit) fill me. I felt peace, so later I spoke to a friend in another cell about the peace I felt in my heart. Please pray for me because I do not have any visitors. My wife and daughter, Ana Clara, live five hours away. Please pray that God can bless us with the echoes of ultimate freedom.” — *Douglas*
CBH-Russian
“Dejected, I sat in my room and turned the radio to some music. Michael came to visit. He is a Christian and recommended your program. I heard it again and again and then the word of God brought me to think. The day came when I put my trust in Jesus Christ. Michael has not only set my radio to the right frequency but my whole life.” —Wasiliy

CBH-Hindi
“I got the chance to go to the Seekers’ Conference. This conference is a milestone in my life. When I was hearing, I knew in my soul that there is no other savior than Jesus. This is my first experience of a Christian fellowship. I now deeply understand, if I would not have heard the name of Jesus, what would have happened to my life?” —Santilata Prodhan

CBH-Swahili
“I was having a dream of how to learn recording a radio and television programs, but the training I have gotten from the CBH-Swahili studio at KIST has really made the dream complete. My training has helped me to be active in my church here in Kenya, called Kisumu Pentecostal Church, where I am in charge of the sound system serving more than three thousand people instantly in one service.” —Petronila Wegulo

Côte d’Ivoire
“Please hear our sincere thanks and our profound gratitude for everything that you’ve done, to ensure that the radio continues to be a powerful instrument in the hands of our Savior Jesus Christ—helping to save French-speaking West Africa and all of Africa, beginning in Côte d’Ivoire. God bless you and enrich you by his design for his glory and honor by Jesus Christ, our father and savior. Amen!” —Pastor N’Goran Kakou Daniel
I’m not a person who likes to sit down. In fact, something I’ve had to teach myself over the years is that a full schedule does not mean a fulfilled life. It seems that the more connected we get through social media, 24/7 news apps, and the latest reality shows, the more disconnected we get from ourselves. When was the last time you took a vacation from work and didn’t check your e-mail? Truly escaped?

When we pulled onto the grounds of the Billy Graham Training Center, it was as if serenity blanketed the very car we were driving. The stress of push notifications from three mobile devices in my pocket simply melted away. We were free to rest in the presence of God.

And you know what? As I walked through the woods with brothers and sisters I had met for the first time face-to-face, I realized something: God made some pretty cool clouds. And as I walked along the path, as I sat on the porch, as I talked and fellowshiped with my family in Christ, the stress and constant buzz in my head faded away and was replaced with this amazing peaceful silence. I got to sit down and listen to God—just him and me!

And it didn’t just stop there. I talked to person after person who had been struggling in the past year. They were filled with joy because finally they were in a safe place where they could heal. Brothers and sisters in Christ surrounded them with love and support and enabled them to feel safe to begin a healing process they had previously felt fearful of starting. Now they all go home knowing they have the love, prayer, and support of friends all over the country. That’s powerful.

As Lori Salierno taught us this week, life is not a goal in God’s plan; life is a process. I learned this week what it means to rest. I learned how important it is to take time for myself. I learned how to just be with God. I learned how important it is to sit down.

Allison Suer
Outreach Coordinator

A group of CBH guests, led by Allison Suer, hiked more than three hours to the overlook above the Cove.

“My husband passed away and I was overwhelmed with finances, but I knew I needed to take time for myself even in my grief. The staff at CBH walked me through everything—the schedule, how to get there, how to get home. I am so grateful, and going to the Cove reminded me of how surrounded in Christian love we all are. I’m going every year from now on.”

“A feeling of tranquility flooded my soul when I arrived on the grounds of the Cove. It is a place truly bathed in prayer and is a wonderful source of blessing and renewal.”

“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.”

“It’s wonderful to be treated so grand. No housework. 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.”
We live in a world full of expectations; and as Christians, our expectations are based on God’s grace. The apostle Paul tells us we have an eternal hope of glory, and every week we try to convey that message on Hermandad Cristiana. Continually, people living in desperate situations will reach out to hear the message of hope and love. Recently, we received a letter from a twenty-five-year-old prisoner who listens to the radio program at 5:30 every Saturday morning. He was so moved that he wrote a letter sharing his life. One of the things he talked about was how he has only seen his mother once in the seven years he has been incarcerated. A few days later, we received a letter from his mother thanking our staff for reaching out to her son, because through the communication, God’s peace and presence blessed their lives. With great distance between mom and son, they both experienced the love and grace from God. God’s grace fulfills our expectations. Thank you, CBH Partners, for your faithful support.

Gilberto Davila
Speaker for CBH-Spanish
La Hermandad Cristiana

CBH Special Project

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

India Tribal Area Seekers’ Conference 2013—$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.

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!

Holy Lands 2014

Kenya 2014

Haiti TBD

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!
Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman

Are you a follower of Jesus? Don’t answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a “define the relationship” conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn’t ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you’re not into Jesus, period. In any case, don’t take the question—Are you a follower of Jesus?—lightly. Some people don’t know what they’ve said yes to, and other people don’t realize what they’ve said no to, says Pastor Kyle Idleman. But Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. Not a Fan calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. With frankness sprinkled with humor, Idleman invites you to live the way Jesus lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for the One who gave his all for you.