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We’re almost there

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New Year, New Opportunities!

Nothing invites creativity like a blank sheet of paper. And I am glad God gives us the new year wrapped up in the bright, blank paper of new beginnings. But what will we do with it?

You, our loyal partner, have prayed and supported Hope Channel since we began in 2003. As we start our twelfth year, we believe what God has done in the past is but a token of what He has planned for the future!

Let me share with you some of our goals for 2015.

**Sharing Jesus.** Hope Channel looks forward to continuing to influence people to seriously consider Jesus Christ and the Bible truths crucial to the times in which we live. In 2015 we look forward to tens of thousands of people accepting Jesus and eagerly awaiting His Second Coming.

**Adding new programs.** Our goal is to be the best in Christian television. Why? Because God gave His best in Jesus Christ and we can do nothing less. You will be thrilled with *Revolutionary: Jesus Then, Jesus Now*, a program to be released in 2015. We strive to improve our programming so you can always have an enjoyable viewing experience at Hope Channel.

**Improving our service.** As part of our commitment to excellence, in 2014 we installed a new broadcast delivery system to stabilize and expand our cable and Internet distribution, enabling us to provide you with a better variety of programs in 2015. This upgrade will make Hope Channel available to hundreds of thousands of more homes!

**Extending distribution.** In 2003 we began with one Hope Channel. Today we have thirty-three channels broadcasting full time. In 2015, we will be adding five new channels: three in Inter-America; one in Fiji; and one in New Zealand. As with the rest of the channels in the Hope Channel Network, these new channels will air contextualized programing in local languages. This expansion represents millions of potential new viewers. Additionally, we will be adding Los Angeles to the list of major U.S. cities where Hope Channel is on free-to-air television (see p. 14 for details).

Space and time do not allow me to mention more of our plans, but there are two key concepts that describe Hope Channel: sharing Jesus and growing our broadcast network! We intend to push forward boldly to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ to take the Gospel to the entire world.

Hope Channel’s ministry is possible only because of your support and God’s blessings. Thank you for being a partner in prayer and financial support for this broadcast ministry.

Your friend,

Brad Thorp
What Viewers are Saying

My friends and I have been getting together once a week for many years to have a meal and support one another through all the problems we go through. Recently one of my friends suggested that we watch *Let’s Pray* together before we talk about our problems. What a difference *Let’s Pray* has made to our little support group! We now have others besides ourselves for whom to pray.

—Rachel

I made the best entertainment decision ever—I cancelled my cable subscription and bought a Roku stick.* Now I get to watch all my favorite television channels, including Hope Channel, and don’t have a monthly cable bill.

—Yvette

My day is not the same when I don’t watch Hope Channel. It is always playing in the background when I’m getting ready to leave for work and whatever I hear helps me have a better day.

—Arthur

I am a nurse and love good health shows. *Dr. Oz* is my favorite. *Go Healthy for Good* on Hope Channel is my second favorite. I love everything about it. And even though I am a health professional, I learn new things from Hope Channel all the time.

—Fred

Flipping through the channels, I found Hope Channel quite by accident. *GOD?* was playing, and I loved it. Some of the questions about life that I’ve been wondering about for many years have been answered by that show. I love it and will be sharing it with my friends.

—Sherman

For as long as I can remember, my mother has been depressed and has refused to get help. I started watching *Cross Connection* with her Tuesday evenings just as something to do. The show uplifted her spirit so much and she has finally made an appointment to see a doctor.

—Joseph

Every time I hear about a new Hope Channel starting in another part of the world, I feel so glad I support a ministry that shares the good news of Jesus Christ.

—Mary-Joe

*Roku sticks can be purchased for under $50 at retail stores such as Target, Walmart, and Best Buy. There are no monthly fees.

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*Hope Channel Channel Program Guide*
"See you tomorrow!" Yu called out as she waved goodbye to her friends as they left her home to return to their own homes and responsibilities. They had spent the afternoon watching TV, sipping tea, and sharing stories of how God was working in their lives. Looking back, Yu recollected the twists and turns that had led her to this point. Eighty-four years old, she was still in awe at how God had used her quiet introverted spirit in such a miraculous way; at how, of the billion and more people in China, He picked her to start a ministry. Gathering up the dirty teacups to wash, she remembered how it all began so many years ago.
It began when she retired. After years of hard work, Yu was slowing down. She didn’t have the stamina she once had, and she wasn’t excited about moving into a retired life of puttering around her home, being unproductive. Yet there she was, months into retirement, doing nothing but puttering around the house and watching a lot of television. Tiring of one channel, she would switch to another and then another and yet another. And that’s how she stumbled upon Hope Channel China one day. Intrigued by all the new things she was learning about a healthy, balanced Christian lifestyle, she left her television on all day, tuned to Hope Channel.

A few times a week, she walked to the local village market to buy fresh vegetables and groceries. But other than that, Yu was confined to her home. There were a few women at the marketplace with whom she exchanged pleasantries, but other than that, she had no one she could call a friend.

Every day was the same as the day before. She was definitely not enjoying retirement.

One bleak winter afternoon, Yu was watching Hope Channel and wishing the sun would linger a little longer and delay the long, lonely night ahead of her. Just then there was an unexpected knock on the door. Unprepared for a visitor, Yu made a feeble attempt at straightening out her wrinkled apron as she opened the door. It was Tien, a woman she had met at the market a few months earlier. She didn’t know Tien very well. In fact she knew very little about her except that she lived a few villages over. What could she possibly want, Yu wondered.

Seeing the puzzled look on Yu’s face, Tien said, “Please, I need your help. Something tells me that you can help.”

Before Sister Yu could even invite her in, Tien was walking toward the couch, talking excitedly about a conversation she had overhead at the market, in a quiet corner behind the butcher’s stall. The people were talking about a holy book called the Bible and were sharing stories that they read in that book. She wanted to know more, but was afraid to show any interest. And just then, something inside of her said, “Go talk to Yu. She will help you.” The feeling was so strong that Tien immediately set out to find Yu’s home, asking many people along the way for directions.

Yu was so shocked by what she was hearing that she had no words. By watching Hope Channel all these months she felt she was a Christian in her heart, but she absolutely did not have the confidence to share her new faith. To add to her discomfort, she remembered hearing stories all her life of Christians being persecuted, some of whom even mysteriously disappeared. Yet, from somewhere inside of her, she felt the uncontrollable urge to help Tien. So, gathering up her courage, she spoke softly, “I don’t know how to explain how and why I believe in God, but I can sit with you in my home as you watch Hope Channel. I am sure you will find all your answers there.” The television was already tuned to Hope Channel. Together they watched several shows. Tien was excited and had much to think about when she returned home that evening.

And with that began Yu’s television-watching ministry. First it was just Tien, but now there is a group of seven women who meet at Yu’s home regularly to sip tea, watch Hope Channel, and support one another with both their personal lives and their spiritual growth.

Putting her clean tea cups back in her cupboard, Yu realized how retirement was the best thing that could ever have happened to her. Her life had a new purpose. Like the fragile china teacups that she brought out every week for her new friends, God had used her fragile spirit to feed the souls of her new friends.
Recent events in Russia, the likes of which were improbable, if not impossible even twenty years ago, could lead to a faith revival unseen in this vast country.

After centuries-long controls over religion, Russia began loosening its grip on communities of faith in the early 1990s. It is within this context that God has provided Hope Channel with its newest channel. On October 1, 2014, the Russian government issued Hope Channel a rare television broadcast license that permits a 24/7 signal across all eleven time zones to its nearly 145 million citizens.

From two studios (with more in development), Hope Channel Russia is currently producing programs on biblical and lifestyle topics. There are enough programs on file to start broadcasting today. However, there are still a few administrative and technological hurdles to overcome.

### Why Russia Needs Hope

Demographers report* some very bleak statistics:
- Roughly 75 percent of Russia’s population lives in crowded big cities
- Only 30 percent of Russian babies are born healthy
- 25 percent of Russian men die before age 55, many from alcoholism
- The damaging effects of cheap vodka and cigarettes are rampant. In some areas as many as 90% of youth between 15 and 17 drink vodka regularly
- Russia has more heroin addicts than any other country

It is into these circumstances God has arranged for Hope Channel to tell of His love and forgiveness; to share His principles for a happy, healthy life; and to prepare millions for the world to come. This broadcast license couldn’t have come at a more divinely-appointed time.


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**God has used the teachers on Hope Channel to appeal to me! I want to fill my mind with the Word of God as I need genuine conversion. I want to preach the Gospel among my native Chuvash people if it is God’s will. – ****Anatoly**

**I am a medical student in Russia. I was baptized in 2003, but the years that followed were of rebellion. Two years ago I made a decision to leave the life I was living and follow Christ. Now my friends and I have started a group that studies and teaches as Hope Channel does. –** **Viktor**
Jackpot of Opportunities

Savvy entrepreneurs, Lazarrenna and Melwert have a keen eye for new opportunities. More impressive is the level of risk they are willing to take in pursuit of the vision they have for their future. This is who they are—both in their business and their faith. And this time, it looked like they hit the jackpot!

The first opportunity was a stone quarry for sale in Palau. There were many questions and doubts about the stone quarry business that caused their family a lot of concern. But Lazarrenna and Melwert pressed on with their plans. From their personal study of people in the Bible—Moses, Gideon, and others—they knew that their stone quarry and their lives would be used mightily for God.

When the quarry was ready to be opened, they realized they had a problem—their little island did not have the labor force they needed. So, they began recruiting workers from the Philippines and from Bangladesh. But they ran into another problem—accommodations for their new employees.

Miraculously, another opportunity came their way—a large building that could easily be converted into a hostel for their employees. Not only did it have comfortable living accommodations, but it had a large common area perfect for meals and socializing.

Within weeks, the new employees moved into their new home. Lazarrenna placed a television in the common area and left it tuned to Hope Channel all day long. When the men were not at work or in their rooms, they gathered to watch Hope Channel. When they missed their families back home, Hope Channel kept them company; when they needed an uplifting message, Hope Channel was there. And Lazarrenna quickly became their “quarry mom.”

Observing a change in their spirits caused by Hope Channel, Lazarrenna took her role as quarry mom to the next level. She decided to fix dinner for all the men every Friday. Cooking for thirty or more was not an easy task, but she strongly believed that God had more in mind for her than providing housing for the them.

Her Friday dinners slowly grew into a tradition. Over dinner, questions would often be asked about topics learned on Hope Channel, and the questions soon grew into Bible studies. Out of courtesy and not wanting to seem like they were taking advantage of the free meal, even the Muslim employees participated in the Bible study.

Over the next three years, twenty Filipino employees accepted Jesus as their Savior through Hope Channel. And Lazarrenna and Melwert helped them start their own church so they could praise and preach in their own language. And recently three of the Muslim workers have asked Lazarrenna for Bible studies!

Keep Lazarene and her Hope Channel ministry in your prayers.

Lazarrenna’s risk-taking, adventurous spirit continues to be restless. She now feels the calling to open a lifestyle center and a vegetarian restaurant in Palau. She believes her faith and her partnership with God will somehow make this happen too.
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Book a Hope Channel Speaker

Are you looking for ways to be a more integral part of your community? Do you want your church to be the place your community comes to with their needs? Then consider partnering with Hope Channel. We have many free resources you can use to share your faith and to be more involved in your community. Additionally, Hope Channel hosts and staff are available to speak and train at your church or local event.

You can use the varied experience and knowledge represented among Hope Channel staff and hosts to prepare your church members to be active and effective witnesses in their community—meeting needs and making a difference. Access Hope Channel’s speakers bureau online at hopetv.org/speakers-bureau, read through the bios of the available speakers and their topics, and then contact them directly.

For more information about Hope Channel resources, email marketing@hopetv.org

SOME OF THE TOPICS OFFERED:

- Home-based Treatments
- Young Adult Ministry
- Overcoming Addictions
- Prayer-driven Leadership
- Discovering God’s Call in Your Life
- Using Media in Evangelism
- Women’s Health
- The Power of Prayer
- Becoming the Everyone’s Favorite Church
- The Character of God
- High Quality TV on a Low Quality Budget
- Applying Prophecy to the Secular Worldview
- The Eight Natural Doctors
- Successful Church Branding
### Happenings

**Meet Gabriel Begle**

Meet Gabriel Begle, Hope Channel’s vice president for programming, production, and broadcast.

Raised in Argentina and other South American countries, Begle’s education and experience are in broadcast media, ministry, and healthcare. While new to this position, Gabriel is not new to Hope Channel. For the past three years he has been the producer of Hope Channel's *Go Healthy for Good!*

Recognizing Begle’s skills and experience, Hope Channel president Brad Thorp says, “Gabriel is just the right person to continue leading Hope Channel in its quest to become the premiere Christian television network.”

When asked what he envisions as Hope Channel’s future, Begle says, “Modern TV is all about stories, and we’ll work diligently to make Hope Channel the best storyteller in Christian media. It’s about making a connection with a world of people who are looking to God for a better life.”

He summarizes the existence of television ministry as one that strives to accomplish five goals:

- Alleviate the ever-growing spiritual, mental, and physical needs of people
- Minister and touch people at a personal level by connecting television viewers to a local church community
- Expose the beauty, truth, and values of the Gospel message
- Present the wholeness and advantages of a biblical Christian lifestyle
- Prepare everyone for Jesus’s Second Coming

Hope Channel is excited about the future of its programming and production under Begle’s vision, passion, and leadership. With him, we see on the horizon many more relevant programs that help you live a balanced Christian lifestyle.

**Change in Broadcast System**

As of January 2015 Hope Channel will discontinue its broadcast services of eleven years in California and will begin broadcasting directly from its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

To effectively manage this change and its future broadcasting needs, Hope Channel has purchased an advanced broadcast system that is highly automated, customizable, and one that requires less in staff resources and labor cost than the option used thus far. The benefit of this new investment will be seen in better programs, current and informational spots, higher quality images, and ultimately a high-definition broadcast.

However, during this process viewers may experience some interruption in service or notice changes in the program schedule. We apologize for the inconvenience this transition may cause you. But please stay with us through this temporary period of positive change, and we promise that at the end of it you will be blessed by a new and improved Hope Channel experience.

During this transition period, if you can’t find your favorite program being broadcast, you will most likely find it or another great Hope Channel program on our website where you can stream shows at any time, at your convenience. Just go to hopetv.org/programs for our video-on-demand service with hundreds of Hope Channel’s best programs.
Hope Channel is in the final stages of launching a new over-the-air television broadcast in Los Angeles and outlying Southern California areas.

Los Angeles is the second largest television market in North America with a population of more than 14.4 million. In this metropolitan city one out of every four people watch free, over-the-air television.

Los Angeles will be the newest addition to Hope Channel’s network of successful big city broadcasts already airing in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Tampa. With Los Angeles, Hope Channel will be blessed with 24/7, life-changing television programs in three of the five largest television markets in North America (see hopetv.org/watch/local-channels/ for complete list of local, free-to-air Hope Channel stations).

This incredible opportunity to broadcast in Los Angeles and Southern California is possible for just 15 cents per potential viewer. However, 15 cents per viewer quickly adds up to 500,000 dollars. Over the past few months, Hope Channel has received many generous donations from its supporters but still needs $100,000 to move forward with the project.

Hope Channel programs touch the hearts of people regardless of their age, economic status, or culture. For example, *Go Healthy for Good* is an excellent program for the many people in Southern California in search of a healthy lifestyle; *Unhooked* addresses the needs of those who suffer with addictions and compulsive behaviors; and Hope Sabbath School introduces viewers to ways of faith and a relationship with God. Hope Channel has a show for everyone in Southern California.

This opportunity, however, will affect more than just the people of Southern California. With Los Angeles being the media capital of the world and with Hollywood next door, we believe that the reach of Hope Channel will go beyond the ordinary, everyday people of the city. We believe that even the people in the entertainment industry will discover a new way of living that could affect their creative productions.

Join Hope Channel in sharing with the people of Los Angeles the good news about Jesus Christ. To find out more information about Hope Channel in Los Angeles or to make a donation, please visit hopetv.org or call 888-446-7388.
Resources to Grow and Share Your Faith

Cookin’ up Good Health by Donna Green-Goodman
Donna Green-Goodman, MPH, is a home economist and health educator who inspires thousands to better health and believes that positive lifestyle choices are the best way to health. Whether you are a vegetarian or not, you will find recipes you like and enjoy making them a part of your life.

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