



## MINISTRY OVERVIEW

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### The HOPE

Produced by Mars Hill, The HOPE is an 80-minute dramatic motion picture presentation of God's redemptive story as revealed in 36 biblical events from Creation through Christ. The HOPE uses "on-screen" storytellers to tie together an amazing amount of dramatic footage from some of the greatest Biblical epics ever produced. These storytellers can be replaced from one people group to the next. The result is a culturally sensitive, complete view of God's grand story of redemption! For reasons of security and/or cost, some translation partners use an "off-camera/audio-only" storyteller. Either way, for missionaries around the world, The HOPE has become more than just a movie. It has become a "go-to" media tool for evangelism, Church planting and discipleship.



Storyteller for the Hindi version of The HOPE

### Status of The HOPE Translations



- There are currently over 72 translations of The HOPE in use by ministries & missionaries worldwide.
- There are now 35+ new translations of The HOPE in various stages of development and/or production.
- Of all our (72) existing translations, Mars Hill has initiated only 15. All the rest have been initiated by other mission organizations and/or missionaries who have wanted The HOPE to reach their people group.
- The impact of The HOPE is being multiplied through a partnering strategy involving hundreds of ministries worldwide. The leverage of this approach is truly amazing. The resulting ministry ranges from personal and group evangelism in a wide variety of settings from remote villages in closed access countries to college campuses to ESL classes for refugees.

### HOPE on the Worldwide Web

Every day people from around the world visit our website, [www.thehopeproject.com](http://www.thehopeproject.com), to view The HOPE in one of more than 40 languages, and/or to use our 65 lesson Study Guide in one of 13 languages. Over 40,000 visitors came to our website in the first half of '24. Every year for the past 7 years we've had visitors to our site from every country in the world. In addition to our website, several of our ministry partners also host streams of The HOPE on their ministry websites.



On the Internet and through ministry partners worldwide, God is using The HOPE to reach the unreached with the Gospel of Christ.

### Distribution Partners

Within the past year, partners like The Digital Bible Society and MegaVoice have distributed tens of thousands of digital copies of The HOPE in multiple languages. Over the years, we've partnered with ministries like these to distribute hundreds of thousands of copies of The HOPE in countries hostile to the Gospel like Iran, China and Nepal. We've been told that for every copy that makes it into China, 10 copies are duplicated and circulated.

### HOPE on the Amazon - A "Must Read" Story of God's Global Redemptive Design

Earlier this year, our ministry partners who work on the Amazon with the Ticuna people took the Ticuna version of The HOPE to a village known for its drunkenness and violence. At first, the village chief did not want them in his village, but when he learned they had a movie, he changed his mind. As is typical in remote situations like this all over the world, our partners set

up a solar-powered projection system to show The HOPE. After the screening, over 45 villagers came to faith in Christ! As we often do, we forwarded this report to our board on the Monday following our receipt of the report.

The next day -Tuesday- one of our board members was hosting a ministry group in his restaurant in Florida. He met a woman in the group with a Spanish surname and felt led by the Spirit to ask her where she was from and learned that she was from Peru. Again, led by the Spirit, he asked "Where in Peru?" She responded "the Amazon." Our board member shared that he is with a ministry (Mars Hill) that is working in Peru on the Amazon. He then pulled out his mobile phone to show her the report he had just received, which included the name of the village. She began to weep, "That is my village!" She then proceeded to share her story. "My father was a good man. When he was alive, it was a good village, but when he passed away, things changed. I was trafficked to the U.S., but eventually I was rescued. Now I am finding healing in my Church . . . and today, you are telling me that God has come to my village!" Her tears were tears of joy!



Storyteller for the Ticuna version of The HOPE

### School to the Nations

In 2018 we helped a missionary group, School to the Nations, build a production studio which is dedicated to the creation of new translations of The HOPE. STTN has grown, and this year STTN is actually working on more new HOPE translations than Mars Hill! STTN is establishing HOPE production hubs around the world. Each production hub will partner with indigenous people groups in the region of that hub in order to create new translations of The HOPE and The HOPE Study Guide.



STTN training a film team for a production hub in Asia.

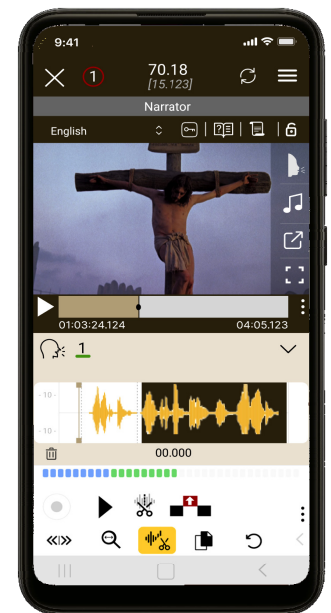
Presently, STTN has 11 production hubs and is moving forward on 28 new translations of The HOPE. In recent weeks STTN has reported decisions for Christ in Pakistan and Kenya.

### PG Studio™

PG Studio™ (in development) is a software application that will allow Christian workers anywhere - even in the most remote regions of the world - to create new translations of scripture and Gospel media like The HOPE and The JESUS Film using only a mobile phone. Our primary collaborator on this project, The JESUS Film, believes they need this app for 600 remote people groups who have no scripture or Gospel media in their heart language.

There are currently over 7,000 living languages in the world today. Less than 750 of these have a full Bible and less than 1,700 have a new testament. Over 3,000 languages have little or no scripture and or Gospel resources in the native tongue, and almost all of these language groups are made up of unreached people groups living in remote areas of the world. The need is clear. Jesus will not return until every people group (lit. every "ethne" - greek or, every "nation" - english) is reached with the Gospel (Matt.24:14)! PG Studio™ will help reach them!

Using a prescriptive process that follows the best practices of Bible translation, PG Studio™ will empower remote people groups to create their own translations of scripture and Gospel media! A first release of PG Studio™ is projected around the beginning of 2025.



PG Studio™ includes a full-featured audio workstation.

### About Mars Hill Productions

Mars Hill is a non-profit ministry dedicated to leveraging the power of media technology to help complete the Great Commission. Beginning as a division of Youth for Christ in 1977, Mars Hill was spun off as a separate ministry in 1988. For 47 years, award-winning Mars Hill films and videos have been used around the world to introduce thousands of people to Jesus Christ and to equip thousands more to share their faith with others.