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In May, program producer Rajesh Mansell and his family miraculously survived a motorcycle accident along a dangerous mountain road in northern India. He credits the power of prayer.

Jennette DeYoung is a long-time supporter who prays for Words of Hope every day.

After 65 Years: “It’s all over the world.”

On July 22, 1945 the first Words of Hope broadcast (originally called “Temple Time”) was aired “live” from Grand Rapids’ Central Reformed Church. Dr. William Goulooze, then Professor of Church History at Holland’s Western Theological Seminary, presented the message “Consider Christ Jesus.”

A few years before, as pastor of Eighth Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Dr. Goulooze had conducted the wedding of Anthony and Jennette DeYoung. His involvement in launching the new radio ministry attracted the couple’s interest and support. Now, 65 years later, Jennette DeYoung is a 99-year-old widow who continues to support Words of Hope and prays for

the ministry every day. She says, “I get up at 5 a.m. and I get dressed so I can get praying, because I’ve got a whole lot to pray for.” She goes through every Christmas card, birthday card, and other cards she receives and prays for each sender. Every month she prays through the Words of Hope Prayer Focus, a list of prayer needs for ministry partners and listeners. Jennette has even devoted an entire wall of her living room to pictures and notes from people she prays for. It dominates the room, just as prayer dominates her life.

Jennette recently observed, “When you’ve lived this long you’ve seen so many changes. I remember when [Words of Hope] started. My Dad said ‘I will give a dollar to Temple Time for

everyone who tells me they listen’— and a dollar was a lot at that time!”

Jennette systematically uses Words of Hope’s materials, often taking multiple copies and passing them on to people she thinks can use them. She knows that prayer works. “Look at what prayer has done for Words of Hope over all those years – starting on one station and now it’s all over the world.”

Persistent prayer is indispensable to Words of Hope’s success. Producer **Rajesh Mansell** of **India** was a recent beneficiary when he and his family miraculously survived a motorcycle accident. *[Continues on other side]*

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Many listeners live on mountainsides far from any road.



Visiting listeners involves rugged terrain.



Rajesh Mansell in studio

To meet with listeners in remote villages, Rajesh often rides his motorcycle along hazardous mountain roads – many of them without guard-rails. On May 23, 2010, Rajesh, with his wife and young daughter, rode to a meeting in a non-Christian Himalayan village. On the way home, Rajesh suddenly experienced momentary blindness. He lost control of his cycle and veered off the road. Providentially, his bike hit a rock which caused it to crash near the side of the road instead of plunging 300 feet off the edge of a cliff. Rajesh and his family escaped with only minor injuries. Later, Rajesh remembered that a woman in the village who practices witchcraft had threatened him because of his Christian teaching. Rajesh suspects that the woman’s spiritual hostility might have played a role in causing the accident. But he testifies that the Lord is more powerful and gives thanks for the covering prayers of God’s people.

Could a “prayer wall” have provided protection for Rajesh and his family? Certainly! Do faithful Words of Hope intercessors make a difference for our ministry? Of course they do!

Quit Smoking: Support Missions

One day Oliver Schaap was sitting in his living room, holding his young son on his lap, when he realized that he needed to stop smoking. “I didn’t want him to grow up and smoke, so I decided that I had to quit,” recalls Schaap. As an extra incentive he also decided he would give the money he had been spending on cigarettes to missions and chose Words of Hope as a recipient. (Actually, since this was around 1954, it was *Temple Time* then.)

Oliver, now in his nineties, still sends his check regularly. He doubled the amount some years back due to inflation. Words of Hope, now 65, still invests his “tobacco money” into gospel broadcasting.



Words of Hope Devotional Now in Albanian

Christians in North America can choose from many different devotional resources. But this is not the case in all parts of the world. Roni Prendi, Words of Hope’s Albanian director, says, “In Albanian there has been no publication similar to the Words of Hope devotional.” That has recently changed. Beginning with its July-September 2010 issue, Words of Hope is now being translated and published in the Albanian language. Roni is understandably excited, “This is the first time Albanian Christians can find such daily encouragement in their devotional time with God.”



Roni was motivated to publish the Words of Hope devotional in Albanian because, “In my personal walk with Christ, there has never been anything more important than my devotional life. No other factor influences my spiritual growth as much as my prayer and devotional life. It is where I experience God’s change in my life, His healing, forgiveness, peace, joy, wisdom, victory, guidance, and direction for the new day that is about to start.”

The process of translating from English into Albanian requires considerable effort, but Roni is confident that the team is up to the task. Each devotional was already being translated as a daily radio program. “Our team has worked really hard to bring this first edition to print. I am truly grateful to God for their commitment and for His provision.”

The devotionals are distributed to churches in Tirana and other places where Words of Hope’s daily Albanian radio programs are heard. Roni is confident that the team will face the mixed blessing of receiving more requests than they are able to fill. Thanks to the generosity of a west Michigan congregation, funding is now available to support printing of the new devotional for one year. If you would like be involved in helping this project to continue and possibly to expand, please contact Words of Hope.

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