

# Messages of hope

*How you bring love to life through Lutheran Media*



**Where's hope when...?**

**Many people are looking for hope. Real hope. Hope to make sense of life, ride through the tough times, and that gives something to look forward to. Not a hope like wanting your footy team to win. But a hope that is sure and that we can rest in. A hope that we can trust our lives and futures in. A hope that gives life. A hope that Jesus Christ offers.**

Jesus offers this hope to us through his promises to us. He promises to always be with us, to forgive us, save us, and guide us into eternal life. No matter what life may throw at us or what we are going through, Jesus is with us.

We can cry out to him and ask him to help. Even if we don't hear or see an immediate answer or get a revelation from heaven, Jesus does care and we can trust in him. Knowing and believing that we have someone like Jesus, who loved us so much that he was willing to die on a cross for us, defeat death and rise again to give us life with him, gives us hope.

Like Dee's son who was down in the

dumps and was giving up on life. Dee ordered the booklet on Depression and encouraged her son to read it. Dee told us,

*"Thank you for saving my son. The booklet you sent me changed his life. I now follow you on Facebook. Thank you."*

Join with us in reaching more people like Dee's son and bring them hope

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**Be encouraged and inspired by watching and reading stories of hope in Jesus Christ at [www.messagesofhope.org.au](http://www.messagesofhope.org.au). Stories on forgiveness, healing, comfort, understanding and hope.**

*Maybe my mind and body will become weak, but God is my source of strength. He is mine forever.*

**Psalm 73:26**



*where love comes to life*

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in Jesus Christ. Pray for people like Dee and her son. And support these outreach efforts by making a donation (tax deductibility available) at [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/donate](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/donate) now.

**A recent Facebook post gave us an opportunity to share Jesus' message of hope:**

**Post:** "When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I Love you.'" **Billy Graham.**

**Comments:**

**Patricia:** *I don't agree with that at all. It was poor Jesus going through hell because he was a modern man and the society was behind with cruelty. And if Jesus could see what is happening with the world and the church, he will be tearing his hair out.*

**Lutheran Media:** *Thank you Patricia. It is a very confronting quote. It shows the depths that God goes to, to show his sacrificial love for all of us. We all need his salvation and to seek his forgiveness and mercy.*

**Your Messages of Hope are reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ.**



Thanks and God bless,  
Rev  
Richard Fox

## THE CALLS YOU ANSWER

Meet the people who call Lutheran Media after hearing your Messages of Hope

### Am I equipped for this role?

The majority of phone calls we receive at Lutheran Media are from people either looking for resources or making a donation. They are lovely, friendly, generous people who I love talking to and make my job so enjoyable. But every now and then I'll take a call from someone who disagrees with our Christian message and because I'm not expecting it, I can feel quite challenged and self-doubt can creep in.

**"I just came in from my car where I heard your ad on the radio. I don't believe there is a God. Where's the proof that there's any kind of God out there?"**

After I fumbled my way through my first response to this caller, the conversation continued along a similar path with the gentleman wanting to know where the scientific proof is that God exists or

**"How could Noah really have travelled the world to gather two of every single animal and insect and fit them on his boat?"**

When you are put on the spot it's not quite so easy to respond to this.

In the space of a few seconds I kept thinking things like "I hope I say the right thing". I made it through the call with what I hope were some helpful things to say even though it was very clear this gentleman didn't call to hear anything about God's word, our resources and definitely not to make a donation.

It only struck me later that perhaps this call wasn't about me trying to help the caller but rather God trying to challenge and help me. While I couldn't prove God's existence to this gentleman, it made me think about my faith and how God works in my life every day. I've seen God's work throughout my mother's battle with cancer, in the opportunities he's provided at just the right time or in the strength and patience he's given me as a mother of four. That's MY proof and I guess I just needed to be reminded of that.

... from Sarah Wiltshire



If you're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube, volunteer your time to like and share Jesus' message of hope.

By liking, sharing and commenting on the posts, you are spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and saving lives.

You can connect with our social media outreach through the top right corner of our websites:

[www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au),  
[www.messagesofhope.org.au](http://www.messagesofhope.org.au)  
[www.messagesofhope.org.nz](http://www.messagesofhope.org.nz)  
[www.happyland.com.au](http://www.happyland.com.au).

Our social media pages and accounts are:

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# A message of *hope*



***“I lost my baby and no-one seemed to care”.*** Deborah

**“I remember Valentine’s Day when I was pregnant to this man I was really in love with. So suddenly I’m thinking this is it! I missed not having that family when I was little, and so this to me was my chance at having this family. But then I lost the baby. And basically it all fell apart, so the dream, just kind of evaporated.**

I’d already had a miscarriage before to him like earlier on in our relationship. I thought the second miscarriage must mean that I was never going to be able

to have another child. And that was when I went all cold, when I realized that that’s what it might mean.”

“In a week when I was not going to be able to pay my rent a woman said would

you like to come to church. She didn’t even have to say one more thing and I was like yes, I’m coming. I remember the church. All the girls came around me and they were all lovely to me. These women were different, they were kind of nurturing, kind people and that’s really what I needed.”

“I went to a Christian counsellor and she really started helping me but I was left still with this emptiness inside. I can’t tell you that I hear God speaking to me everyday, but one day I just had a revelation that my children are with Jesus. And that gave me comfort. So I did get that comfort and that stopped the yearning, like that terrible yearning. It just stopped it. I still can’t hold my little baby here. That brings me grief but to know that one day I’m going to see him, her and that they’re with Jesus, it cuts the pain in half. Despite the fact that that baby’s little cheek isn’t on my

cheek, I will still praise God. That gives me tremendous strength to go on. I had healing. I had real healing.”

**You can watch more of Deborah’s recovery from a miscarriage at [www.messagesofhope.org.au/miscarriage](http://www.messagesofhope.org.au/miscarriage).**

***Deborah Robertson is an Australian singer/songwriter. Copies of Deborah’s EP can be purchased from [www.deborahrobertsonsinger.com](http://www.deborahrobertsonsinger.com).***

**Watch more Messages of Hope stories at [www.youtube.com.au/messagesofhope](http://www.youtube.com.au/messagesofhope)**

Thank you for bringing love to life through this special Lutheran ministry. Please keep praying God will use the messages you put on the airwaves to bring hope.



## The Lutheran Media **Short Movie Competition** is back!

**Make a short movie and enter it into the Lutheran Media Short Movie Competition at [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition). The best short movies will be shown at this year’s LCA Synod and through our social media.**

To enter, make an original and creative short movie under 4 minutes long that is engaging, entertaining, and shareable and contains a message of hope. Ideas include a short story of Christian hope, a bible story that gives hope, or a short story on the impact of God’s love in your life or in the world.



**People of all ages can make short a short movie. Even on your smart phone.**

**2 categories:**  
School & General  
**Prizes:**  
1st - \$300  
2nd - \$150  
3rd - \$50.

**And every legitimate entry will receive a Lutheran Media gift pack!**

Visit [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au) for more details and entry form. **Entries close 11 September 2018.**

