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**HOW**, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And **HOW** can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And **HOW** can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Romans 10:14  
NIV

## HOW? ...how about you?

People are coming up to me and saying that they LOVE the sounds and the message of hope on HEY RADIO, and when I ask 'How'd you hear about it?' they always say; "A friend told me!". It's just that simple. Be a friend. If you're not comfortable witnessing, then let us help. Tell a friend about HEY RADIO today!

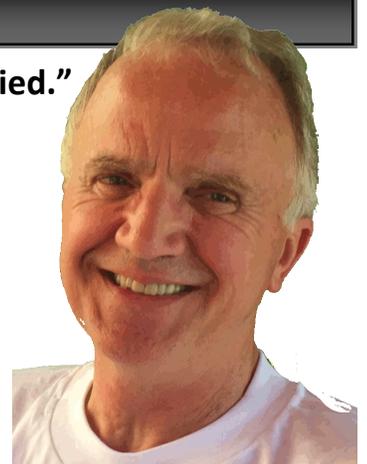
## Experiencing the Grace of God

By Allen Alexander

**"On October 27, 2014 at 11:24 in the morning, I died."**

Meet Allen Alexander, one of the founding members of this radio station and has been serving as our Board Secretary from the very beginning.

Allen, in the midst of a successful engineering career, chose to answer "the call" and has served as pastor of CrossWinds Fellowship for many years (retiring soon) and his additional years of service to Hey Radio have been priceless.



**"Miracle Man"**

On October 27<sup>th</sup> Allen suffered a severe heart attack while driving along Apple Avenue. Purely by the grace of God we still have Allen with us today. Read of his amazing accounts in the accompanying letter.

# The cost of Christian Broadcasting

Recently I was asked the question; "What does it cost to put this music on the air?" A welcome question! While the typical station would budget 40% of their expenses for staffing of full & part time employees... Hey Radio spends 100% of your donations solely on the cost of operations. The studio facility comes to us rent free and includes all building utility expenses except for the devastating monthly electric bill for the 1,000 Watt transmitter. The answer, less than \$25,000 annually. Here is a sampling of expenses:

## A sample of operating expenses

|   |          |
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| Monthly Electric bill .....             | \$240.00 |
| Monthly Streaming service .....         | \$60.00  |
| Monthly Cable Internet/Phone bill ..... | \$142.00 |
| Annual license from SEASAC .....        | \$650.00 |
| Annual license from ASCAP .....         | \$650.00 |
| Annual license from BMI .....           | \$130.00 |
| Annual Liability Insurance .....        | \$580.00 |
| Annual Event Insurance .....            | \$295.00 |

## But HEY.....how can you be a part of it all?

**Hey Radio** has always been operated by **volunteers** and solely funded by listeners and dedicated people who believe that promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest **commandments** to all Christians. Radio reaches many!

If **you** feel a tug at your heart, fill out the remittance form at the bottom of this page. Your donation is tax deductible.

If you would like to designate your gift to one of the expenses listed above, simply specify with a note of intent in the "memo" section of your check.

You can also donate online at [www.heyradio.com/Support](http://www.heyradio.com/Support)



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\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Support Public Christian Radio

Send your contribution to:

Muskegon Community Radio

PO BOX 1511 Muskegon, MI 49445

This is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization with no paid staff. All contributions are used for operating capital unless otherwise notated by you. We are a public broadcasting station so your donation is eligible for a

## Tax Deduction

Contact your tax professional for verification.

# Experiencing the Grace of God

On October 27, 2014 at 11:24 in the morning I died. My heart stopped while driving West on Apple Ave at 55 mph as I passed through the intersection of Maple Island Road. I had no warning, no dizziness, no light headedness, nothing. My heart just stopped.

I remember saying God, "what is this" as my vision went black, I pulled the steering wheel right and my eyes never made it over to the side view mirror. One second, maybe two.

The man in the vehicle behind me said I turned right and never corrected to straighten out. I went off of the road, hit and broke off a power pole, the electrical wires came down and started a fire and my car came to a stop in a field about 40 yards beyond the broken pole.

I remember nothing. No driving into the shallow ditch, no crashing through the pole, no coming to a stop with the passenger's side front tire pushed into the passenger's compartment, and no recollection of the air bag being deployed.

In my silent slumped position my heart started. It was then that I heard a man calling out "are you all right in there?" I looked up, grabbed the steering wheel realizing that I am in the driver's seat...but not moving. My eyeglasses are on the dashboard, the windshield is cracked, the glove box open and papers all over, and the air bag was deployed.

I remember saying to myself "I crashed my car." And yet I remember nothing and I heard nothing. I got out of my car and walked to a safe area at the prompting of a few people. Then the EMT's, police, and firemen were on the scene to extinguish the fire and care for me.

I had no bruises not even a scratch from the crash. I was in the hospital for two weeks. The first few days trying to determine why my heart stopped and then the tests led to a heart catheterization where they found four of my five arteries that supply blood to the heart muscle were +90% blocked and the remaining fifth artery was somewhere between 40 and 60% blocked. The doctors again told me that I am alive only by the grace of God. Stents could not be inserted and one week after the crash I had open heart surgery to replace all five arteries.

In the hospital I was called the miracle man. I understand that the medical staff believes I am a walking miracle, but I also know that it is only by God's grace that I am alive.

Why would God choose to keep me here in my earthly life and not take me on to heaven? I ponder this and cannot come to a conclusion that is adequate. And yet that makes sense because God's ways are not our ways. God's grace is sufficient for me. It does not matter what I've done or not done. God pours out his grace as he chooses.

God does this for you too. It is not a question of "am I good enough?" It is not a question of have I done the right things or said the right prayer? Grace is unmerited. There are times when I reflect upon this event and just sob with humble joy at what God did for me, little old me. I may never find out why, even when I get to Heaven, but I sure thank my God for this grace poured out upon me.

Accepting God's grace is very different from trying to earn God's grace. We can never be good enough; we can never do enough for God. Truly grace is unmerited and to live in this grace given me is overwhelming. How much does he love us, he spread out his arms and died on a cross for you and me just because he loves us that much. My times of worship and songs about grace are now completely different for me. Jesus' ultimate sacrifice offers us eternal life in Heaven, and his amazing grace is why I am alive to tell this story.

In His grace and love,  
Allen Alexander