

Purveyors of Hope : Carrying the Light of Hope into the Long Night

Romans 15:7–13(NIV) November 29, 2026

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted
you, in order to bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you
that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on
behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to
the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover,
that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As
it is written:
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."
10 Again, it says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."
11 And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."
12 And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Notes:

Advent - looking forward with great expectancy

My hope is in Jesus Christ the God who sees us and fills us with hope, so that we become people who see others and deliver hope.

Jehovah Roi
Hagar. Genesis 16:13

Ruth 2:10

When He was on the cross, I was on His mind. He could see us from the cross.

Jesus sees us AND dies for us, and rose again for us.

A surveyor looks over the land. A purveyor looks ahead to meet needs.

Purveyors are active and intentional, supplying, carrying and sharing hope.

Christian hope is not optimism that things might improve. It is the confident expectation that Jesus is who He says He is and that He IS the Emmanuel child and Christ of this holy season.

Luke 1: 76-79

Christian hope celebrates the fact that **H**e **O**ffers **P**eace **E**ternal!!

Hope isn't meant to stay inside these walls. It overflows onto Pandora.
We are on a Hopeful ADVENTure.