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“CQ HopeBox”

and help spread the hope!

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## Welcome to HopeBox!

The Corona virus is now a pandemic. It is spreading quickly and with no regard for race, colour, creed, or religion. It is creating fear, panic, and a lot of frustration! We at HopeBox believe that hope spreads faster - faster than fear, panic, and frustration - and maybe even faster than Corona itself!

As radio hams we can spread hope when we talk on the radio waves. What we say, the choice of the words we use, and the tone with which we express ourselves, all forms a package the dx om/yl receives. We can choose to make that message one of hope.

Here is an opportunity for you as a radio ham to join thousands of other radio hams around the world and spread hope. Radio waves will soon be abuzz with HopeBox keys. These are combinations to the hope boxes. When you hear a code - make a note of it, go onto HopeBox and enter the code to read the message of hope the om/yl has left in the HopeBox.

## How it works?

Imagine a bank safety deposit box - you can leave all sorts of valuables in the box and it is kept safe. You need to go to the bank and have the appropriate key in order to open the box.

In a similar way, a HopeBox is kept online and you need a key to open it. Inside every HopeBox you will find a message of hope from a YL or an OM. You get your own HopeBox when you register - and get to leave your very own message of hope.

The major difference is that, unlike your bank safety deposit box, you want to share your HopeBox key with everyone and see who reads your message!

Listen on the radio waves for others sharing their HopeBox keys and share your key too! Go onto the HopeBox website, enter the key you heard and read the message - it is that easy!

What bands/modes can I use to share my key? - ANY band/mode - even repeaters, satellites, IRLP, Echolink - anyway you can - spread the hope!

Can I use any key I hear? Yes - you might hear a key in a QSO you are copying between two other people - you can use that key too. You can also pass on keys you have heard from other people and ask them to pass your key on to!

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## How do I start?

**Step One** - Register You can register for free by entering your name, callsign, and email address. If you know your QTH grid square, you can also put that in. Once you have registered, we will send you an email with your password and your very own HopeBox key to share with the world!

**Step Two** - Leave your HopeBox message When you read your own HopeBox message you can edit it. So, once you have registered and received your email, read your own HopeBox to update your HopeBox message. See step 4 below to read a message - but this time with the HopeBox key sent to you in your email!

**Step Three** - Share your HopeBox key If leaving a message appeals to you, then by all means leave a message and share your key with the world. Get your key out into the world using any legal radio means possible. Any band or mode you like - even the local repeater will be fine. Just get your key out there and listen for any other keys too!

However, if this is not what you want to do then you are welcome to just collect keys and read messages, but please don't share your key unless there is a message in your HopeBox.

**Step Four** - Collect keys and read messages All you need to do is to hear the key, make a note of it and enter the HopeBox when you want to read a message. You can use any key you have received or heard - the QSO does not need to be specifically with you - if you hear a key then you can use the key! When you open a new HopeBox, we will automatically put you on the list of readers for the message.

**Step Five** Claim your certificate Participation certificates are offered for anyone who has taken part – either by having your message read or by reading a message. Your certificate includes your name, callsign, the number of messages read, and the number of people who read your message.

To claim your certificate please email your log (including date, time (UTC), station worked, band, mode, the key received/sent) to [om@zs2dh.co.za](mailto:om@zs2dh.co.za)

Certificates are electronic and will be emailed to the email address used when you registered.

## I did not get my registration email/forgot my password

Have you checked your spam folder? If your registration was successful, then simply go to "forgot my password" below and a new email will be sent to you.

**Note:** Our policy on resending emails is that we will only resend an email every 6 hours. So if you have requested an email - please give it 6 hours before requesting another one. At this time the internet is taking strain and we need to allow a little extra time.

## Support and feedback

If you need some help and you really can't get sorted out, then by all means drop an email to me. The same goes for any feedback or suggestions. Please note that I am still working and that this is my hobby - so bear that in mind when it comes to support. 😊

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