

November 2014



Dear friend,

Each November for the past 17 years, we have chosen to lift up our eyes from the ravages of sin and pain in the lives of the dear women we serve, and in an act of sheer trust and obedience, we fill our mouths with thanksgiving to our Lord, even though we know that power is apparently on the side of their oppressors. The apostle Paul faced this tension of living dangerously but choosing thankfulness. He wrote to the Corinthians: "Now, thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ." He learned that gratitude always precedes the miracle of living triumphantly.

As we join with 40,000 intercessors from every corner of the globe in this month's concert of praise and thanksgiving, we will follow Paul's example. We will give thanks for the lives of countless women who have been touched by Project Hannah's ministry and are rising from the ashes of despair and living triumphantly in Christ. By the way, this characteristic is what God wants to develop by His transforming grace in each one of us. We can walk in victory through Christ, who always (in any situation) leads us in triumph, even when we face pain and destruction.

For some of us, praying in joyful thanksgiving during November is easy. We have been abundantly blessed. But for women I've met deep in the heart of Africa, the jungles of Vietnam, down in the Paraguayan Chaco, and elsewhere, gratitude is a hard and courageous daily choice. They simply obey the command to "be thankful in everything." And the result is that these dear sisters live from a perspective infinitely greater than their dire circumstances. Looking around, all they see is defeat; but because they learned about Jesus through our programs, they now live from a more profound eternal perspective – that "greater is He who is in us than the one in the world." IN Christ they, too, can join Paul's victory cry: "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ."

This reality fuels my joy and my prayers. May we bow down corporately before our Lord in this season of thanksgiving and surrender our lives anew to Him. Trusting. Choosing gratitude while facing troubles. Releasing control of our lives to Him because triumph is all His doing – not ours.

Thank you for partnering with us and choosing gratitude this month, my friend.

Thanking God who "always leads us in triumph in Christ,"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marli Spieker".

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Praise Reports:

Spain began participating in praying with Project Hannah intercessors in October 2013, and we are grateful for and surprised about the posts we receive through Facebook, on which we maintain an official site. Our Facebook page has more than 900 followers. We also have a good number of church groups, woman prayer circles, and individuals who receive the PDF version of the monthly prayer calendar. Contacts have come from several Latin American countries, the USA, and Europe. This comment expresses a common sentiment: “I knew about the terrible situation of women in many countries, but now I’m aware and concerned. The Project Hannah prayer movement has enriched my life and my spiritual commitment to intercession.” (Ana Maria)

In Norway during the past year, we have seen growth both in the number of intercessors and of groups. We also have more people volunteering and more who are interested in providing financial supporting. This is really something to thank the Lord for. (Elisabeth)

Praise the Lord that we were able to continue airing radio programs in eastern Croatia on Radio Bljesak. We also started airing through a radio station near the capital, Zagreb, called City Radio (Velika Gorica). This radio station covers the area around Zagreb and central Croatia, and it also provides live streaming on its Web page. (Lidija)

We distributed 5,000 Thai Project Hannah prayer calendars for September 2014 to Thai and Lao women. (Buakab)

Listeners’ Testimonies:

“I have a new radio. I’ve maintained my group as it grew from 13 to 65 members. It was so many that I had to send several members to [two other] groups to join in prayer and listen to the radio. The lessons are so helpful. Through your prayer calendar, we have learned how to pray for other sisters who are experiencing domestic violence and forced abortions, and we also pray for one another in our village. This is so good to give thanks to God. Thanks so much for your program.” (Vietnam)

“Thank you so much for airing your program, *Ilaw ng Pag-asa (Women of Hope)* Tagalog. It is really helping us a lot. In spite of tears, in spite of struggles in life, God enables me to smile. It helps me to carry on when I feel like giving up. It helps me to understand during times when there are difficult situations in life.

“I have been listening to your program since I was a child, because my parents are regular listeners of your program. My mother turned the volume loud so I was able to listen to it also. I learned to love the program because I like the music you played, and then I realized that it is a great source of help. The ideas are helpful, and it is also encouraging and comforting.” (Jane, 17, Philippines)

“I am a regular listener of *Ilaw ng Pag-asa (Women of Hope)*. It really feels so good to listen to your program. Each and every morning, I wake up early so that I won’t miss the program. Because of your program, I learned to pray to the Lord Jesus, and I learned the things that I should do to avoid taking the wrong direction in life. Thank you so much for praying with me about finding a new job. Though I’m still looking for a job, I know and I trust God that He will provide the perfect job for me so that I can provide for the needs of my two children. I salute your program because through you many mothers are being strong in the face of life’s troubles.” (Dian, Philippines)