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Dear friend,

You are invited to pray this month for the precious, warm, and outgoing people on the vast continent of South America.

“Roughly 600,000 people have flooded into the country to celebrate the tournament, and with them comes an influx of child prostitutes being exploited all over the country at the World Cup host cities,” the website RYOT reported from Brazil in June.

Prostitution is legal in Brazil for anyone over the age of 18, but many of these children – some as young as 10 – are sold to predators for as little as 50 cents. “These girls come from extreme poverty, a culture of social exclusion and tradition of profound disrespect for women,” Antonia Lima Sousa, a state prosecutor, told CNN. “Along with prostitution comes the use of drugs, specifically glue, which the children sniff to help them endure their devastating work and ignore their hunger pangs.”

Now the soccer games are over and life is back to normal, but for many, life has been changed forever. Only God knows how many abortions have been performed these past few weeks and months. How many innocent lives have been ruined forever? That’s why I invite you to pray this month for these dear women and girls.

We know, however, that God’s power is greater than the world’s greatest problems! I’ve seen it at work in poverty-stricken areas of South America. When women relinquish their lives into Jesus’ hands, He mends their broken dreams and hearts forever! In Jesus’ name, let’s pray for healing, strength, and faith for these dear women so that they’ll overcome their predicament of destruction and despair.

Let’s pray for the follow-up of the work done by many Christian groups during the World Cup. The Bible Society of Brazil alone distributed about 4 million pocket-sized Bibles and 20,000 copies of the Gospel of John in nine different languages! Pray also for governments in every South American country to provide health care, education, and employment for women. Last but not least, let’s pray for Project Hannah’s teams reaching out through radio programs and hands-on ministries all over this vast continent.

Thank you! Only Heaven will reveal the effects of this “work” we do so earnestly on our knees. May our prayers move God’s arms, bringing emotional and spiritual healing into the lives of millions of South American women.

Believing with you

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

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Letter Excerpts and Reports

From Colombia:

“My name is Gladys, I live in Colombia, and I can hear this beautiful morning program. My friends tell me that for them it is a wonderful program too. These days I am very sad because after 41 years of marriage, we’re moving on. Please pray for us. My son and my husband are very far from God. I pray that one day they will come to know Jesus as Savior. It does me good to hear encouraging words of faith and hope from the Bible.”

From Uruguay:

“I sincerely hope that the program continues. I am 93 and do not know how to read or write (this is being written by my daughter). Through the radio, I could learn and understand the Word of God. Thanks for teaching me and giving me good advice. I appreciate what you do, and I want to extend my support through this offering and will continue to do so. I thank you very much for teaching me so many good things. In particular, thanks for helping me know God.”

Paraguay: An estimated 300,000 are homeless after severe flooding. We are teaching sewing, hairdressing, and cooking to women in temporary homeless shelters. These women are also studying God’s word using the *Women of Hope* program scripts.

Good Shepherd Women’s Prison, Asunción, Paraguay: In July 2013, 20 students graduated after completing the course on how to make curtains, sheets, quilts, tablecloths, and purses. All 20 students accepted Christ as their Savior and have knowledge of the Word of God. Sadly, we are no longer working in the prison.

“I give thanks to the all-powerful God and testify of the wonderful things we learned through Project Hannah and the sisters who bring us Bible studies. Thanks to their support, we have become small-business women. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ. Without God and without the help of Project Hannah, we can do nothing. We are always praying for this ministry.”

“I entered prison at the age of 14. As a result of being raped at age 9, I became a delinquent. My own mother threw me out of the house because my stepfather ruined my life. I started using cocaine and was in and out of jails. I am now 37 years old, and my children were raised without me. Please pray for me and my family.”

“I have been imprisoned three times for the same reason. I think this will be the last time. It was here that I came to know the all-powerful God. God has healed me in so many ways. I have peace that cannot be bought even with millions of dollars. I have learned so many wonderful things. I give thanks to God for Sister Nayeli and for her patience with us. I don’t regret having been imprisoned here; rather, I give thanks to God.”

Brazil Hannah’s House in Luís Eduardo Magalhães: teaching cross-stitch, fabric painting to 18 students. The craft courses have led to good opportunities for students because many have never had an opportunity to produce something that would give them financial return. “It was great to make money by selling my first rug made by me,” Fabiana, 10, said. She intends to produce more.

Brazil Hannah’s House in Araguaína: The first hairdressing course graduated 16 women. We have started a second hairdressing course. We also started a computer course with 11 students.