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Dear Intercessor,

My heart is filled with gratitude for your faithfulness in praying with us this month for women living in extreme poverty.

It's been said that women are the least valued, least fed, and least educated people across much of the planet. And as for contact with the Gospel, missiologist John Fain tells us, "Women are the largest unreached people group in the world." No wonder in most cultures they are the poorest of the poor.

Jesus inaugurated his earthly ministry with the prophetic words of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." And you and I are called to do the same.

Yes, not everyone can preach or teach the Gospel – but everyone can pray! As we pray, we enter the spiritual realms where the battle for the human heart and mind rages. We proclaim God's eternal plan "to prosper, to give us a hope and a future." As we pray, we empower our teams worldwide to deliver this transformational good news. Poverty was never intended by God. Poverty is an expression of evil, of human degradation, of brokenness, and of social injustice.

Since I was a little girl in Brazil, I have seen poverty's ugly effects. It kills people's dreams. It locks people – women especially – in a vicious cycle of malnutrition, ignorance, and indignity caused by their oppressors' greed, lust, and selfishness.

However, there is an antidote to material and spiritual poverty; and that's prayer! God has given us prayer because Jesus gave us the mission to "proclaim His good news," which lifts these struggling people way above their circumstances. It changes them! It redefines women. No more powerlessness. No more being paralyzed by fear; instead, being ready to face life in the power of God! No longer being poor and weak; instead, being rich and powerful in the Lord.

And there is more. As we pray, we become world changers even without leaving our homes! Project Hannah's prayer calendar helps us pray intelligently, specifically, corporately. Sometimes it is hard to read the horrific statistics and information in it. But it helps us to know the Prince of Darkness' schemes in order to fight him effectively. We become beacons of light where material, psychological, and spiritual poverty and darkness prevail.

May God use our bold and faith-filled prayers to bring redemption and restoration to these dear women.

Believing with you,

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

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Testimonies from listeners in Vietnam:

“Currently I am responsible for and administer Family Independence Church. My church consists of women who have faith and join fasting and praying – praying for the country of Vietnam and the world and particularly for women in South America, where the dignity of women and children were trampled. I had often wished that I had a radio to learn more, and I thank God because today I received a radio from my pastor. I praise God for my dream has come true. Thank you so much for the radio so I can listen to the Word of God, which is shared through the radio.”

“My group always gathers at 6 every Saturday to hear the *Women of Hope* program. Each group member brings crushed wheat or some bunches of ripe bananas or jackfruits to the listening place to eat while listening to your radio program, *Women of Hope*. After some time, we proposed a change in location each time – sometimes at someone’s house. This way we attract more listeners to join us. Everyone acknowledges your program’s benefits. The program has touched many sisters and even their husbands, who changed from addiction, alcoholism, and gambling to an honest life with their wives and children to build up the family, work together, and help the community. Thanks to God, thanks to your program!”

“First of all, I would like to send my greetings to all my precious sisters serving the Lord through the *Women of Hope* program. I give thanks to God for your sending me a radio as a means of studying the Word of God every night. I was 75 years old, but every night I listen to the Word of God. I enjoy the *Women of Hope* program. I learned a lot of teachings through this program and also use those lessons to teach my children. I often pray for you. May God’s blessings pour on all of you in the radio. I often encourage my friends and many people to listen to the Word of God through your radio program. Please give me your *Women of Hope* lesson materials.”

“Thank you for sending me a radio to hear the Word of God. I sincerely thank the Lord for using your programs to help us grow in our faith. I have received many teachings through many lessons in your radio programs, especially *Women and Hope*. I am delighted to learn these lessons since they give me hope to cope with the coming days. I was moved by the Spirit to tell many others about your radio programs. I learned about being thankful to God. I applied this to my family by showing my gratitude to God every day. Thank you who serve through the *Women of Hope* program. May God’s power be on you as you teach the Word of God to me, helping me spiritually grow in the journey with the Lord every day. Please send me lesson materials and some bilingual booklets. And pray for my daughter, Nguyen, who has bone cancer.”

“I received a radio from you, Trans World Radio. I am writing this letter to show my gratitude to you as you help our family have the opportunity to hear the Word of God, which we desperately desire. My family and I highly appreciate you.”

“The *Women of Hope* program has taught us a lot of useful things. Without this program, we women in general would not know how to deal with some particular diseases and needs: cancer prevention, time management, secrets of wisdom, financial management, etc. I enjoyed the lesson about satisfaction. We are satisfied because in this life we have Jesus.”