

July 2015



Dear friend,

Thank you for choosing to pray through Project Hannah's prayer calendar this month as we pray for men, husbands, fathers. How wonderful that we can step into the throne room of our heavenly Father and through Jesus Christ intercede not only for the women we serve but also for the men in their lives.

Wherever I go, I often hear men asking for a men's radio program. Four years ago, God used a man in Mozambique to set in motion this much-needed ministry. It was right after a Project Hannah prayer meeting that was being attended by Brother Rinse Postuma from TWR's national partner for the Netherlands and Belgium. The man asked Rinse: "Why does TWR have a special program only for women? Why not for men? We need so much help!" Brother Rinse passed this question on to me, and we felt that it was God's timing. Men and women started to pray for this new ministry.

In April 2015, God answered the prayers of many Project Hannah ladies in many countries as TWR launched a new radio program an associated ministry called *Champions Arise*, an outreach to bless men around the world and encourage them to be the husbands, fathers, and steadfast "champions" that God wants them to be.

This is especially a dream come true for my husband, Edmund, who is spearheading the project. For years I have watched his passion, his efforts to find the right content, his long periods of fasting and praying, his rallying others to do the same. Monthly, he and a band of TWR brothers gather to pray for men and for these programs. Their strategy? In cooperation with other ministries, Champions Arise will utilize Christ-centered, grace-oriented content and emerging technologies to develop, translate, produce, distribute, and use radio and other media for teaching and coaching men throughout the world.

I am thankful for our male intercessors who faithfully pray for Project Hannah. My husband is on his knees daily praying for women and has become quite an advocate for women and Project Hannah's ministry since its inception. Now it's our turn. Let us intercede for the Champions Arise ministry and, in particular, for men who are looking for help and direction. They need to be free from the grip of selfishness, of sin, and, in many countries, of harmful cultural practices. Imagine the blessing when they become the leaders of value and character that the women in their lives yearn for.

Believing with you,

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

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Letters and testimonies from men

“I have listened to many of your programs. This may sound a little bit strange, that a man is listening to *Women of Hope* programs. But your programs have helped me to understand my wife. We married last year, and she is pregnant right now. I am a little bit worried about postpartum depression, and I wanted to know more. I know that you have a lot of materials. Would you please help me know how to help my wife through this difficult stage for her?” (Albania)

“I’m a man, but may I share my thoughts, please? Through the past centuries, women were forbidden to study or to have any role in the community, which has affected our present communities. I am not sure about our religion, but what your episode suggests and talks about is so meaningful. If what you have dealt with is written in your Bible, I salute it. It clears up the real roles among men and women, which makes us think differently about what we have built in our own fathers’ faith!” (Algeria)

“Dear *Women of Hope* radio program producer: May the grace of God bless you and your ministry. Really, your teachings on the radio are very interesting. We are listening as a group. It helps us to come together with all our families and to worship God and praise Him. We are praising the name of God, the one who started the ministry through you. The program is prepared for women, but it helps us men. Thank you very much.” (Ethiopia)

Pastor Jerry Blanco said, “Yes to Prayer Calendar! Yes, I want you to continue sending me the prayer calendars.” Pastor Jerry replied immediately when he received our text-blast message. He wants to continue sharing the prayer calendar with churches in his area. (Philippines)

“Yes to the Prayer Calendar! I want you to know that the whole church is praying for the prayer requests you are sending to us. Please continue to send us Prayer Calendar.” This is the reply of Romeo Magat. Like Pastor Jerry, he wants the ministry to continue to prosper. (Philippines)

“I am a policeman. I listen daily to the TWR program *Woman of Hope*. I am interested to know about Jesus. I have never heard about him, and I’m very happy to listen to the program and learn.” (Thailand)

“I would like to thank you for the wonderful way the Lord uses you in these programs. I would like to share my heart with you. My daughter, who was raised in the Church and was even involved in the singing ministry, ran away with her boyfriend. She bore a child and then married her boyfriend. They are together in our home. Last night, all of us were listening to the *Women of Hope* program about adultery. We all started to cry; our daughter cried the most. This was a special moment for all our family. Even for me, a man, this program is special because I have learned a lot from it and I have received encouragement. It is like you are beside us through this program.” (Romania)