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My dear intercessor,

Someone said, “Prayer is releasing the energies of God. For prayer is asking God to do what we cannot do ourselves.” Good to know, isn’t it? I am so thankful I can count on your prayers for women in India and Nepal this month.

Now ... how in the world can we change the state of millions of Indian women who suffer “from the womb to the tomb”? Beautiful women who were destined for royalty – to be daughters of the King! Instead, the vast majority live in shame, pain, and fear, with broken dreams, broken spirits, and broken bodies. Millions were “aborted, smothered or starved to death because their families wanted sons not daughters. ... Around 100 million women and girls are involved in prostitution and 50 million were “missing” in the last century because of female feticide and infanticide” (Project Hannah Prayer Calendar).

It makes me think of Matthew 9:36-38: “When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” That is his call for you and me. The harvest is white ... therefore, pray, pray, and pray!

Why? Because ultimately nothing – absolutely NOTHING – is impossible for our all-powerful, loving, almighty God! We pray, and the work of the Holy Spirit, the releasing of God’s power, begins. His amazing grace and unending, unwavering love for his daughters in India, Nepal, and everywhere are the fuel for his matchless power released through our prayers. Think about that!

He who gave his only Son to die for us, whose Holy Spirit assists all those who call on the name of the Lord, the one who gives the “winds” a mighty voice so that we can communicate this message in culturally relevant ways – he is on our side! He is the only hope for Indian and Nepalese women. Jesus’ power will destroy the works of the evil one in their lives the moment they hear and respond to God’s love. My dear friend, pray anticipating the impossible unfolding before our eyes.

Be encouraged! Let’s pray boldly for the Lord of the harvest to heal and restore these women and to send workers into his harvest.

He will do it!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marli Spieker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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### **Listeners' Testimonies from *Women of Hope* in the Gujarati language:**

“I am from another faith. I was doing idol worship and living my life in my way. I came to know about the *Ashavan Strio (Women of Hope)* radio program through my neighbors. I asked them about this program. Once I had pain in my head and body. I was also weak. I heard on the radio program that Jesus cares for us. It touched my heart. That program inspired me to pray for myself. So I shared this with my neighbor. He led me in prayer for my sickness and shared the Gospel. God healed me, so I believed that Jesus is the only God who takes care of us. I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. I received peace of mind. I experienced God's love. I gave my witness to others and introduced the radio program to them. I started to listen to the program regularly. Thank you for your radio teaching.”

“I was brought up in another faith, but I got married to a Christian woman. I have a happy life with my wife and five children. I came to know about *Ashavan Strio (Women of Hope)* through your program schedule. One Saturday I turned on my radio and listened to your program. It touched my heart to know that I am precious in God's eyes and that God loves me. I had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ previously, but listening to your program made me strong in my faith. Your program gives me courage and peace. I have grown spiritually. I now read my Bible meaningfully and not just for the sake of reading. We started to have family prayer every night and have good fellowship. Thank you for your radio program. Please pray for us.”

### **Listeners' Testimonies from *Women of Hope* in the Nepali language:**

“I am 69 years old. Ten years ago I became sick and mentally tortured because of my husband's second wife. My life became so terrible I never talked with anyone, and I did not eat properly, so an evil spirit attacked me and I became mad. There was no peace in my family. Then seven years ago, my son accepted Jesus Christ, as did my daughter-in-law, who helped me to listen to *Nari Asha (Women of Hope)*. I learned so many things about God, and my life slowly changed, and I accepted Jesus as my personal savior in May 2014. Now I am so happy and I have peace in my heart. I want to know about God more and want to grow in my spiritual life. So pray for me.”

“I am a women's leader in my church. I was from a Hindu family, and I spent half of my life in Hinduism, following the Hindu rules and rituals. But five years ago, I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal savior. I go to church and have become stronger in my faith. Though I used to attend the women's fellowship and worked as a women's leader in my church, I never had enough knowledge to teach them. But two years ago, I came to know about the women's radio program *Nari Asha (Women of Hope)*. When I heard that it's a Christian program made by women for women, I never missed listening to it. It's helping me a lot in my life and also in my church. I have learned about our health issues and how to deal with them. I take notes of all the messages of the program and preach them in women's fellowship. I have learned so many things from the Old Testament, too. I teach women about health issues and physical diseases. It's very interesting and exciting. Now our church is growing in numbers and spiritually, too. I would like to thank you for producing such a wonderful program. Thank you.”