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Dear partner in prayer,

It has been a great encouragement to me this week to know that when we are discouraged, our soul can find rest in God as we find our hope in him (Psalm 62:5).

We can surrender all our fears and find encouragement from the truth that nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37). When we come together to pray, our voices reach the heart of God and we find the courage to face our difficulties, opposition, and hardships.

In prayer, lives are touched and healed. Here are some testimonies from Mozambique:

*“When I started to pray, I thought that I could not go through until the end of the prayer time, but God was with me. My prayer is to see my family at peace. While I was praying, my daughter came home and apologized to her father for what had caused them to become so far from each other. In this way I saw the power of prayer.”*

*“No one has God’s power, but when we pray, God can do his miraculous work through our prayer.”*

As we gather around the world to pray for our sisters in Angola and Mozambique, let’s remember how, in Chapter 1 of 1 Samuel, God heard the prayer of Hannah. She was discouraged, disappointed, and desperate for a child. “In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly” (1 Samuel 1:10).

Let’s remember that no matter how disappointed or discouraged we feel, God is near and hears our prayers. Praying each day with thousands of others around the world brings unity and power in the body of Christ.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to lift your voices in prayer. Have faith today that God hears your prayers and will answer in his perfect way and timing.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:14).

In him our hearts rejoice,

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### **Mozambique testimonies:**

When you trust in God, he will use you to be his hands. My marriage was in crisis, but I started to pray so that my Lord could take control of my husband's heart. I know that it took a long time for my Lord to take control and soften my heart so it would be soft first. My advice to my fellow sisters is that when we have problems we must be patient and God will give us a good answer.

I will explain what is happening in my life, my sisters. I am the third child of my parents. When I became a woman, my father made me get married to the man who was his [witch] doctor. I was the fourth wife of this man and was told not to go to church. I have five children from this marriage, and I wished to see them get away from this suffering life. Sometimes I would pray secretly, because if I was found while I was praying, then I was bitten by my husband. Then one day, my firstborn had a friend who took him to church. The friend came to our house and asked my husband to allow our son to be part of the youth program in his church. For two days I cried with fear that my son would be punished. But then my husband asked me as the mother to go with our son every Sunday so that I could control his movements. I thought that this could not be true, but he has allowed my son and me to do what I have desired for such a long time. God is a living God. Now I can say that I am a Christian, and I joined the Project Hannah program. Please pray with me to one day see my family in the church.

When I got married, I didn't know at the time that this man was using drugs. He was pretending to live as a Christian. After a time he began hurting me – until we separated. I became a suffering woman. Then I heard the *Women of Hope* program on the radio. After one year of listening to the programs, I started calling [the producers] so that I could be a part of this family. Last year I started to meet with other women who were giving their problems and difficulties to God. It was very difficult for me to share my problems with them, but one day I felt as if I was dying because of the poverty in my house. I have one child. Now I am a new person. I have hope that all my burdens that I left to God will be lighter. Now I am working, doing housekeeping, and I also take care of a lovely little baby. God knows my life and he has a purpose.

### **Angola testimonies:**

A woman abused for 15 years, scorned for being considered sterile, joined a Project Hannah prayer group in 2013. Through listening to the programs, fasting, praying, and sharing, God answered her petitions and she was cured of barrenness. She conceived and now has a 2-month-old baby.

Thank God! I shared with the prayer group at my church about the illness issue that plagued my son for seven months. He was vomiting everything that he ate and drank. By the grace and mercy of God he is healed and has accepted Jesus.

The Project Hannah Angola coordinator visited the El Bethel Center, which houses about 50 teenagers and some street children. During the following month, the Project Hannah ladies visited the El Bethel Center to deliver some food products and hold a meeting.