

Hannah's Heartbeat

touching hearts, instilling hope

Answered Prayers, Changed Lives

In a Western Kenya village, 10-12 women comprising a Project Hannah prayer group gather on Tuesday afternoons for two to three hours. These women have endured unthinkable suffering at the hands of horrible husbands, and the leader is no exception. Her husband would come home drunk and sick every evening. She had to wash people's clothes just to put food on the table because he would drink away every penny he earned. Staggering home, he yelled at her and then beat her and their children. "I would yell back," she says, "and sometimes I would take advantage of the fact he was so drunk and just push him out of my way."

But as this small Project Hannah group continued studying the Bible and praying through the monthly prayer calendar, they decided to pray their husbands back to them! They fasted before the Lord about this and were convicted that even their own behavior toward their husbands needed to change.

The leader decided she would call her husband "Bishop" and that she and her children would treat him like a Bishop. She did not yell back at him any longer. Instead, every day when it was time for him to come home, she would prepare dinner and also a basin of water. She would wash his dirty feet and clean him up before dinner. At first, he didn't even notice the difference. But, little by little he stopped yelling, calling her names and beating her. All the while, she continued to pray and ask God for courage and love for her husband. After several weeks and much prayer, another miracle happened: her husband stopped drinking!

He asked her why she was calling him Bishop. She said, "Because the Bible says that you are the head of this family. I know that someday God will make you like a bishop—a man of God." And today, her husband is a Christian and an elder in their church! She testifies, "God answers prayer and prayer changes things and people!"

Cultures and circumstances can isolate, but Project Hannah's prayer movement and *Women of Hope* audio programs create caring communities for brokenhearted women. Whether connecting face-to-face or corresponding with the sweet voices on the radio, hurting women find comfort in communion with God and fellowship with the body of Christ. Thank you for connecting with these women you may never meet as you carry their burdens to God in prayer.



Life Giving SUPPLY

“My wife became sick and continued getting weaker and weaker because of problems with her stomach. Since she has no teeth, liquids foods were all she was even able to try to eat. The doctors said she needed an operation, but the cost was so high it would be impossible for us to pay for it. Our lives had become nothing but desperation and suffering when we heard the women on the [Quichua Women of Hope] program talk about hope in the Lord. That night, we got on our knees. As we were praying, the Lord revealed to us that we needed to forgive one another, and that is exactly what we did. We cried out to God that he would take care of us and bless us. From that moment, strength and renewed energy filled my wife’s body. Since that day, she has been able to eat, travel and do any normal activities.”

- Cesar, a Quichua Women of Hope listener in Ecuador

Sumaj Pugyu, the Quichua name for *Women of Hope*, literally translates as a beautiful well of water that provides a permanent, life-giving supply. Since the program began airing in 2004, testimonies like this one from Cesar have greatly encouraged the production team, confirming that God is rescuing women both spiritually and physically through the programs. The production and broadcast are done in partnership with HCJB, the Voice of the Andes, airing via AM and shortwave. On shortwave, the program reaches Quichua speakers in Ecuador,

Peru, Colombia and parts of Venezuela.

Quichua is one of four languages that is directly translated from the Spanish *Women of Hope* scripts instead of the English program, from which Spanish and other languages are translated globally. Together with Spanish, Quichua is one of seven languages through which Project Hannah is offering hope to women across Latin America.

Learn more at projecthannah.org/latinamerica.



Joy and Strength

Svray, a married mother of five in her early forties, loves to listen to the radio. One day, she found the Khmer *Women of Hope* program and began listening to it every week. Her family listened with her, and soon her husband and three of the children also put their faith in Jesus because of listening to *Women of Hope*. Though their hut is small, Svray opens it every week for a time of worship. She tells people about Jesus and invites them to her home. They listen to *Women of Hope* and then discuss what they learned on the program that day.

Earlier this year, Svray wrote, “It is a joy for me to listen to the *Women of Hope* program because it teaches us as women how to take care of ourselves and develop good habits. This program will help the next generation to learn to do these good things as well. Before I believed in the Lord, my life was so lonely and I was so depressed. Now that I am a Christian, the Lord has given me a lot of strength and I am very happy. I have complete trust in the Lord. Sometimes people criticize me because of my faith, but I do not get upset with them. I want them to come to know the Lord too.”

The stories continue at projecthannah.org/cambodia.



listenersrespond

"I am 18 years old and I was happy as I listened to your program because it's about children. I'm pregnant and had decided to have an abortion, but thanks to you and to your program, I changed my mind. I'm so thankful because if it weren't for your program, I might have killed my child. You're my inspiration." - A Filipino listener

"Dear Women of Hope program producers, How are you? I am fine. I have been listening to your program from the beginning. It is very helpful for women. It encourages me, and it gives awareness on how to serve the Lord in my church and the rest of the community. May God bless you." - An Ethiopian listener

"I have miscarried two times. I eagerly wish for a child as a comfort. My husband, our parents and I have been very sad. But through listening to the [Women of Hope] lesson about miscarriage, we are really encouraged and comforted. We have peace and joy in our hearts now, because we know that God is always with us." - A Vietnamese listener

Prayer & PRAISE

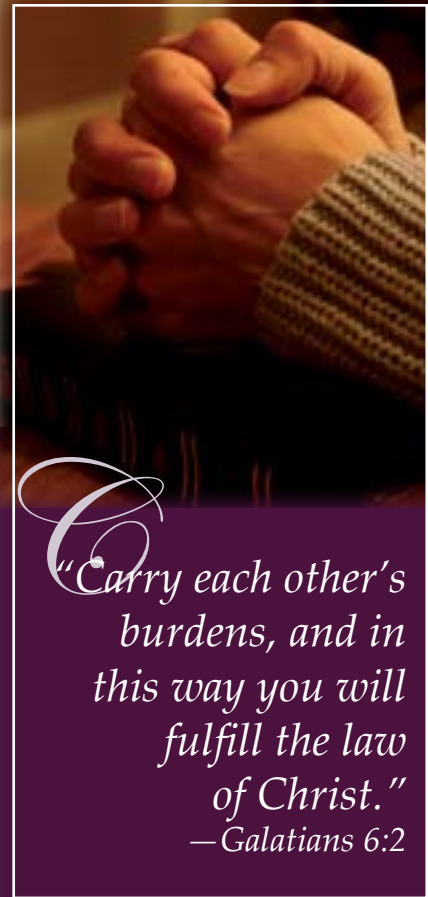
- Praise the Lord for the good planning and training accomplished during the Project Hannah Conference held in Greece earlier this year. Give thanks for exciting ministry opportunities in Croatia, France, Greece, Romania and the Arab world.
- Praise the Lord for the launching of Project Hannah's prayer ministry in Burundi, Greece, Jordan and Namibia, and pray for the needed finances so that productions of *Women of Hope* can expand into these and other countries.
- Pray for the ladies translating the prayer calendar and producing the *Women of Hope* program in Zulu in South Africa. Ask God to move in the hearts and lives of the Zulu people through these ministries.
- Pray for those who hear the *Women of Hope* Spanish programs broadcast via radio in 23 countries and globally via the Internet (proyectoana.org). Pray especially for those listening in sensitive countries like Colombia, Cuba and Venezuela and for the finances to keep this vital program on the air.

The Power that *Opens Heaven*

Mrs. Zharklov, a Ukrainian listener and international prayer team member, recently sent this encouraging letter:

"I am your constant listener and Project Hannah prayer warrior for the women around the world. My church prays for Project Hannah also, for all the producers of the program, for good health, for good reception and for your ministry. Dear sisters, thank you for coming into our homes each week bringing God's love, joy and comfort as well as answers to our questions. Thank you for the good discussions on the many different subjects; they are edifying to us. With great eagerness I listen to the [Ukrainian] Women of Hope programs. Because of TWR's Ukrainian programs, I accepted the Lord in 1992. In our church, we have Bible studies and at the end we share what the Lord has taught us. Your programs are a big help to me as I participate. Sometimes I share material that I have heard in one of the TWR programs. I love that you invite specialists to be involved in Women of Hope to help answer our questions. I am so happy to be in close contact with you. Pray for me and my family, because prayer is the power that opens heaven."

Women of Hope first aired in the Ukrainian language in 2002. Now, the 30-minute program continues to air once a week over a medium wave transmitter. As funds permit, every other week, a shorter 15-minute version is aired over the National Radio Company of Ukraine network. Monthly prayer calendars are translated into over 50 languages, including Ukrainian. Each month, people in more than 100 countries join voices in prayer for suffering women around the world. Visit the prayer and program sections of projecthannah.org. Not only can you access many wonderful resources for yourself, but you can also easily share them with others.





Set *Free* from Doom

by Marli Spieker
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In the hot Kenyan sun, she walked nine hours with a baby on her back.

She looked desperate! Two days earlier, during a Project Hannah Listener Conference, she heard Isaiah 40:31, “Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles”

With tears streaming down her face, she said, “I’ve been listening to *Women of Hope* programs and I heard the message at the conference. I know I should trust God and not despair, but what can I do? A knife is cutting my heart in pieces. I am doomed.” Eunice, a Swahili producer, asked, “Doomed? But, why?” Slowly she told us her story: “My husband left a year ago to work in the mines far away. I’ve never heard from him; I have no idea where he is. He left me alone to raise our five children. My oldest son is supposed to register for the national primary education examination this week, but I can’t pay the school fees. The money I get washing clothes is just enough to put some food on the table. When I don’t get a job, I can’t fall asleep imagining my husband going to bed well-fed, while the kids go hungry. Then I think, ‘What if he is dead?’ I feel sad and sometimes angry. Sometimes I want to kill myself and end it all. I heard your message over the radio, and I came because I need to be set free from this doom.”

I read Isaiah 49:15-16 to her: “Can a woman forget her nursing child and the fruit of her womb? Even though they may forget, I will never forget you. I have inscribed your name in the palm of my hands. . . .” After we talked, she understood that Jesus sees her situation and never forgets her. I heard her pray, leaving her bitterness and despair at Jesus’ feet. I watched his power set her free! Miraculously, her tears were exchanged for a shy smile by the time she got ready to leave.

She said, “I want my friends to have what I have now. Please come to my village to help me tell them about God and the power of prayer!” Eunice and Agnes, another producer, go up the mountain to her village weekly now, and they have a Project Hannah prayer group that has been steadily growing ever since!

In a forgotten Kenyan village, a woman Jesus set free from doom was redefined as a woman of HOPE. She is now an evangelist! Her situation didn’t change. She did, all because Christians far away support the work of two Kenyan women traveling miles in the hot African sun and thousands of PH intercessors sustain this ministry through their work of prayer. All over the world, God is transforming women just like Valentine and involving Christians as they pray and give. Amazing!



MISSION STATEMENT

Project Hannah’s purpose is:

- to raise awareness of and empathy for the plight of women worldwide.
- to pray for women who are being abused emotionally, physically or spiritually.
- to broadcast the gospel of Jesus Christ to women around the world, encouraging them to:
 - experience God’s love, freedom, and power as they face life’s daily challenges.
 - embrace their God-given destiny and glorious inheritance in Christ Jesus, whatever their cultural, social or economic situation.
 - pass on to their children a legacy of faith, wisdom, and godly character.

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