

Hannah's Heartbeat

touching hearts... instilling hope

Healing Touch

women for africa



Sophia* sought out both witch doctors and medical professionals, but nothing helped. She stayed sickly for over 25 years. It started soon after she married. Sophia suffered from epilepsy, but she also heard voices that tormented her. She became unable to walk and remained on a mattress in her home. In these conditions, she gave birth to five children. When she had to go to the hospital, her husband carried her in a wheel barrow.

“After a while, I believed that my husband had found another woman. This created hurt, sadness and resentment in my heart, because in my condition I could do nothing to change the situation. I felt neglected and discriminated against. As a woman, I became very jealous. So my physical, emotional and spiritual health declined. Making the situation even worse, my 14 year old son also suffered from the same disease since he was born and was unable to attend school. Emotionally, I became even weaker and I felt worthless. But for the past two years, I have been listening to the *Women of Hope* program. I was comforted when I heard it and I felt relieved by your teachings and prayers. This helped me a lot.”

“When I heard the marriage program, I felt troubled because after many years my marriage gave me only pain and sorrow. I called you and on July 11, 2011, two members of your team came to visit me at my house.” These Project Hannah team members prayed for her. During the visit, Sophia accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. And, she experienced God’s physical healing as well. When producers met with her again, they saw Sophia had started walking!

Later that summer, visitors from TWR Canada joined the Angola Project Hannah team in a follow-up visit to Sophia. Her husband and children were present and expressed how glad and happy they were for what God was doing in the life of their wife and mother.

Thank you for praying for *Women of Hope* production teams, those visiting face-to-face with listeners, and for precious women like Sophia who are in desperate need of the healing touch only God can give.

**name changed for privacy*

Learn more about the Project Hannah teams across Africa, the women they serve and how you can be a part at projecthannah.org/africa.

Africa. . .



is the second largest continent covering about 20 percent of Earth's total land area. Its population is the world's fastest-growing, with over one billion people currently inhabiting its more than 50 countries. Comprised of at least 3,000 distinct ethnic groups speaking over 2,000 languages, Africa's people are as diverse as its landscape. But the troubles of Africa's people are all too common—crushing poverty, rampant diseases and often little-to-no health care, extreme food shortages, absent infrastructure, unstable governments and deep ties to animism.

Above all else. . . **Africa's people need Jesus.**



God's Grace, Our Faith

“Unfortunately, I got married before I met Jesus. Both my husband and I were wicked. We have two daughters together and my husband had seven lovers. He mistreated me and for revenge I did not feed him. One day, I had enough and I went looking for something that would help me forget my problems. I thought buying capuca [a homemade fermented drink in Angola] would numb my pain. But, deep within my heart, a voice asked, ‘Will you ruin your life because of one man? What if you become addicted to the drink?’ I went home and slept until the next day. The ladies of a Project Hannah prayer group prayed for me and told me about the love of Jesus. Then I accepted him and by the grace of God I was converted!”

For three years now I have been a member of Project Hannah's prayer groups [in Angola]. Through them, I learned how to pray and it changed my life. My husband surprised me and asked me what I have [in my life now]. My daughters also converted to Christianity and they pray with me in Project Hannah. My husband left all his lovers and treats me well now. I have faith that he will become a believer. Sisters, please continue to pray for him.”

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listeners respond

“Dear Women of Hope program producers, I have been listening to your program since it began. Your program is very helpful for women. It encourages me, and it teaches me how to serve the Lord in my church and the rest of the community. May God bless you.”

—a listener in Ethiopia

“I am a secondary school girl in Arusha. I am happy because of Women of Hope programs. This program changed me. Although I am young, I was feeling no hope in my life; but for the first time when I listened to this program I was touched and changed completely. If you can come to my school and share about God's good news I think many will be touched as I was.”

—a listener in Tanzania

“Thank you for bringing us such nourishing [Women of Hope] programs. My life is changing day after day as I listen to your teachings. I have been sharing this hope with my sister who is so broken after the death of her husband. Praise God she is healing. Please pray with me that she will find comfort in God always.”

—a listener in Kenya

Project Hannah. . .

began in Africa 10 years ago in Angola. *Women of Hope* is now in over 10 languages, the prayer movement is in 30 countries and more—God moved those praying to start mercy ministries in hospitals, prisons and small groups. Even as God strengthens existing ministries, he is opening the door to reach Arabic speakers in North Africa, broaden the French program beyond Ivory Coast and expand outreaches across eastern and southern Africa. Thank you for partnering through prayer.



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Prayer & PRAISE

- Praise the Lord for the historic breakthrough of new Project Hannah ministries in the Middle East.
- Praise the Lord for Project Hannah Regional Coordinators: Ruth Mbennah (Africa), Serene Yang (Asia) and Dawn Siemens (Europe).
- Please pray for the women translating and producing the *Women of Hope* program in new languages: Arabic, Croatian, Damaranama, Farsi, Greek, Kirundi, Kpele, Oshivambo, Otjiherero, Ticuna, Tsetswana, Turkish and Twi.
- Pray for wisdom in planning a Project Hannah Global *Women of Hope* Forum in 2012.

“I am a single mother. I learned about Project Hannah from my son’s godfather; when he was sick, the Project Hannah prayer group went to visit him.

When I went to visit my son’s godfather, I saw a group of women with Bibles and songbooks. They were different from people at church. What I was seeing was new to me, because I only knew that some women would meet in the Christian Council of Mozambique, not in someone’s house.

My son’s godfather asked me to stay for the prayer time; I did, because it was important to him and he had been a widower for three months (his wife used to belong to the Project Hannah prayer group). The women did not talk about his disease specifically; they just prayed and told him to be strong, pray and keep believing in God. I think they only stayed for 20 minutes, but to me it felt like the place was no longer the same. It was full of peace.

I was impressed by the joy they brought to him and the way they prayed. I felt their prayers came from deep in their hearts. I had always only prayed that God would help me be good. I asked him how I could join, and I was so excited to learn there was a Project Hannah prayer group where I lived. I joined the group.

But, the testimony I share with you is not to say that I got this or that from the group, but to say that now I have a different relationship with my Lord and it is changing me.”

Full of Peace

Marli's Notes from AFRICA



Marli Spieker
Project Hannah Founder and
Global Ministry Director



I saw over and over again women carrying burdens on their heads. Large and small burdens of wood, gallons of water, baskets filled with fruit, clothing, vegetables, etc. They carry their babies on their backs . . . women in Africa are always carrying something! But, time and again, they told me of heavier burdens in their hearts that they carry for years having no one to go to for help. This situation is exactly the backdrop against which Project Hannah shines like a powerful lighthouse. I felt powerless to take those burdens of hopelessness, poverty, abuse of all kinds, the survival of their kids, and so on . . . but we can take them to Jesus.

With a photograph, one pastor captured a moment when I had the honor to be "the hand of Jesus" and wipe away their tears. One day God himself will do this (Revelation 7:17). But meanwhile, we all can be his hand, if not doing so with our hands, as I did that day, then with our prayers, our gifts and our investment in their lives. Project Hannah is a good channel for that. How thankful I am for this ministry. It has been rescuing women who would never have had this opportunity if not for our dear "Hannah!" What a privilege!



I am going back home with a heart more sensitized than ever for the deep, deep needs of this continent. The women here suffer in so many ways and on so many levels that it is really a hard place for hope to resonate in their hearts and minds. When one starts praying with them, the tears flow in ways I have not seen in any other places.

Read Marli's full
letters from Africa
at
[projecthannah.org/
marliinafrica](http://projecthannah.org/marliinafrica).



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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