

# Hannah's Heartbeat

touching hearts, instilling hope



## HOPE FOR TURKISH WOMEN

Officially a secular state, Turkey has a constitution that guarantees its people religious freedom, but cultures usually affect daily life more than governments do. For women living in this majority Muslim country, traditional practices and views are the primary determinant of how they are treated. In the cities, some women achieve high levels of success in education and employment, becoming doctors and lawyers. But, overall, Turkish women are considered second-class citizens and women in rural areas, and poorer communities have limited life options. All Turkish women need to hear about God and the gospel truth that truly frees every believer.

Starting the first week of September 2012, Project Hannah began sharing the gospel with Turkish women via its signature program, *Women of Hope*. A 30-minute weekly broadcast, the program features a format that is attractive yet challenging. Presented in a friend-to-friend style, *Women of Hope* strives to communicate to listeners that they are understood and loved, especially by God. Using two FM outlets, *Women of Hope* in Turkish can be heard by more than 10 million people in Istanbul and close to 4 million people in Ankara can hear.

By the end of 2012, Project Hannah's fledgling prayer ministry in Turkey had 25 groups praying through the monthly prayer calendars in Turkish. "The women are excited about the prayer calendars," reports a Turkish *Women of Hope* producer (her name withheld for security reasons). "They say that they were praying for these types of things before, as well, but now their prayer has a structure to it." This producer has a personal request for all who pray with Project Hannah: "Please pray that I will know God even better in my life so that I can teach the women about his love. Please pray for my family, my mother and my brother, who are not yet in Christ."

Sign up for Project Hannah's monthly prayer ministry at [projecthannah.org/leprayer](http://projecthannah.org/leprayer).

Visit [projecthannah.org/monthlyprayercalendar](http://projecthannah.org/monthlyprayercalendar) to view and download monthly resources at any time.



# PASSIONATE PRAYER IN ALBANIA

Adona listens to the Project Hannah prayer-calendar radio program every day, and she always carries the printed monthly prayer calendar in her Bible. “I like the passion [Project Hannah has] for women,” she wrote. “Women are God’s unique creation, but, especially here [in Albania], they are underestimated and not valued as they should be.” She continued, “I like to pray for the women in other countries as well as in my own country and town.”

As she prayed through the requests each month, God moved Adona to use the skill he had given her to help women in need right where she was. She started a tailoring course for widows, who in her area of Albania live in extreme poverty. Adona’s desire was to train them in a skill that would help them earn money to support themselves better. “I would like to impact the lives of these widows so they can impact the lives of their children,” Adona said. “Please pray for God’s blessings upon these women.”

Albania is one of several countries that create a short radio program – in addition to the weekly *Women of Hope* broadcast – focused on praying through the daily requests in Project Hannah’s widely distributed prayer calendar. The radio programs provide an opportunity for listeners to join in corporate prayer regardless of how isolated they are. In addition, listeners send in their own prayer needs, which are prayed for on the air along with each day’s prayer-calendar request.

*Visit [projecthannah.org/albania](http://projecthannah.org/albania) to read more about how God is working in Albania through prayer and radio.*



## LISTENERS RESPOND

*FROM ALBANIA:* I am a student. I listen to the programs through my phone. I was touched by every word you spoke. Thanks a lot.

*FROM PORTUGAL:* I fell in love with your work when I read about it on Facebook. I love *Women of Hope* – 30 wonderful minutes of comfort and much encouragement! Please send me your prayer calendar.

*FROM BRAZIL:* The first time I heard *Women of Hope* was when I saw a comment on Facebook that led me to your program. This is my second time listening – I love it and I am greatly encouraged by it! Praise God for such wonderful work you do!

Listen to *Women of Hope* on the Project Hannah app and share the app with friends! Available for Android and iPhone, the app has English, Portuguese, and Spanish programs, and plans are to add other languages soon. Learn more at [projecthannah.org/app](http://projecthannah.org/app).



# BEAUTIFUL PROGRAMS FOR SPANISH LISTENERS



*The stories of hope continue at [projecthannah.org/latinamerica](http://projecthannah.org/latinamerica).*

Dear Sisters,

My desire is that the richest blessings be upon your lives and your families. Thank you for yesterday's message [in *Women of Hope* Spanish, aired from Bonaire]. Do you know you made me cry because the program was just for me?

I had a very difficult week in my home because of miscommunications, but thank you for letting me know how the Lord is always with me. I feel that the Lord is working in my life in spite of all these difficulties. You have no idea how important your words are for me. I know that you are God's instrument in my life. Yesterday I was thinking how alone I felt, but listening to your program changed my outlook, and today, Monday, I have a different attitude toward life and my circumstances.

Keep going with your beautiful programs, which are surely guided by the Heavenly Father. A thousand thanks for your valuable ministry. It's a shame one can listen to you only one day a week on the radio. Since I started listening to your program, my life has taken a new turn, and I realize that it's not you but it is because of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.

Thank you so much,

*A (in Cuba)*

## PRAYER & PRAISE

**Thank God with us for wonderful prayer warriors like this lady in Uruguay:**

Beloved Sisters,

I receive Project Hannah's [Spanish] monthly prayer calendar. Every day I read the request for that day and I pray for those requests. I would like to be a part of the annual 40 days of prayer and fasting [Oct. 1 – Nov. 9]. I am praying for the prayer groups that meet during the 40 days, asking that they would be strengthened. I also pray for the leaders of Project Hannah so that these sisters would be strengthened and enriched spiritually by the power of our God and that they would keep going forward with this beautiful ministry.

Thank you for all you are doing to extend the Kingdom of God among women in many parts of the world,

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- Ask that the women producing *Women of Hope* Arabic, Farsi, and Turkish programs would grow daily in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom and good health for the new Somali *Women of Hope* (*Rajada Dumarka*) production team. Ask that many would listen to the new program and that God would open their hearts to receive his grace.
- Pray for the safety of the new Project Hannah Dari production team. Pray that the scripts would be a blessing to those who are translating and ask that everything can be completed so that Dari *Women of Hope* can begin broadcasting in 2014.



# FROM ANYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

by Marli Spieker  
Project Hannah Founder and Global Ministry Director

With the amazing advances in technology today, in less than one minute, we can reach even more people than the apostle Paul reached in his lifetime. Superpower radio, email, Facebook, mobile apps, websites, Mp3 players ... you name it! The gospel of our Lord is running swiftly on the highway of mass media and reaching women everywhere!

I love Psalm 147:15: "He sends forth his command to the earth; his word runs very swiftly." God did not need modern technology to speed his word to the ends of the earth. But God does call his people to keep in step with him.

How? One key to missions is a tool even faster than the digital world. It is not limited by time or money or energy source. It connects people from anywhere to everywhere ... it is prayer.

You can point just about anywhere on a map and find Project Hannah intercessors. In more than 123 countries, 40,000 intercessors pray through our monthly prayer calendar, which is translated into 79 languages, directing a wave of prayer circling the globe 24/7!

I've seen ... women in Vietnamese villages praying for Central Asian women who meet secretly; elderly Swedish ladies on an island in the Baltic Sea praying for little girls in India; women in Ireland praying for hurting women in Mali; and so many more that I cannot even recount them all! Our intercessors know from experience that prayer changes lives, changes communities, and changes countries and cultures.

I am convinced that Project Hannah's global prayer movement is the force propelling our 30-minute *Women of Hope* program from anywhere to everywhere in more than 60 languages. In only the last year and a half, God has opened the door for *Women of Hope* to go on the air in three critical languages and to begin production in more. With funding from generous supporters across the U.S., Canada, and Europe, alongside a worldwide foundation of prayer, *Women of Hope* Arabic went on the air in January 2012, followed by Turkish and Farsi in September 2012! Also, we praise God for having provided the people and funds to launch production of Project Hannah Somali in 2012. This year, Project Hannah is seeking funding and prayer support for the launch of Dari broadcasts to Afghanistan in 2014. TWR's powerful new AM outlet will provide a big voice in that region, and we will use it to speak the message of God's hope to Afghani women!

Now, all the women producing these programs face danger daily. I am inspired by their courage, passion, and love for God and their Muslim sisters. They greatly need our prayers. Please pray for the protection and anointing of God over these five new production teams.

Thank you for joining us. From anywhere you are, you can reach hurting women everywhere in the world.



## 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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