

Around the world, women are hiding. Some hide behind veils so thick that not even their eyes are visible. Others are hiding in their homes, afraid to come out for fear of being raped or killed in time of war, or disfigured just because they dare to go to school. Hundreds of women have been burned alive by their own relatives in the name of "family honor." Still others hide inside themselves, beaten down by daily abuse and neglect which hollows out the joy in their eyes, leaving only a sense of duty to keep them alive.

Project Hannah's founder, Marli Spieker, saw an Asian woman one day, covered head to toe in a black veil as she walked through 100-degree heat. Anger welled up in Marli and she felt God telling her: "Do you see that black veil? It is not only over her head. It is over her mind, her heart, her family, her spirit, her whole life! This woman lives in darkness." Marli responded, "Whatever I can do, I will do, to bring her to the light!"

But how can the light reach a woman who is hidden away, too isolated by culture, religion or fear to come in contact with the

believers who can help change her life forever?

Where circumstances create walls, Trans World Radio is breaking through in the form of Project Hannah (PH) and the Women of Hope radio program. Every day, listeners are learning about the God David writes of in the Psalms: "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Ps. 34:17-18).

Project Hannah seeks to meet the needs of the whole woman, providing practical advice, spiritual guidance and an international prayer movement.

God expresses in His Word the great love He has for the widows, orphans and oppressed in the world. He calls each one of us to provide these precious ones with the opportunity to hear the Word of God through the voice of love. We are His vessels to carry healing to the brokenhearted.

### Awareness

Project Hannah (PH) international ministry teams are answering God's call by caring for the suffering through prison ministries, refugee assistance, care for AIDS patients and orphans, and much more. These teams show the love of God in tangible ways every day, around the world. PH also promotes awareness of women's issues by speaking at churches, women's groups, conferences and other events.

# Radio Programming

Radio can reach women where they are, no matter their social status, culture or location. That's why PH chose a radio broadcast to proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ. The friend-to-friend style of the *Women of Hope* program is simple and attractive, yet challenging. The broadcasts share practical advice and insight, letting listeners know they are understood and loved—especially by God. First aired in 1998, *Women of Hope* is broadcast today in more than 50 languages from hundreds of AM, FM and shortwave radio stations. Through

Women of Hope, women each day are meeting Jesus, the only One who can heal all their wounds.

### Prayer

Rooted in prayer and fasting, PH has become a global prayer movement, with prayer partnerships in over 100 countries. A monthly prayer calendar, distributed in over 40 languages, provides requests and up-to-date information about specific countries or areas of focus for concentrated prayer.

# Listener Response

"The stories shared in your program touched my heart. Afterward, I was worshiping God all the time. When I went to church, I asked my friends to listen to it. The broadcast is filling a gap that no one else is taking care of. It makes me feel good knowing that God is interested in each part of me: spirit, soul and body." (Albania)

"We have new hope for our lives through this program. I want to thank God for this. Please pray that we may serve the Lord faithfully, and that our relatives and neighbors may know Christ. I have told four women about your program." (India)

"I'm in jail on a drug charge, and have been involved in drugs ever since my family broke up when I was a child. But now I realize the need to reform my life. I've wanted to write you for a long time, but was afraid you didn't want to hear from prisoners." (Thailand)

"Recently, my prayer life has become deeper and more vigorous thanks to Project Hannah. I got this encouragement through the prayer calendar and my spiritual sisters." (Angola)

### **Broadcast Languages**

Women of Hope is aired in: Albanian, Amharic, Angolan Portuguese, Bengali, Berber-Kabyle, Brazilian Portuguese, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano, Central Asian Russian, Creole, Danish, English, European Portuguese, Finnish, African French, Guarani, Hindi, Ilocano, Indian English, Indonesian, Javanese, Kazakh, Khmer, Korean, Kyrgyz, Lengua, Low German, Makhuwa, Malayalam, Mandarin, Mozambique Portuguese, Nepali, Nivacle, Oriya, Papiamentu, Punjabi, Quichua, Romanian, Romany-Macedo,

Sgaw Karen, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Thai, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Uzbek and Vietnamese.

### Mission Statement

Project Hannah is a ministry of Trans Word Radio, offering compassion, encouragement and hope to suffering women worldwide through prayer, awareness, and radio programming.

### Project Hannah's purpose is:

- to raise awareness 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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