



THE HOPE OF CHRIST

Christmas is an excellent time to think about hope and what it means to you. How is your life different because of the hope you have in Jesus Christ?

Hope makes a huge difference in someone's life. Without hope, we can feel that life is empty and futile. With hope, we see possibilities and we dream. Hope means better times are coming, if not in this world then certainly in heaven. Faith and hope in Christ bring joy and peace.

Project Hannah shares this HOPE to suffering women all over the world. And it's making a difference, often in the midst of seemingly impossible circumstances and unimaginable trials. A prisoner in Angola wrote to share the blessing she received through a visit from a Project Hannah prayer group:

“May God bless you and the work you have been doing here for us. Your first visit brought blessings to our lives! God answered our prayers by solving problems of many prisoners whose lawsuits were so difficult and today they are free. There was a lady who was unjustly imprisoned. She was released. God made justice! Many others were released due to the presidential reprieve. Those of us who are still here hope to be released soon; in the meantime, we take advantage of this opportunity here to learn more and more of the Word of God.”

Hope has given her a new perspective. While she continues to serve time in prison, she is praising God because of the new hope she has within. She even goes so far as to see the opportunity prison has given her – to learn more about the Word of God!

The hope we have in Christ changes us. A *Women of Hope* listener wrote to tell us that *“Your program brings me relief, peace and comfort to my heart. I am a mother of ten sons and my husband left home. Sometimes I do not have anything to give to my children, but as I listen to the Women of Hope program my strength is renewed for the next day.”*

She's discovered the truth we learn from Isaiah 40:31: *“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”* This listener experiences the truth of God's Word by fixing her hope on Christ.

Praise the Lord that women are finding hope and renewed strength in Christ through the ministry of Project Hannah. Their lives are being transformed as they learn they can have a hope and a future.

So how does the gift of hope you've received make a difference? One answer is in your prayers on behalf of the women for whom we pray. They do not go unheard. They are making a difference in countless lives. Thank you for your faithful support, both through prayer and gifts, to this vital ministry.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Christmas blessings,



FROM MARLI'S DESK ...

Dear intercessor and friend,

I bless you with Paul's words: **"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts ..."** (2 Corinthians 4:6).

What a joy we have, not only carrying His light in our hearts, but also spreading it with our prayers in the lives of women living in utter spiritual, intellectual and cultural darkness. May God's countenance continue to brighten your way with hope as you join us in praying for women in great need of it.

I write this letter on the heels of the first Project Hannah European Round Table, with national coordinators representing nine nations. Seeing their passion and listening to their reports, I am convinced, more than ever, that God's hope is indeed at work. What a magnificent salvation and restoration is taking place in many nations through Project Hannah's ministry! Indeed, the hope we share – God's hope – is joy out of sorrow; peace out of despair and the gift of salvation for the lost. God's promises are the bedrock of our faith. It's not a vague human expectation, nor a positive attempt to "look at the bright side of life." It's His hope – the life-giving and transforming power to women everywhere.

As we pray together this month, let us fix our eyes on Christ's triumph over powers and authorities of darkness. Let's never forget that **"He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross"** (Colossians 2:15).

This month's prayer calendar gives us a glimpse of the terrible situation in which women find themselves nowadays. It reminds me of when Jesus saw the multitudes harassed and helpless, "like sheep without a shepherd." It is written that He was moved with compassion. He said, **"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest"** (Matthew 9:37-38). Let's be wise and listen to His Word. Let's trust and obey His command!

There is still so much to be done, and so many still without hope. Thank you for the work you do praying with us.

Joyfully serving with you,



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