



## **New Languages in 2009: Women of Hope broadcasts**

Praise the Lord for the five new languages in which the WoH broadcasts are aired, either on radio or via internet!

Romanian (Romania)—March 2009

Berber-Kabyle (Algeria)—March 2009

Amharic (Ethiopia)—April 2009

Gujarati (India)—August 2009

Swedish: “Hanna’s Café” (Sweden)—September 2009:

[www.hannascafe.se](http://www.hannascafe.se)

## **NOTES FROM AFRICA ...**

### **Angola**

At the end of September 2009, the prayer groups had grown to 200 with 4,276 members. Alice, PH Coordinator, reported that the prayer intercessors are faithful and continue to claim the coming of God’s kingdom so that His will may be done in Angola; claim that the destiny of Angola may not be frustrated; pray that the Lord may visit each home including the rulers of the country; pray for restoration based on justice. They also continue to mobilize and stir up people concerning the reality of women who are under attack from demonic forces, sin and the concerns of life. They believe that only by submission and faith in God will they resist the enemy, his work, his force and demonic powers that enslave many women and their families across the nation.

### **Mozambique**

At the end of August 2009, there were a total of 64 prayer groups, made up of 595 members. Esperança, PH Coordinator, shared that the *Women of Hope* radio program has been encouraging women and young girls to behave in such a way that they will be respected and have dignity as women. In an interview, listeners shared that because the program is so practical, talking about what happens in a woman’s daily life, they have seen people’s behaviour change. One woman noted, “*In Mozambique a woman’s knowledge is usually not important but after listening to the program we feel it is very important and that the more we know the better. We are affirmed as women, making our family life happier.*”

## **YOU ARE A BLESSING ...**

It’s sometimes difficult to believe that the Creator of the Universe would listen to our prayers and then act in response to change the lives of individuals, bringing healing to families, bringing unity and peace in communities and changing the direction of countries. But this is how He has chosen to work. He gives us the great privilege of participating in what He is doing around the world. No matter if we live in a city or a village, a poor nation or a rich one, we can be a part of God’s work through our prayers.

**THANK YOU!!** I thank God for each one of you ... for your faithful prayers and financial gifts. You are a blessing to me and to countless women. May His face shine upon you and give you peace.



### **Mali, Africa**

Recently Evelyn Barkman, a retired missionary who had served in Mali, Africa, for almost 40 years contacted us about airing the *Women of Hope (WoH)* broadcasts in Mali. She had already raised funds to air the French programs twice a week for one year. Her desire now is to have them translated into Bambara, a language spoken by some six million people in Mali.

Praise the Lord that when she travels to Mali this month (January 2010), she will be getting this project well established and the Bambara programs ready for broadcast.

Please pray ...

- that God would be glorified through the WoH broadcasts and that lives would be transformed.
- for volunteers to do the translation.
- for wisdom and strength for Evelyn as she works through all the details in making this a reality.

### **A new book ...**

Through Project Hannah's (PH) *Women of Hope* program, God's Word and the truth of His love is proclaimed in more than 50 languages. How has God been using the broadcasts over the past decade? How has God been answering the prayers of so many praying through the prayer calendar each month?

In her upcoming book, *When Hope Wins*, PH founder Marli Spieker reveals real-life stories of redemption, transformation and grace that only Jesus can provide. The stories of these women will increase our awareness so that we can pray more knowledgeably. And, they will stir us to take heart because hope always wins!

Lord willing, the book will be available in the spring. Please pray that God would use it to bring glory to Himself. Also pray that the remaining funds required to go to print would be made available.

### **FROM MARLI'S DESK ...**

Note: The following is an adapted excerpt from the introduction of Marli's book, "When Hope Wins."

*The women we serve have taught me precious, precious lessons. Listening to their stories I often feel I am standing on "holy ground." Their pain is immensely greater than mine. Their presence, impregnated with God's sustaining power and hope, inspires me to keep faithful to God's calling in my life. To never give up. To stand the test. To embrace courage. To dare to believe in the impossible. To endure the unendurable ... That's when only God's grace will do. They personify Bill Hybles' description of endurance: "Endurance sustains courage ... gives sustaining power to discipline ... turns our vision into reality. If you are walking with God, you hear the Holy Spirit whisper the words, 'Blessed are those who draw on God's strength, who endure trials and crash through quitting points—for they shall receive the crown of life.'"*

*When God speaks the pungent language of suffering in our lives, these women have much to teach us. Once hope wins in their lives, I've watched them getting ready for "coronation day." They lift up their heads as they "endure the trials and crash through the quitting points" waiting for their reward – the crown of life. God is honouring their faith and drawing them to Himself, blessing them to rise above the age-old prejudices and evils ingrained in the fabric of their cultures, raising the next generation to live in God's ways.*

*Through my tears of joy I can see the rainbow of God's hope crowning them someday with the Crown of Life, but even now fulfilling Isaiah's prophesy: "You shall be a crown of Glory in the hands of the Lord; A royal diadem in the hand of your God." These royal diadems are shining for God in their huts and villages, in concert halls or churches, in radio stations or prison cells. And even though the world sees their predicament as an unending hopelessness, we in PH see it as an endless hope!*

*I have a prayer for you: that these amazing stories will not just touch your heart but also challenge you to do whatever God is asking you to do with whatever He has gifted you with ... for His purposes.*

