

THE heartbeat



*I will give you a new heart and
put a new spirit in you; I will
remove from you your heart of
stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

— Ezekiel 36:26

BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING IN JESUS TO WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

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grace
poured out
abundantly

The two women listen intently as the drama about a former prostitute streams forth from the compact MP3 player. Eva and Livia* seem immersed in *Hidden Treasures*, their breathing rapid as Livia brushes away tears.

Afterward, the Roma women – sometimes disparagingly called Gypsies – from Hungary tell their personal stories to their visitors, who are distributing the MP3 players and sharing God’s grace in Germany. Eva and Livia say they work in a brothel only because the money is necessary for their families to survive. The visitors remind them that they are precious in Jesus’ sight and that he loves them immeasurably.

Stories like the one above remind us why TWR Women of Hope exists: to make known the true hope and healing that is found in Christ alone. We may not be able to take every woman out of darkness, but we can bring the light of the world into their situation, as team member Ilona Miller says.

No matter where you live, much of the same brokenness is evident: women battered, abandoned, dehumanized. Part of the ministry’s mission is to educate women through radio and prayer groups on the issues confronting their sisters around the world. Learning is crucial because it makes these women aware of situations they otherwise likely would be blind to. But the next step is even more vital: inviting Jesus into their lives.

This is why we use media to introduce women to the gospel. Your generous support of TWR Women of Hope has made it possible for millions of women to encounter the transformational hope of Jesus!

With your help, women can hear the gospel through words that speak to their hearts in at least 70 languages.

Over the past few years, awareness on the topic of human trafficking has been on the rise; however, that doesn’t make it a new issue – just one that is no longer hidden in the shadows. For every 10 trafficking victims detected globally, five are adult women and two are girls, according to a 2021 report by the United Nations.

Several years ago, we set out to create a new program designed specifically to reach vulnerable women who have been sexually exploited. *Hidden Treasures* started as an audio drama to walk victims through healing after they heard stories much like their own and learned there was a glimmer of hope. For the safety of these vulnerable women, the program was stored on discreet devices and passed throughout known areas for at-risk women.

Nearly eight years later, there is a second part in the works for this impactful program! *Hidden Treasures Part 2* is based on the true story of a woman who was caught up in the world of prostitution. In his grace, the Lord has since rescued, redeemed and restored her! He has given her a new story and purpose. Now, she is working toward helping other women who are trapped in trafficking and prostitution.

“I cannot take women out of darkness, but I can bring Christ in.”

The scripts for *Part 2* are almost finished, leaving the first 10 episodes ready for production. Please join us in praying for protection over the *Hidden Treasures* team and the entire production process. May the Lord guide each step of the way so that his glory will be made known to vulnerable women everywhere.

* Pseudonyms to protect their confidentiality

GET TO KNOW US!

Q&A with Sphiwe Nxumalo-Ngwenya, Africa Regional Coordinator

Q Why are you passionate about reaching women?

A I am passionate about reaching women who have lost hope, because I believe when they have lost hope, they are hindered from taking their role in fulfilling God’s design in his creation. Giving them hope in Christ empowers, transforms and propels women to love, care for and influence their communities. Hope in Christ gives women their true identity and transcends all other false identities coming from worldly attempts to divert them from who they really are in God’s eyes. Hope in Christ brings new life, and that’s what I believe I am doing as I play my role in God’s divine plan.



Q What do you want women in your region to know?

A I want women to know Christ as the source of living water from whom they can drink and never thirst again and that they themselves become streams of living water for others to know Christ and experience the power of his resurrection. To know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge and understanding, that they may be filled to the full measure of all the fullness of God [Eph. 3:17-19]. This is my driving force in serving in the ministry of TWR Women of Hope, knowing that through Christ we can do all things as he is the one who gives me strength.

Freedom found in forgiveness

We've all experienced anger in some capacity. Perhaps, for you, it was over a relational hurt, injustice or uncontrollable circumstance that happened to you. Mariame* was embittered by past hurts and found it hard to extend, and receive, forgiveness.

Then, she listened to a *Women of Hope* program on the matter.

The radio presenter posed the question, "If you don't forgive your brother, how will God forgive you?"

Mariame wondered to herself, "If I believe in God, how will God forgive

everything I've done if I don't forgive others?" She went on to ask God to forgive her anger, bitterness and past sins.

That's when grace changed her.

"I haven't forgotten the offenses, but I have decided to forgive. Today, when someone does something to me, I don't get angry anymore," Mariame said. "I forgive them and try to point them to the Lord. I bless God for your radio program."

-LISTENER FROM CÔTE D'IVOIRE

*Pseudonym used for her privacy.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

AFRICA

We've received at least \$60,000 in generous gifts toward the *Precious and Beloved* program in the last quarter! Because of your help, this program has been fully funded for production in African-French. We thank God for you!

Two new prayer groups have started in Tanzania, both at schools that primarily follow a different religion. Our coordinator shared our vision and mission with the girls there, along with our programs and monthly prayer calendar. The students promised to continue praying with us.

EUROPE

In May, we had our TWR Women of Hope European conference. This is a special time of encouragement and equipping for our teams who are constantly pouring out spiritual nourishment to others in ministry. We will have a similar conference in Africa soon to refresh our team members there also.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Praise God that our TWR Women of Hope team in Cambodia has logged over 4,000 listeners to our program, listening through MP3 players and the local radio station.

NORTHEAST ASIA

In South Korea, the number of participants for our local prayer gathering continues to grow!

MIDDLE EAST

Our Kurdish team planned a special open-door event at which nearly 200 women in the local community participated. Our coordinator introduced the Kurdish radio programs and invited people to connect with the ministry.

Don't let fear reign in your heart

*“Have I not
commanded you?
Be strong and
courageous. Do not
be afraid; do not
be discouraged, for
the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.”*

– JOSHUA 1:9

Brave people are quite inspiring, aren't they? The braver they are, the more inspiring they become. For the most part, they don't mean to call attention to themselves or to impress anyone by their acts of courage – that's simply who they are and how they naturally respond to life's challenges. If at any point they experience a hint of fear, we will never know. And in fact, it doesn't matter if there is such a hint, since nothing seems to be able to stop the courageous on their mission.

At least, that's what it looks like from the outside. Surely the hearts of the valiant also have their frailties. When they are faced with difficult situations, fear might find a corner in their hearts. But with or without fear, they face the situations because they know that avoiding them could be disastrous.

Pondering this topic leads me to Joshua and a beautiful conversation he had with the Lord after Moses' death. Joshua was told that the Lord would fulfill the promise he made to Moses and would take the Israelites to a special land. Joshua was the chosen one to lead the people. Quite a task to take on, to be sure, but Joshua was not alone. God himself told him: “As I was with Moses, so will I be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you!”

Best promise ever! The Lord goes on to give Joshua an instruction: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).



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In the same passage, the Lord instructs Joshua more than once to be strong and courageous. It's as if he's saying, “Joshua, the armies are going to scare you, and difficult times will come. But don't let fear reign in your heart. Be strong and courageous, for I am with you at every step of the way.” Joshua kept his eyes on the Lord and showed great courage as he led the people.

In my recent trip to Africa, I met a brave woman. We call her our *Women of Hope* champion in her remote village. Some time ago she received a solar radio device loaded with the Bible and *Women of Hope* programs. With this gift came the challenge to invite other women to listen to the programs with her.

As we gathered, she told us how frightened she was at first. She can neither read nor write and had no idea how to use that device. She did not let fear reign in her heart. She mastered the device and stood there teaching others to use it. As she was sharing her story, her face was radiant. She was beaming hope and dignity. She was strong and courageous. And because she took on what to her was a fearsome challenge, lives are being transformed.

Are you facing challenges and difficult situations? Be strong, take courage and remember the Lord will never leave you nor forsake you. He has good plans.



Connecting women's hearts to each other and to God, TWR Women of Hope has built a global prayer movement and media outreach that address unique physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

VISION

To bring hope and healing in Jesus to women around the world and across generations.

MISSION

To educate, encourage and equip women to learn, pray, listen, grow and give through media and group interaction.

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