

adults in Mozambique are infected with HIV (CNN.com). At least 15 percent of South Africa's population is HIV positive (BBC News).

21. Young Christian women to understand the importance of marrying believers and raising their children to follow Christ.

22. The more than 120,000 girls and young women worldwide who have been abducted by soldiers/rebels and used as servants, soldiers and sex slaves.

23. Mozambique's 49 prayer groups of over 500 members in 34 churches to experience God's love and power in their homes and communities.

24. African women trapped in witchcraft and traditional cults to find freedom in Christ.

25. The families of women who die during childbirth because they deliver their babies outside of a clinic, with untrained attendants. Some cultural practices also lead to the mother not receiving the care she needs.

26. Young girls who are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and have escaped to refugee centers. Even though many countries have outlawed the practice, the UN estimates that three million girls are at risk in Africa every year. Praise the Lord that many in Kenya are fighting this tradition, and even parents are sending their girls away to avoid those pressuring them to be circumcised.

27. Angola's 3,533 intercessors in 185 prayer groups from 14 denominations to experience unity in Christ and to share in the joy of serving Him together in love and humility. Pray that they would not be discouraged when they do not see immediate answers to their prayers.

28. Praise the Lord that WoH Danish is now on the air over the Internet. Please pray for Vivi and Anette as they give encouragement and advice from a Christian point of view and as they share God's love and His grace with the women of Den

**P**roject Hannah Angola celebrated their 7th anniversary in June 2008. One year after their prayer groups began, Angola officially signed into law a Peace Agreement, following 25 years of devastating war. Six years later, Angola is still a nation in need of healing.

Prayer groups began meeting in Mozambique at the end of 2005. God uses these prayer times to mend family relationships, to heal the sick and to present His power in many ways. These ladies are given hope and encouragement as they shared their lives with one another and pray for one another.

Women in Angola and Mozambique struggle to provide for their families. They suffer from lack of sanitation, electricity and clean water. Unemployment and lack of training keeps them in the grips of poverty. With their babes in their laps, they sell goods on the street; at the end of the day, they earn almost nothing, not even enough for a meal to feed five people. When they reach home, some of them are victims of domestic (verbal and sexual) violence from their husbands.

Christian women suffer deep heartache because members of their families do not want anything to do with Jesus. Some women find themselves forced to marry men of a different religion. The pain of infidelity causes many to feel hopeless and in their agony they desire to leave their husbands.

In the midst of many difficulties, Project Hannah prayergroups are fighting to take hope and spiritual guidance to women and their families. They are helping women reach their families for God and see transformation in their lives. Dignity is being restored, families are being reunited, and prisoners are set free. These results have been encouraging the intercessors to pray with faith and cry out to their Heavenly Father.



*Women of Hope* broadcasts in 49 languages. Monthly prayer guides are used in 40 languages. ([www.projecthannah.org](http://www.projecthannah.org))

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*Praying for Women in Southern Africa*



A MINISTRY OF TRANS WORLD RADIO

*Please pray for...*

1. Women in Africa, as they face the hardships of daily life and the pain and scars of abuse. Pray that they will find peace and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 15:13).
2. Project Hannah's (PH) workers in Angola: Alice, National Coordinator, working in Luanda with Justina, Juliana and Mozaline; Paschal in Benguela, Ester in Lubango, Laurinda in Huambo, Melvina in Namibe and Mariana in Bié. Pray also for the Women of Hope (WoH) Angolan Portuguese team (Antónia and Julieta) as they prepare programs to teach God's ways to women.
3. Esperança as she leads PH's ministry in Mozambique. Pray for the WoH Portuguese team (Esperança, Constância, Maria, Luisa) and the WoH Makhuwa production team (Maria and Fernanda).
4. Girls to know that they are valued by God and that He has a purpose for their lives. Pray that they will be encouraged to get an education and to protect themselves from child marriage, infidelity and abuse.
5. Women who are using the WoH radio broadcasts as opportunities to invite their friends and family to listen together and discuss the issues and Scriptures together. Pray that many will come to know the Lord (2 Thess. 3:1).
6. PH's South Africa team (Danie, Busi, Nella, Jabu, Bev, Cookie, Neha, Handy, Louise, Anita and Shannon) as they desire to develop new women's radio programs. Pray for the listeners of the English WoH program and the development of the Choose Life program.
7. Mothers to provide their newborn babies with the very nutritional early mother's milk the first hours and days after birth so that they can thrive and gain weight. Many cultures believe that this early milk is not good for their babies, but in fact it is exactly what God knew that they need to be healthy and live.
8. Prayer group leaders, intercessors and volunteers of PH Angola, Mozambique and South Africa as they offer Bible

studies, visit the sick and lonely, evangelize, encourage and comfort through friendship and prayers.

9. Praise the Lord that Angola's largest hospital invited Alice, PH's National Coordinator, to lecture at a conference for doctors, nurses, nursing auxiliaries, administrators and security personnel. Pray for the six volunteers from PH who work as advisers at the hospital for the sick and their families.

10. Praise the Lord that God is using Antonia, a PH Angola leader at a Presbyterian church, along with her team, as they give free training in cooking and decorating skills to women to use as a source of income.

11. Praise the Lord that the micro-finance program in the Mozambique Mahlazine's group has had good results and plans to expand. Since there are no bank loans or savings plans for the poor (nor insurance), this program consists of collecting funds; as they reach 20 Metical (about 82 cents USA), 90 percent goes to a member to open her own business. Each of the members will receive this at some point. The remaining 10 percent is kept in a group fund in order to help with any emergency needs that occur.



12. Praise the Lord that He met the Mozambique Catembe's group during their fasting day. They met in the home of a member to pray until the following day. More people than were expected filled the home, and they felt

the presence of God there while singing and praying. Guests attended and were amazed to see women praying together for their families. They were also amazed to see some of the husbands present.

13. Praise the Lord that the Mozambique Mahlazine and Bairro Indigina prayer groups restarted English lessons for children. They use Bibles to teach English and the most important focus was "how to pray."

14. Women in prison to know that God has not deserted them and that He can give them new life and purpose.

15. African women and young girls who are raped by soldiers, rebels and even husbands. Young girls face a life of shame and poverty after being raped.

16. Women and girls who face the shame and abuse of bride price, domestic violence, no property rights, forced marriages, child marriages, early pregnancy and wife inheritance (forced to marry her dead husband's relative).

17. Non-literate women who are receiving valuable information from the WoH radio program.

18. Proper medical care to reach those suffering from tuberculosis (TB) and malaria. One third of the 1.7 million TB deaths worldwide occur in Africa (BBC News). Malaria affects twice as many people as AIDS, measles, leprosy and tuberculosis combined. Every day, 3,000 children die of the disease, and 90 percent of malaria deaths occur in Africa (nytimes.com).

19. Women and children who spend hours every day collecting water for their needs. Pray for those who have no clean water for their families. The United Nations reports that worldwide there are "1.2 billion people without access to safe water and 2.6 billion without access to sanitation."

20. Better healthcare and education for the 28 million people who are living with HIV/AIDS in Africa. The practices of polygamy, rape and intimidation leave women helpless in preventing HIV infection. Over 13 percent of