

limited access to health services needed to ensure safe births. The maternal mortality is one of the highest in Africa. Give thanks that “implementation of new government activities, such as National Immunization Days, construction of latrines and sanitation systems, and the creation of a Ministry of Women are yielding important results” (http://iwhp.sogc.org/index.php?page=profile-4&hl=en_US).

24. Women in Senegal who continue to struggle with serious poverty, “more than 20% of the population lives on less than a dollar per day.” (http://iwhp.sogc.org/index.php?page=senegal&hl=en_US).

25. Human and financial resources so that women in Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritania, Rwanda and Senegal can also hear about God’s great love by listening to the French WoH program.

26. Evelyn (PH Mali coordinator), Jean (Bambara WoH producer) and Marthe (translator) as they work together to encourage women in Mali to listen to the Bambara WoH program and to join PH prayer groups. Mali has extreme poverty. “Less than half of the country’s women give birth with skilled attendance, and female genital cutting affects approximately 92% of Mali’s women” (http://iwhp.sogc.org/index.php?page=mali&hl=en_US).

27. Women who are rape victims in Mauritania where there are no laws that define rape. Women who report their rape are ostracized and bring shame on their families (CNN.com).

28. Women in Burundi to someday have the opportunity to hear the French and Swahili WoH programs and possibly have a Kirundi WoH program produced in the future. Burundi women are physically abused at home, and polygamy is common. In one instance, a woman had both her hands chopped off by her husband because she gave birth to three girls and no boys.

29. Preparations for the PH Africa national coordinators meeting in Johannesburg in July. Pray concerning needed finances, travel plans, accommodations and many other logistics for this very important event.

30. Praise the Lord for the many lives in Africa that are being transformed physically, spiritually, and emotionally and for the changes in families, churches and communities as God touches the lives of women.

31. Women isolated by cultural and religious beliefs which are hostile to the gospel. Many can only hear about God’s love for them and his gift of salvation through radio programs that reach into their homes and behind closed doors.

Spiritual darkness grips the people of West Africa in fear and bondage to fetishes, voodoo, witchdoctors and strong cultural and religious practices. Limited education has further darkened the lives of West Africa’s unreached people groups and oral cultures, making it difficult to reach them with the gospel of Christ. Radio broadcasts reach into their darkness and offer hope.

West Africa’s riches in natural resources (diamonds, titanium, gold, oil) have been of little benefit to their people because of corruption and power struggles. Brutal civil wars have brought humiliation, mutilation and death to the people of many of these countries. The women have suffered multiple gang rapes, torture and slavery, and continue to struggle with the devastating memories and physical damage of these conflicts.

The women of West Africa also bear the brunt of economic hardships as they try to provide for their families in some of the world’s most extreme poverty stricken nations. Cultural practices of female genital cutting and child marriages, coupled with limited healthcare, cause high rates of maternal death. Many of those who survive their pregnancies suffer from the debilitating problem of obstetric fistula.

Preventable or easily treatable diseases (malaria, diarrhea and respiratory infections) remain the main killers of women and children. Other deaths are caused by HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, poor hygiene and lack of access to safe water and adequate sanitation.

Project Hannah’s *Women of Hope* (WoH) program offers life-saving advice, love and hope through Jesus Christ. WoH can be heard in West Africa in English (Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria), Bambara (Mali) and French (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Togo). Pray for these listeners and for finances to begin airing in other West African countries.



Women of Hope broadcasts in over 55 languages. Monthly prayer guides are used in more than 40 languages. (www.projecthannah.org)



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Praying for
WOMEN IN WEST AFRICA

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Please pray for...

1. Project Hannah's *Women of Hope* (WoH) producers of the Bambara, English and French programs that are heard in West Africa. Pray for wisdom for PH's Regional Coordinator for Africa, Ruth Mbennah, as she gives direction, raises finances, trains and encourages women in these countries and determines what new ministries can be supported with limited resources.
2. Women in West Africa who are struggling to provide for their families with few resources, little education and almost no help from their families or communities.
3. Give thanks for Karl and Gail, who financially support PH's ministry in Liberia. Pray for Esther (director) and Christine (coordinator) for their tireless efforts encouraging 80 prayer group leaders and hundreds of intercessors by organizing seminars, prayer breakfasts and other events for women to become better equipped to serve the Lord in all areas of their lives.
4. Christine and others organizing the All Liberia Life Festival March 25-27 in Monrovia, Liberia. Pray for the speakers, including Franklin Graham. Pray for people from many tribes and denominations from every part of Liberia who will travel to this life-changing, nation-restoring event.
5. The distribution of the monthly prayer calendars and Marli's letters in Liberia. With no mail service and no motorbike, the delivery man hires a taxi and then walks to areas that are inaccessible by automobile.
6. Liberian women who are still suffering from the trauma of multiple gang rapes, torture and slavery during the civil war. Pray also for those reaching out to them with God's love and treatment for the physical and emotional scars.
7. Leaders to address Liberia's shortage of midwives; this shortage attributes to pregnancy related complications, fistulas and deaths.
8. Women and girls who continue to be vulnerable to HIV infection, gender-related violence, poverty and limited access to education and health services following Liberia's 14-year civil war.
9. Praise the Lord that listeners can hear the Benin broadcasts of the English WoH program in Ghana and Nigeria. A listener

from Nigeria's National Orthopedic Hospital writes: "I am highly delighted that such a program, WoH is aired through your radio station. I must confess that these programs are life transformers and have been very encouraging, motivating and have helped improve my spiritual life. I recall some of the programs of WoH on topics like taking care of the geriatric, learning how to manage cancer, how to keep your spouse, choosing a partner, preparing for your marriage and many others."

10. Praise the Lord for Kim Kargbo, founder of Women of Hope International, and her interest in partnering with PH's ministry in Sierra Leone, encouraging women to pray and exploring ways to provide WoH programs in English and Krio in the future. Around two-thirds of the adult population of Sierra Leone are illiterate (Human Development Index). Over 80% of people have access to radio" (http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/trust/pdf/media_report_2007.pdf).
11. Praise the Lord for Alice and Jenny (mother and aunt of Sierra Leone's President Earnest Bai Koroma), who have provided a House of Prayer for suffering women around the world. Pray also for prayer groups in Makeni and Freetown.
12. Finances to meet the requests for the WoH programs in the languages of women in Burundi (Kirundi), Ghana (Twi), Nigeria (Hausa) and Sierra Leone (Krio). One WoH listener wrote, "If you can, transmit that program in Hausa for the many Hausa listeners in Nigeria as the program is very valuable for the Christian home."
13. Peace and safety for the people in the Ivory Coast (Côte D'Ivoire). Pray for PH's French producer, Macy, Olga and Germaine as they encourage the prayer groups that are hindered from meeting together during the turmoil in their country.
14. Wisdom and strong faith for families raising their children in the fear of God to prevent prostitution, depravation and corruption because of the economic crisis in Ivory Coast.
15. Vaccines, antibiotics, micronutrient supplements, treated bed nets, improved breastfeeding practices and adoption of safe hygiene practices to be available to treat preventable diseases that kill children and women in the Ivory Coast.
16. West African illiterate women with limited access to clean water to have opportunities to listen to WoH programs and learn how to survive and live healthy lives. Pray that as they face

life-threatening challenges they would not fall prey to those who will abuse them.

17. Listeners of PH's WoH French program that is heard in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo from the Benin transmitter, and for the need for a shortwave license so that many more unreached people groups can receive programming in their languages. Pray also for the immediate and urgent need for a broadcast engineer and a mechanic/maintenance person.
18. God's wisdom for TWR missionaries Paul and Donna Cox and Garth and Fiona Kennedy serving in Benin as they make it possible to broadcast radio programs throughout West Africa. Pray for God's protection on them and their children as they live with limited medical access where malaria, typhoid, yellow fever and meningitis are concerns. Spiritual darkness from influences of other major world religions, charms, child slavery and ritual sacrifice of children are also present in their neighborhood.
19. Wisdom for Monica, PH's Ghana coordinator, as she encourages women to join PH's prayer network. Pray for the prayer groups and for finances to translate the prayer calendars into Twi, for travel to follow-up with prayer groups and for broadcasting the WoH program. Pray also that pastors would be supportive of women joining PH's prayer movement.
20. Safety of those traveling in Ghana, as there are many murders on the roads. Pray also that the recent discovery of oil would be used to benefit the people and communities. Recent increase in fuel prices has affected every aspect of the nation's economy, and the citizens of Ghana are hurting, especially the women who bear the brunt of economic hardships.
21. Praise the Lord that husbands in Ghana who had abandoned their families have returned home and accepted their family responsibilities. Pray for many women throughout Africa who are praying for their husbands to have a saving relationship with God.
22. Women and girls to be protected in Burkina Faso where there is a high rate of female genital cutting and child marriages. The government has taken a strong stance against female genital cutting, including making arrests, to protect women and girls from the practice.
23. Women to receive better healthcare in Burkina Faso where women have on average six children each and have