

*Suicide, sexual slavery and abortion are tragedies that disproportionately victimize women. TWR's programming reaches millions of women worldwide with a message of hope and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.*

*Ministering to Families  
with God's Word*

# Women



“TWR’s programming for women meets an urgent need by ministering to entire families, reducing domestic abuse, strengthening the family unit and encouraging commitment. TWR’s ability to bring the Gospel to hurting families through its women’s programming has the power to dramatically improve the circumstances of millions. In the process, TWR reinforces positive Christian values through the world.”

Reflecting on the following\* . . . (some as listed in the Global Strategic Plan):-

- 56% of women committing suicide live in China (500 women per day)
- 70% of the world’s poor (living in extreme poverty) are women (1.2 billion women)
- Globally, up to 2 million women and children are trafficked each year
- 45 million women outside the US abort their unborn child every year (global estimates range from 47-50 million legal - and illegal - abortions)
- The risk of an African woman dying in childbirth during her lifetime is 1 in 16
- 66% of the world’s non-literate are women (580 million women)
- Young women make up 60% of those aged 15-24 living with HIV/AIDS
- Women live (on average) 6% longer than men (in Eastern Europe and Russia it’s 10-20% longer)

. . . Please remember in your prayers:-

- Women (and their families) who are grieving
- Women who are suffering illness and pain
- Women who are suffering abuse - mental or physical
- Women who are lonely - and perhaps also alone
- Those who are in prison
- Women who have already been touched by hearing God’s Word over the radio
- Women who are in a place of darkness and in need of hope
- Those who are shouldering huge burdens and pressures
- Those who are role models to others
- Women who know God and are reaching out to others
- Professional and working women whose lives may be ‘too busy’ to contemplate God
- For partnerships, friendships and marriages to reflect God’s love and ideals
- Those women who are close to you - family, friends and work colleagues

*Sharing Christ’s Transforming Love Through Mass Media*

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Please focus on one country and remember the women in that country. Some additional more specific praise and prayer items are listed below:-

- Give praise for TWR's ministry through Project Hannah in a women's jail in the capital city of Asuncion, Paraguay. Since June 2004 a team from RTM (Radio Trans Mundial - TWR in South America) have visited the jail weekly, meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the women and their children. Some of the women prisoners make up one of Project Hannah's prayer groups.
- Please pray for women in Cambodia. Countries such as Cambodia are sources, destinations and transit routes for persons (men, women and children) trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labour. May the hearts and lives of those that are involved in this trade be touched by God's love and may TWR's ministry be such that God's Word is made available to these people.
- Pray that women would find peace in God and assistance relevant to their daily lives through Women of Hope in the Quichua language which has been airing in Latin America in partnership with HCJB since Nov 2004.
- Pray for the producers of Project Hannah's **Women of Hope** Spanish programme that reaches listeners in 21 countries. Pray also for the volunteers producing the **Women of Hope** Low German programme that will reach the homes of isolated women and proclaim God's good news of salvation.
- Pray for the Church in China - pray that the many young female leaders will have the grace and wisdom from God to balance their time and commitments between church and family life. Pray also that God would raise up more male leadership for the Church.
- Give praise that FGM (female genital mutilation) is losing favour in many African countries. As well as praying for the girls and young women, please pray for those who are giving these young girls a place of refuge.
- Pray for all those who are working with/for women's programming and related projects within TWR.
- Praise God for the initiatives and programming for women (and families) that are in place globally.
- Praise God for the many hundreds of prayer groups throughout the world that have been established to pray for the needs of women and their families and the work of TWR.
- Pray for the key strategies for Phase I ('05-'07) of TWR's GSP (Global Strategic Plan) which are:

To produce and air women's programmes for

- ✧ Africa (4 languages)
- ✧ Latin America (4 languages)
- ✧ Southern and Central Eastern Europe (21 languages)
- ✧ Central Asia and Middle East (4 languages)
- ✧ India (4 languages)
- ✧ East and South East Asia (8 languages)

- Please pray for the funding to be released and sustained for the above and for current programming needs.

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On the banks of the Kaveri River in India is a small village where people love to listen to TWR programmes. Each time the programme goes on air at least one hundred households tune in. The following is a short testimony taken from a letter written by a woman in that village.

***“I come from a strict traditional religious (church) background, but a tragic situation in my life brought me to the Truth. I lost my son when he was only a child and this has been the most painful thing I have ever experienced in my life. And it was during this darkest moment that I started to listen to your radio programme and found comfort and peace in my heart. Through it I came to know who Jesus really is and the amazing love of God. Had it not been for this programme, I would never know what a true Christian life means. I have now been listening to it for seven years and will always continue to do so.*”**

***I thank God for this programme and I am encouraging others to listen too as it is so beneficial for our spiritual life.”***

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One of the volunteer nurses from RTM visited a prisoner in The Good Shepherd’s Women’s Jail in Asuncion, Paraguay. This prisoner couldn’t walk because of severe spinal problems and had isolated herself because of her condition. But when she saw that the nurse took an interest in her she was not only willing to talk but quickly became open to talking about spiritual matters. The nurse ensured that the prisoner received tests and treatments for her back condition and the prisoner is now also involved in devotional Bible studies and times of singing praises to God. This is part of the message that this prisoner recently told to a visitor from RTM ...

***“There are no words to express how much I appreciate those who didn't hesitate to help me, getting me the MRI test I needed for my bad back. It has been a long time since I met someone so nice like the ladies from RTM who have not abandoned me a single week. They fill me with strength and hope in a hard place of bad health. I am so glad for RTM and for all those from there that come to the jail to visit. May God bless you and give you strength to continue. I will never forget. Thankfully.”***

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In Albania first-generation Christians make up the young evangelical church (80% are women and young people). Last year a 28-year-old leader shared with Marli Spieker, “We are like orphans with no spiritual mothers and fathers. Please pray that we’ll withstand oppression and persecution. It is up to us to evangelize our parents and grandparents.” This young leader was determined that she would oversee production of TWR’s **Women of Hope** programmes in Albanian in 2005 and Project Hannah (TWR) committed to walking with her and to launching a ministry of compassion and encouragement there, as has been done in so many other parts of the world. After a month of prayer early in 2005 (by the Project Hannah prayer teams throughout the world) the needed funding was released and the programme was on the air by the first week of March!

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Please note: A monthly prayer diary which focuses on women is produced by TWR’s Project Hannah team. Please contact the coordinator in your region to receive a copy and/or for further information regarding establishing a local prayer group.

\* Please be aware that statistics can change on a regular basis and source information should always be checked before information is used for future publications.