

Hope Amid Trials

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Ethiopia's Tigray, Somali and Afar regions are home to resilient women facing immense hardships from conflicts, unyielding cultural traditions and harsh climates.

Women in Tigray grapple with postwar trauma, sexual violence, massive displacement and dwindling leadership roles. Somali region women endure severe time deficits with endless treks for water and fuel, clan violence, child marriage, and economic exclusion compounded by reoccurring droughts. Afar women confront similar arid struggles: scarcity of resources, threats from interclan conflicts, diminished decision-making and exclusion from peace processes.

Yet TWR Women of Hope shines Christ's light through its impactful programs reaching these remote sisters via radio broadcasts tailored to their realities. Episodes typically start with relatable, everyday scenarios – a Tigrayan mother shielding her children from war's hatred and violence; a Somali nomad battling thirst under the scorching sun; or an Afar wife navigating family tensions after drought losses. These stories draw women by mirroring their pain. Then they gently point to Jesus Christ as the ultimate source of hope and healing, drawing from Scriptures like John 16:33: "In this

world, you will have trouble. Take heart! I have overcome the world!"

Our TWR Women of Hope teams conduct occasional visits to these difficult-to-reach areas. Their purpose is to foster personal relationships through live discussions, prayer gatherings and friend-to-friend encouragement. They also distribute solar-powered audio devices which secure private listening – tucked discreetly under shawls – free from society's detection or family scrutiny.

One transformed listener shared: "We lived for a long time with other religions that kept us far from the knowledge of the true God. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross of Calvary to give us eternal life. We are incredibly happy to be children of Jesus Christ. Our children are an important part of sharing this great gospel. They are a generation whom God will bless and use."

As women in Ethiopia interact with our TWR Women of Hope programs and team members, not only are cycles of despair breaking, but they also are experiencing spiritual renewal and finding true hope.

1. Lord, touch the hearts of busy fathers in **Indonesia**, leading to be present, loving and involved with their children. And grant them wisdom to balance work and family. (Ps. 103:13)
2. Reveal yourself, Father, to the 1.2 million single mothers in **Japan** so they can find meaning and hope as they balance work and child-rearing amid loneliness and pressure. (Deut. 10:17-19)
3. Lord, please bring loving caregivers to the children in **Papua New Guinea** who lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. Surround them with your love, comfort and protection. (Isa. 41:10)
4. Strengthen families in **Paraguay**, God, to establish the foundation of their homes on biblical principles rather than on current mindsets that change over time. (Josh. 24:15)
5. Father, lead **Portuguese** women to find their worth and rest in you. Grant them wisdom to manage their time, peace when making difficult decisions and trust in your faithful provision. (Ps. 23:1)
6. **Romania** faces a troubling rise in women killed by partners. Lord, protect vulnerable women and guide authorities toward effective solutions to end this alarming violence. (Ps. 82:3)
7. God, may fathers in **South Africa's Eastern Cape** province not abandon their families but instead to compassionately provide for and lead their children by example. (Eph. 6:4)
8. Merciful Lord, with 40% of **South Korea's** elderly in poverty, empower leaders to create effective care that brings real solutions and supports those who feel hopeless and depressed. (Lev. 19:32)
9. Father, please give strength and comfort to the elderly in **Timor-Leste** who feel weak, lonely and forgotten. Help families and communities honor, love and care for them well. (Isa. 4:26)
10. May single mothers in **Uruguay** find their identities, wisdom, provision and protection in you, Lord. Strengthen them to raise their children in a healthy environment. (Ps. 121:7)
11. God, strengthen the love of couples in **Vietnam** who are struggling in their marriage relationships. Please bring healing, understanding and forgiveness between them. (Col. 3:13-14)
12. Lord, strengthen single moms in **Albania** as they care for their children even while working more than one job to afford rent, food and basic necessities. (Ps. 132:15)
13. Raise up wise leaders on **Bonaire** to teach the youth how to walk boldly in faith so they do not give in to the spirit of fear, intimidation and insecurity. (2 Tim. 1:7)
14. Break the bondage, God, of social media over **Botswana** parents and children who are isolated from one another. Build back strong communication and relationships between them. (1 Thess. 5:11)
15. Lord, may men and women in **Cambodia** value faithfulness in marriage and dedication to their families, setting an example of fidelity for their children. (Matt. 19:5-6)
16. Save the family unit in **China**, merciful Father, amid record-low marriages, rising divorces, delayed childbearing, work pressure and infidelity. May they turn to you for healing. (1 Cor. 13:7)
17. Comfort children in **Denmark**, Lord, whose hearts are broken because of their parents' major conflicts. Draw them into your loving, powerful arms. (Ps. 50:15)
18. May women in the **Dominican Republic** take responsibility to raise their children in the admonition of the Lord, giving them the attention and special touch they need. (Eph. 4:2)
19. Enable young people in **Eswatini** to walk in purpose and purity, Father. May schools and youth ministries become places of hope and transformation. (1 Tim. 4:12)
20. As the **Finnish** population is aging, may they be able to do so with dignity. God, give strength to relatives and those caring for the elderly. (Isa. 46:4)
21. Revive your children in **France**, Lord, to live in intimate relationship with you! Almost two-thirds of its people call themselves Christian but don't read the Bible or go to church. (Matt. 28:19-20)
22. God, as the number of isolated elderly people rapidly increases in **Japan**, may churches reach out and offer these souls eternal life and purpose in Christ. (John 4:13-14)
23. Father, as **Portuguese** women face loneliness, teach us to share without fear, listen without judgment and build relationships that heal rather than wound. (Gal. 6:2)
24. In this difficult economic year for **Romania**, we pray, God, that you give women the wisdom to know how to manage their resources. (Prov. 2:6)
25. Enable women in **South Africa** suffering in toxic and abusive marriages and relationships to find their worth in you, Lord. Bring healing and freedom to them. (Ps. 46:1)
26. Holy God, as divorce continues to increase in **Albania**, we pray for fidelity in marriage and for spouses to treat each other with dignity and respect. (Heb. 13:4)
27. Grant wisdom to women on **Bonaire**, Lord, to set healthy, godly boundaries in their relationships and to say no to manipulation. (Prov. 4:23)
28. Father, strengthen Christian families in **Denmark** to put you first and to let your Word be their guide in all of life. (Phil. 3:20)
29. God, strengthen **Eswatini** families with love, devotion and unity, enabling parents to raise their children in faith and peace. (1 Cor. 13:4-7)
30. Heal families in **France**, Lord, where one-third of children no longer live with both biological parents. Instead, they are single-parent homes or blended families. (Eph. 4:31-32)