

Even as Southeast Asia enjoys better economic growth than in the past, poverty, forced abortions and domestic abuse still strongly affect many women and their children. Food prices continue to rise throughout Asia because of rice shortages. This past winter's record-breaking cold temperatures caused 136,000 cattle in Vietnam to die, and farmers could not replace them. Protests and violence are expected as Asia's poor get poorer.

Young adults under 25 comprise a large percentage of Southeast Asia's population. They do not remember the wars of the 1960s and 1970s, and many have had access to education and a better life than that of their parents. However, parents and communities still need to help girls reach their full potential by ensuring more of them attend school, preventing child marriages and helping girls avoid unwanted pregnancy and diseases. Even teaching mothers about the benefits of breastfeeding can prevent grief and lead to healthier families. Often, the lack of clean water or improperly boiled water mixed with formula causes many infants to suffer serious bouts of diarrhea and, in some cases, die.

Violence against women is a major issue in countries where women lack decision-making power within the home and have a low social and economic status within the community. Domestic violence, unemployment and selling children for sex are forced on many women who have no control of their lives.

Without the protection of the law, the community and the church, women and girls cannot build a better life for their families. Please pray with us that women and girls in Southeast Asia will learn that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).



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Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

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Please pray for...

1. Project Hannah's (PH) *Women of Hope* (WoH) programs to help women understand that God loves them and desires that they receive respect and dignity so they can better provide for their children and honor God with their lives.
2. The many Southeast Asian women and children who are sold into sexual slavery and face horrible abuse every moment. Pray for ministries that reach out to them and provide a safe home and employment training. "Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of evil and cruel men" (Psalm 71:4).
3. Cambodian women who struggle to provide enough food for their children. Pray that local churches would help them develop skills in growing food or making items to sell.
4. Cambodian WoH listeners who have not yet accepted Jesus as their personal Savior to understand their need for His forgiveness, His gift of life and the hope He offers through a relationship with Him. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
5. Cambodian widows and women who face violence in their homes to find Christians who offer protection and friendship that might lead them to a closer walk with God. "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them" (Psalm 145:18-19).
6. PH's WoH Cambodian team (Mary, Makara, Kieng and Roth) as they translate and produce the program and prayer calendar, travel to meet with listeners, write letters and develop new material to minister to the needs of women and their families. Uplift them as they reach out to widows and women working in factories.
7. Indonesian women who work hard all day to have the strength to care for their families with

joy that comes from God.

8. Women who are isolated by their family and culture to hear of God's love for them and His desire to have a personal relationship with them through Jesus Christ.
9. PH's Javanese (Lilik, Prihatin, Farida) and Indonesian (Susi, Lia, Megawati) WoH teams, and Wihani and Lahenda who also help with follow up and translation. Pray they may strengthen women and their families as they help listeners understand Christ's love.



10. Dr. Megawati and others who provide medical seminars to show God's love and help women understand their physical problems and how to better care for their families. Pray for Indonesian women who suffer the pain and anguish of multiple abortions. More than 2 million babies are killed there every year.
11. God's protection on people and equipment at Christian radio stations. WoH is airing on more than 67 stations throughout Indonesia. Praise the Lord for the distribution of 500 FM radios, giving many women the opportunity to hear God's Word and learn the truth about Jesus Christ.
12. God's mercy and truth to touch the lives of Indonesian women who have been traumatized by domestic violence. Although the government has produced laws against domestic violence, it increases every year.

13. Those who lived through the devastation of the May cyclone that hit Myanmar and killed thousands. Pray for TWR staff as they continue to reach out to those who became homeless and who lost loved ones.

14. Wisdom and biblical knowledge for PH's Burmese and Sgaw Karen WoH team members (Chit Chit, Ku Plah, Su Nandar Mg, Elta, Say Khu and Sieralynn) as they prepare programs for women in Myanmar. Pray for protection and good health for the TWR-Myanmar staff and for new staff needs.

15. Men who are listening to the WoH program, praying for women around the world and educating other men about women's needs and how to have healthy families and happy relationships. Pray also for protection for regular WoH listeners from Myanmar who moved to Singapore, but whose families have not heard from them in months.

16. WoH listeners to know and receive God's joy, peace and gift of salvation. Praise the Lord for the hundreds of PH intercessors in Myanmar and Vietnam who joined the 2007 40-Day Season of Prayer and Fasting and saw God answer their prayers.

17. Courage and spiritual strength for Christian wives as they model Christ to their husbands, many of whom disregard their responsibilities toward the family. Pray also for Christian women who live with husbands or parents who are not yet followers of Christ. Pray that they would be strong in their faith and gentle in their love toward those who are hateful and abusive toward them.

18. Role models to show young women in the

Philippines the importance of moral living and an education so that they can have joy and hope for the future as they serve God through their lives.

19. PH's Tagalog, Cebuano and Ilocano team members (Ruthanna, Jenneth, Maricris, Nieves Roma, Joy, Jerry, Leonila and Nida) as they reach out to Filipino women through radio, prayer groups, women's centers and prison ministry. Praise the Lord that a station in Bacolod City is airing the WoH program and it reaches as far as Finland, Netherlands and Switzerland.

20. Filipino women who went to Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria and other countries for promised jobs, only to be treated as slaves: working long hours, allowed little food or rest and no payment. Often many are beaten or raped. Pray that officials will protect them and help them get home to their families.

21. Wisdom for TWR and PH staff as they answer the hundreds of text messages they receive each month from young people struggling with relationships and moral decisions. Pray for those who provide friendship and guidance to young unwed pregnant girls as well as mentally and physically challenged women in the women's shelter.

22. Those who live in fear to know that Christ can be their Peace no matter what their circumstances. "The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11).

23. The thousands of Southeast Asian refugees who hope for the opportunity to have a better life in another country. Pray that they would be

treated with dignity and that the young girls would not have to prostitute themselves for food. "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?" (James 2:5).

24. PH's Thai team (Buakab, Pimsawai, Karun, Kwanjai, Suwit, Manit, Duangjai, Sukanya, Sumitra, Janpen, Fongkcome, Somwang, Narin, Pinporn, Wijitra, Boonjira and Wantanee) as they reach out to women in Thailand and those in refuge homes and prisons. Pray for Buakab as she speaks at the National Christian Women's Conference in August (600 people attended last year and 182 enrolled in Project Hannah's prayer movement).

25. WoH Thai listeners in Thailand and Laos who hear the program on 24 local stations and 12 government stations. Pray also for women and men around the world who access the WoH Thai program on the Internet.

26. The thousands of Thai intercessors who pray through PH's monthly prayer calendar and for those who listen to the Morning Devotions and Prayer radio program, on which their letters are read and their needs prayed over.

27. Praise the Lord for the over 150 Vietnamese prayer groups and for those who have testified

that God had done marvelous things as they have developed the habit of praying for others daily.

28. Those in Vietnam who have been encouraged by the WoH programs to live for God and to get rid of alters to other gods. Pray for them as they face persecution. Pray for WoH listeners who have grown up under another religious belief, but are coming to learn about the life God intended for them through Jesus Christ.

29. Christians in Vietnam who do not live near other believers (many are very poor, illiterate and in remote areas) and depend on radio programs for their encouragement and spiritual teaching. Pray that new radios will be available for those who have old radios that are not working properly.

30. PH's Vietnamese WoH team living in Australia (Tien, An, Thu, Phuong Anh, Tuyet Nga, Ngoc Anh, and Noi) and for those working inside Vietnam encouraging individuals to listen to the programs and to pray using PH's monthly prayer calendar.

31. Young Christian Southeast Asian women to live moral lives and that they honor God in how they dress, talk, behave and spend their time. "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

