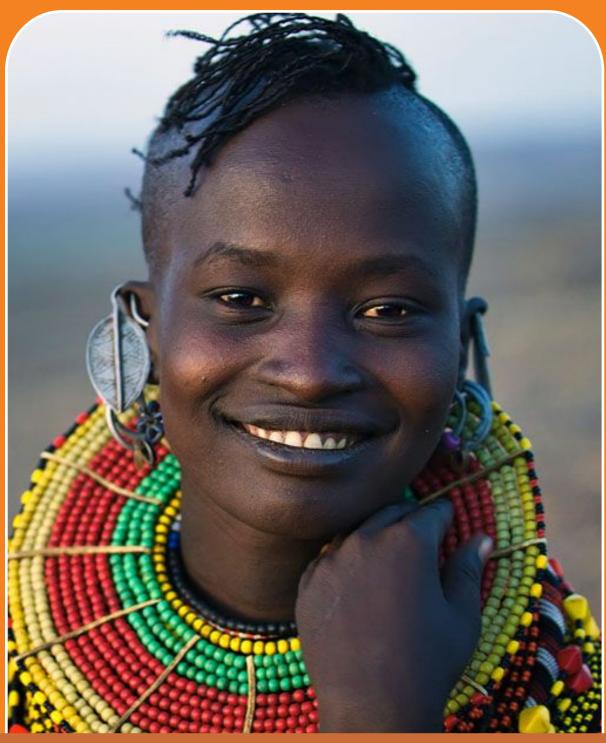


African Women in Missions Network (AWIMN)



In this edition...The Malla Moe Story

AWIMN, WHO WE ARE...



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he African Women in Missions Network (AWIMN) is a strategic network of the Movement for African National Initiatives (MANI)

Vision and General Objectives of MANI

The Movement for African National Initiatives (MANI) is a network of networks focused on catalyzing African National Initiatives and mobilizing the resources of the Body of Christ in Africa for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

MANI's purpose is to affirm, motivate, mobilize and network Christian leaders by inspiring them with the vision of reaching the unreached and least evangelized in Africa,

and the wider world, through the communication of up to date research, reports and models; consultations and prayer efforts focusing on the unfinished task.

The MANI Vision is that: "...(Africa) be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" Habakuk 2:14.

Vision and General Objectives of AWIMN

The Great Commission is a command given to women and men. The African Women in Missions Network is focused on the mobilization of women in realization of the strategic role they play in the fulfillment of the Great Commission and in finishing the task of reaching the remaining least reached peoples of the world.

MODELS OF WOMEN

Who Took Action

eborah was a woman of wisdom, great learning and understanding. A professional woman in the public square, a Judge, Prophetess and was also married. She was not afraid to rise to her full potential. Some of us have the fear of 'success' so we bury some of our talents.

Jael was a home maker; probably of little or no education but was knowledgeable, smart, informed about current affairs, a Guardian of her home and nation

Esther was a courageous woman who put her life on the line for her nation, God's people; a risk taker. She recognized that her worth was beyond her beauty and position. She realized she was a woman of great destiny, positioned to save God's people even if it meant losing her life in the process.

Rizpah was a woman of resilience, immense courage and devotion, unstoppable. She didn't wait to be invited to solve a problem or take a title. She saw a need and stepped in. She was unknown, uninvited, unacknowledged, unappreciated, but consistent in following her conviction (2 Sam 21).

These women lived in times more difficult than ours. Women were treated as property, unrecognized and unappreciated, yet they were all unstoppable. They fulfilled their purposes in spite of the conditions they faced. They all contributed to the building of the Kingdom of God in their unique ways.

STORY OF THE MONTH

hen you think of women in missions, names like Elisabeth Elliot, Lottie Moon and Amy Carmichael might come to mind. Their well-documented lives continue to inspire both men and women to live lives fully yielded to the Gospel.

But the legacy of women on the mission field doesn't end with them. For hundreds of years, women have been the lifeblood of missions, crossing enemy lines, healing the sick and even risking their lives to spread the Gospel.

In this first edition,, we want to share just one of the amazing stories you haven't heard yet.

Malla Moe



Malla Moe's love for Christ and adventurous spirit led her to become a pioneer missionary in Southern Africa.

Born Petra Malena "Malla" Moe in Norway in 1863, Malla was part of one of the first missionary teams to enter South Africa and work among the Zulu tribe.

She wrote in a letter dated Jan. 1, 1894: "If God can just get [their] people's hearts to believe that there is a God in Heaven who loves them, I

believe they would soon turn to him, as nothing is as powerful as love."

At the age of 65, Malla decided she needed to reach the more remote people groups in the area, so she built a "Gospel wagon," a small house on wheels where she would live and work.



Malla Moe's Gospel wagon allowed her to remote areas and preach the Gospel.

Over the next 15 years, Malla traveled to some of the least-reached parts of Tongaland, Swaziland and Zululand. She endured malaria outbreaks, droughts and food shortages.

People flocked to Malla and her wagon when it rolled into a village. She handed out small

gifts, served tea and talked about Jesus.

Finally, at the age of 80, Malla settled down at the Bethel mission station and became the unofficial hostess, welcoming new missionaries to the field with a proper African meal.

Ten years later, Malla died while surrounded by African believers. Her lifetime of service brought many to Lord, and she helped establish a thriving TEAM ministry in Africa that exists to this day.



