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OF HOPE**

# *Resource Guide* *for* **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**

**DECEMBER 2021**



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PRAYER GATHERING SPEAKER

Gracia  
Burnham

For 17 years, **Gracia and Martin served with New Tribes Mission in the Philippines** where Martin was a jungle pilot delivering mail, supplies, and encouragement to other missionaries, and transporting sick and injured patients to medical facilities. Gracia served in various roles supporting the aviation program and also home-schooling their children – all of whom were born in the Philippines.

On May 27, 2001, while celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary at Dos Palmas Resort off Palawan Island, **the Burnhams were taken captive by a militant group** called the Abu Sayyaf Group. More than a year after their abduction, the Philippine military attempted another rescue. Tragically, Martin was killed during the gunfight. Wounded, but alive, Gracia was rescued and returned home under a national spotlight.

Since that time, Gracia has authored two books, become a popular speaker for churches, conferences, and schools as she shares the story of how through great difficulty **she has learned to praise God in the dark.**

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FULL BIO ON HER WEBSITE

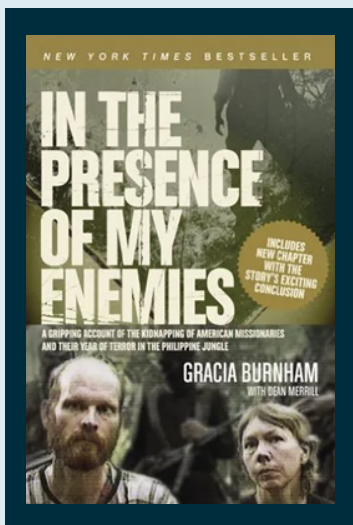
# 3 MINUTE OVERVIEW VIDEO OF GRACIA'S STORY



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# DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL

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## PRAISING GOD

*Devotional of the Month*



### UNCEASING JOY

*Written by Maribeth Hynnes Stevens*

This might seem strange to some people, but the first thing I experienced when my father died after a long fight from dementia was joy. I knew he was out of pain and in the arms of the Jesus whom he loved and taught my sisters and I to love. In fact, what I said to my closest family and friends was, "Daddy went home to be with Jesus." For me, much of my grieving was done during his illness, as we lost him little by little, but in the moment, there was the type of joy only the Holy Spirit could supply.

God's word says, "But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever! Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name be filled with joy" (Ps 5:11).

From this Scripture, we can see that God wants all of those who belong to him to be joyful and sing his praises. Another verse, 1 Thess. 5:16-18, tells us to "Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will." How can God expect anyone to be joyful and thankful continually in this world full of sorrow? Could someone who just lost her baby give thanks? What about a person who lost her job or another who has been diagnosed with a serious illness? Could a couple whose marriage is crumbling before their eyes experience joy?



*"I will give you a  
new heart and put  
a new spirit in you;  
I will remove from  
you your heart of  
stone and give you  
a heart of flesh."*

*~ Ezekiel 36:26*

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**PRAISING GOD IN THE DARK** CLICK THE  
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## TWR WOMEN OF HOPE LISTENER STORY FROM

# Nepal

When life is hard and nothing goes right, it is challenging to have a spirit of gratitude. In fact, for many people when circumstances are difficult, it is easy to justify ingratitude. But I have much to thank God for. I love to give thanks in all circumstances and to always rejoice. We have received many calls from regular listeners to our Women of Hope programs. During these times of lockdown in Nepal, many are thankful to God because of the radio programs.

The pandemic still affects a lot of people, and many people are poor. But also, many listeners are getting blessings, fellowship and are trusting in God and in his grace. Life is really difficult and there are no jobs or food, but still there is hope and people are experiencing Godly relationships through the programs. They are finding happiness, joy and peace because they have hope in Jesus. A listener recently received Jesus through listening to the Women of Hope program. This is the fruit we see. And so, we are glad and rejoice that we heard one more soul is saved. The message of our programs restore the life of the people. Several months ago, our staff baptized five people who are regular listeners. They were so encouraged by the programs and were able to guide their husbands to Christ too. Thank you, God, for helping us do this work during the tough time of Covid-19.

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**LISTENER STORIES OF HOW GOD HAS USED  
WOMEN OF HOPE TO BRING LIGHT TO THEIR  
DIFFICULT LIVES**

