



Women in Ministry : Our experiences , opportunities and challenges in North India

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On the dawn of the glorious Easter Day , our

Lord ,appeared to a woman and commissioned her to go and share the Good news to the disciples and hence to the world . From that day thousands of women have enrolled themselves as faithful and brave soldiers and taken the message to the corners of the world Ralf Winter said once ” It is truly embarrassing (for men) to review the extra ordinary impact of women in Christian Mission (Mission Frontiers ,August-1999) . It is currently estimated that overall two thirds of the mission force is women .Dear sisters , is n't it a matter of praise and pride for us to know this?

I would like to share briefly our experiences in Northern part of India in mobilizing and equipping women leaders .India is an important part of 10/40 Window .Gospel has reached this country in the early 1st century but several geographic areas as well as people groups still remain unreached or least reached . Some of us (Women) have taken this challenge seriously and for the past 14 years Deborah Ministry is targeting some of those unreached areas.

Our goal ; To train grass root women leaders who in turn will train others to be great commission believers who will reach out to the unreached In order to achieve this goal ,we select faith full women (Literate as well as illiterate),disciple and equip them to be disciple makers of women and children .

We give special emphasis on story telling as majority of unreached women are oral learners (Primary or secondary). After receiving a short comprehensive training , the leaders come together for 2 days every month in order to learn more .During these time training is given for Chronological story telling skits, songs, etc

During the past 14 years we could train several hundreds of women as grass root leaders. Many of them are faithfully ministering in various places in North India . A few of the stories of women whose lives have been transformed and have made generations of women disciple makers will be presented . Practical steps of training grass root level women leaders are being discussed .

"HARVEST IS PLENTY (AMONG WOMEN);BUT THE LABOURERSARE FEW (AMONGWOMEN).PRAY THERE FOR TO THE LORD OF HARVEST THAT HE MAY SEND MORE WOMEN LABOURERS TO THE FIELD

