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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IN ASIA

International Women's Day is a huge celebration in Asia every year on March 8. There are all kinds of events, ranging from elaborate gatherings with flowers to simple celebrations with cake, flowers, and gifts held outdoors or in restaurants. Among Deaf women, this day is especially meaningful. It is used to remind them that they are valued and loved by God, even when their surroundings and life situations, often filled with oppression and stress, tell them otherwise.



One Deaf woman leader shared with excitement how many women who attended the event were deeply moved. Through tears, they testified that their hearts and lives were changed. The power points and videos spoke to them as they learned what this day truly meant. They were reminded that God created women with purpose and that He has a plan for their lives, including waiting on Him for marriage according to His will.

They were encouraged from Proverbs 31:10–31 about becoming a virtuous wife and understanding their great value in Him. This message showed them that they can overcome difficult circumstances by looking to the Lord and allowing Him to work in their hearts and lives.

In another country in Asia, a Deaf woman leader shared how many Deaf women expressed that they often feel useless and not valued where they live. After their Women's Day celebration, where the same PowerPoints and videos were shared, the women were greatly encouraged. They saw clearly how much God values them and that He created them to be exactly who He desires them to be. They were grateful for the celebration and for the advice, understanding, and encouragement they received.

Please continue to pray for these Deaf women as they choose to change their lives and follow Christ, growing in the understanding of how deeply He loves and values them.

INSPIRED BY MARY MAGDALENE

Recently, during a Zoom meeting with Asian Deaf women leaders, the discussion centered on Mary Magdalene. The women had questions about the seven demons she was delivered from. It was shared that Scripture does not specify what those demons were, but the focus should be on the power of Jesus alone to deliver her. She had been a tormented soul, yet Jesus set her free.



Because of that deliverance, Mary Magdalene became deeply grateful and devoted to Him. She traveled with Jesus and His disciples, supporting them from her own means. She stood by the cross as He suffered and died, as recorded in all four books of the Gospels. She saw where He was buried and returned early on the first day of the week, finding the stone rolled away. Weeping at the tomb, she spoke to the One she thought was the gardener, asking where His body had been taken. When He simply said her name, “Mary,” she knew it was the Lord. She became the first to see the risen Lord and the first to declare to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.”

One Deaf woman leader listening to this teaching was deeply moved by the reality that Mary Magdalene had once been in such

bondage before Jesus delivered her. She later shared the story with her husband, who was also touched. The next day they shared it at their believers’ fellowship. One woman responded that if Mary could be set free from such torment, she too could be free from what had been holding her back.

This woman had once been living in sin, but after hearing about Jesus, she asked Him to forgive her and set her free. Though she had begun walking with Him, she realized she had strayed. Seeing how Mary Magdalene stayed with Jesus after He saved her convicted her heart. She recognized her need to return to the Lord and remain faithful to Him because He had saved her from her past.

All glory and praise belong to God for His faithful work in their lives.



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