



# Greater impact for His glory

**“When we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving – the needs of the believers will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.”**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11-12 (NLT)



For 65 years Open Doors has served the persecuted church worldwide. Each year it seems we see an increase in persecution, and 2019 was no different.

But when I look back over the year, I am deeply thankful to God for the amazing prayerfulness, generosity and compassion of the many supporters who have given, prayed and spoken out for our persecuted family with such passion and commitment.

Your support has enabled

our teams and partners in the field to persevere through great challenges, knowing we are not there to provide a quick fix. We are grateful to God that, despite increased persecution, and with your help, He has multiplied our efforts as a ministry and enabled us to have a greater impact for His glory.

So thank you for enabling your persecuted family to stand strong, defy persecution and share Jesus, no matter the cost. Your support is what makes this ministry possible - we really can't do it without you!

As the world faces

unexpected and unprecedented challenges, we must keep pressing forward, trusting in the Lord's protection and provision. And with your help, we will continue to strengthen our persecuted family, so that 'the needs of the believers will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God'.

Henrietta Blyth  
CEO, Open Doors UK&I

Thank you for strengthening your persecuted family

In 2019...

**£12,646,541**

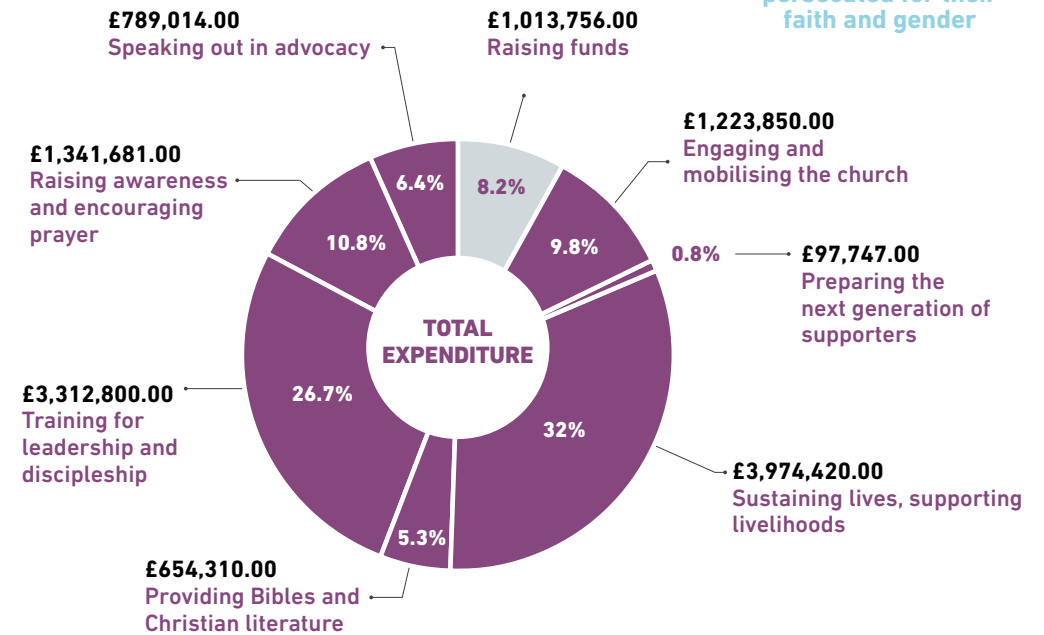
was donated in support of the persecuted church

**Over 96,000**

people prayed regularly for the persecuted church

**Over 16,000**

supporters added their names to the handmade petition, saying 'I see you' to women persecuted for their faith and gender



The above figures are extracted from the full financial statements. If you would like to receive a copy of the audited financial statements, they are available on request from: Open Doors, PO Box 6, Witney, OX29 6WG.

## Seeing Change for persecuted women

The invisible plight of persecuted women is now visible to those in power, thanks to 16,000 supporters who added their names to the handmade petition, and prayed for its impact.

Open Doors partner Tirham\*, a trauma care worker

from Nigeria who attended the petition exhibition in Westminster Abbey's Chapter House, said: "This handmade petition will allow every woman to see that everyone is seeing them." The exhibition was also attended by Prime Minister's



\*name changed for security reasons

Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Rehman Chishti, who tweeted that he was 'delighted to attend the exhibition highlighting the strength and suffering of women who have been doubly victimised by religious persecution and gender-based violence'.

Supporters also gave generously to support persecuted women, helping

over 33,000 women to receive livelihood support, persecution survival training and trauma care.

Women like Ijandada (PICTURED), who was just 14 when she was abducted by Boko Haram militants. She was forcibly married and had two children. She eventually managed to escape and was able to attend a trauma care programme run by Open Doors partners in Nigeria.

"I found new life here," she says. "I learned how to forgive those who have offended me and have forgiven those who have mocked me, because they don't know what they are doing.

I am free of bitterness and unforgiveness."

Your support is restoring hope, dignity and a future to many sisters like Ijinanda. Thank you for seeing them and bringing change to their lives.



**Your support has helped Open Doors to distribute 750,000 Bibles and Christian books in Central Asia in 2019.**

"Thank you for sharing the gospel with our children, with us all, we would never hear if you wouldn't come," says a parent whose child attended a celebration in a remote village in Central Asia. "Now the children have hope, they know that they are not alone. And they also can know more about Jesus from the books you brought to us."



**With your help, Open Doors trained around 4,000 refugee Christians from North Korea in China last year.**

"I came to faith in a safe house in China after I escaped North Korea," says North Korean believer, Jae-Hwa. "You would be amazed to see how the Spirit is at work in these safe houses. So many people come to faith. That's only possible thanks to you. We wouldn't even exist without your prayers."



**Open Doors provided emergency relief to 2,800 believers displaced by the Islamic militant uprising in Burkina Faso, in 2019.**

"The body of Christ is one; this help came from people we have never seen in our lives!" exclaimed one displaced church leader who received food aid for himself and his congregation. "It is amazing to be part of the body of Christ. This is a huge support that will forever remain in our hearts. The love of Christ is great!"

## Your support keeps the church around the world standing strong

Communities changed. Lives restored. The lonely comforted. The broken healed. Thanks to your support, Open Doors is able to reach out to some of the most hostile and challenging places in which to live as a Christian, and strengthen the church to be the church, shining the light of

Jesus where that light is needed most.

Without your constant and generous support, our courageous teams would not be able to do the vital work they do to keep the body of Christ standing strong in the faith. Because our teams are not only

servicing the persecuted church - they are part of the persecuted church. Our teams cannot stand with our brothers and sisters without your support - so thank you for continuing to stand with us, and with them, as we work together to 'strengthen what remains' (Revelation 3:2).

### Last year, thanks to you...



**Open Doors distributed 1,873,503 Bibles and Christian books**



**Open Doors trained 3,840,306 persecuted Christians through leadership and discipleship courses, trauma care training and persecution survival seminars**



**Open Doors helped 718,770 persecuted Christians with emergency relief, community development, education and medical care**



Bibles are distributed at a youth camp in Malaysia. "Some [young people], when they see the Bible for the first time, they kiss it," says Open Doors partner Lukas. "They tell me this is the first time they have seen a Bible."