



**PARTNERING FOR
THE PERSECUTED
CHURCH**



Open Doors

SERVING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

Thank you so much for helping to strengthen the body of Christ around the world. By supporting our persecuted sisters and brothers, you are enabling the light of the gospel to keep shining in some of the most broken and dangerous places on earth.

I am reminded of that wonderful verse from Ephesians about the church standing together: "From [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16). As we support them, their faith, courage and perseverance in turn supports and strengthens us. I am constantly challenged and inspired by their stories, as I know you will be.

Thank you for your generous support for Open Doors and all those we serve. I pray that as we lovingly play our part, so the whole body of Christ - including each of us - will grow and reach maturity in Him.



Henrietta
CEO Open Doors UK & Ireland

Welcome! We are delighted to be a bridge between you and your persecuted brothers and sisters. Your generosity is crucial, and we pray that your vision of God will deepen through continued partnership with those around the world who courageously follow Christ.



Neil, Head of Partnerships

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COVER Rev. Marcos' church was destroyed by Boko Haram in Nigeria. He says: "Boko Haram can destroy our houses. Boko Haram can destroy people. Boko Haram will never destroy the life that has been given to Jesus Christ! Therefore we should not fear. We should be in good hope and in good faith."

**“Open Doors says
they want to stand
with us. This is very
bold; it is pioneering
a new thing”**

AIZAH*, NORTH AFRICA

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When Brother Andrew travelled behind the Iron Curtain in 1955, he discovered churches desperately in need of Bibles, prayer and support. Above all, he met with Christians who thought they'd been forgotten. As he says, "Our mission is called 'Open Doors' because we believe that any door is open, anytime and anywhere to proclaim Christ."

From one man's courageous journey, and by God's grace, an international ministry has developed. Open Doors still distributes millions of Bibles and Christian literature every year, but our work now encompasses a great deal more – from persecution resilience training to business microloans

so that our persecuted family can start rebuilding their lives.

Open Doors now works with the persecuted church in more than 60 countries. People like Aizah, who was thrown out of her home when she converted from Islam to Christianity. Despite being beaten up by her brother and ostracised from her family, her faith is strong. As an Open Doors partner, she has set up a safe house for other women in her position.

Internationally, courageous Christians like Aizah are following Christ despite the dangers. Today, your partnership is a lifeline for your persecuted family.

THE BIGGER PICTURE OF YOUR SUPPORT

In some countries, persecuted Christians need emergency aid. In others, Bibles and Christian literature are scarce. Elsewhere, business microloans for long-term self-reliance might be the best way to help our family. Sometimes all three, and more, need to happen in the same place.

When you partner with Open Doors, your support is part of a bigger picture. The full impact of your gifts and prayers is much more than simply sending a food parcel or repairing a building. Your gift can be a link in a longer chain, making a greater impact than you may ever know.

Looking at Open Doors' work in Syria gives an example of how the full picture works together. By God's grace, the same pattern is unfolding across the globe.



When war broke out in Syria, Pastor Abdalla stayed to help. He's still there eight years on, restoring hope through his church – a Centre of Hope, funded by Open Doors supporters.

Restoring hope



Trauma care and training



Food and medicine for the most vulnerable



Business loans so people like George can come home



Income-generating projects so people can support their families

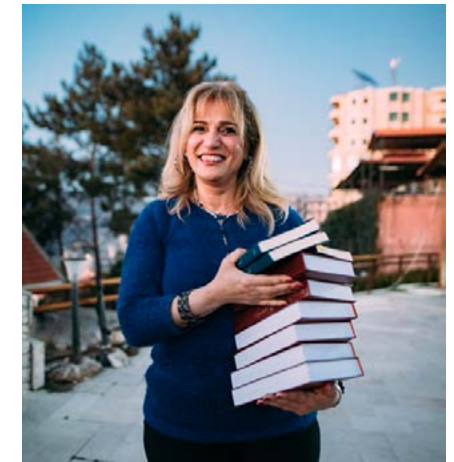


Classes and activities for children who've missed schooling

Fruit for the future



Growth of the church – openly or underground



Local Christians can spread the message of Christ, reaching Muslims, Hindus and other communities



Our vision of God can deepen through stories of courageous faith.

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

In order to stand alongside our persecuted brothers and sisters, we want to continue in partnership with you. Open Doors offers a connection through which you can build a relationship with your persecuted family. Together, we can make ministry a reality.

We'll keep you up to date, letting you know progress and where we need your help. That means we'll share:



IMPACT UPDATES

How your support is making a vital difference.



STORIES FROM OUR FAMILY

Answered prayers and those still in need



PRAYER REQUESTS

For our work and for the persecuted church



SPECIFIC REQUESTS

We'll let you know urgent areas for funding



OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVEL

You can meet the persecuted church through trips and events



PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

As our trusted partners, we're able to share things we can't say online

KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

Please keep praying, and let us know how we can help you and what you'd like to know. Whether you'd like to hear about funding packages customised to your interests, more details on our work, or prayer points for the persecuted church, we're always happy to speak with you.

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“It is such a huge privilege and opportunity to be able to share through Open Doors in these ministries that are so close to the heart of Father God.”

JOHN AND LIZ

Without our partners, there are many projects over many years that wouldn't have been able to happen. One example is a trauma centre in Nigeria, where Christians can begin to heal from the appalling traumas they've experienced: people like Christy, who was kidnapped, beaten and raped by Fulani militants.

The centre was established entirely through gifts from major donors, giving hope and dignity to persecuted Christians. “To all who are praying, to all who have contributed, we say thank you,” says Barnabas*, team leader at the trauma centre. “There's no way this would have happened without you.”

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