



FUNDRAISING IDEAS



There are lots of ways you can support your persecuted family by fundraising. Here are a few ideas to get you started. Oh, and we'd love to see how you get on! Tag us on social media @opendoorsuk

BY YOURSELF

Sell things you no longer need

Do your cupboards need a clear-out? Try selling some pre-loved items on eBay, Facebook Marketplace or at a car boot sale. Explain that you're fundraising and your buyers may be extra generous.

Celebrate and donate

Celebrate a special occasion by asking for donations to Open Doors instead of gifts. JustGiving is a great tool to use to collect your money or Facebook fundraiser works particularly well for birthdays.

Give up something you love

It could be your phone, social media, or something you love to eat. It will take some

willpower but you may feel even more connected to your persecuted church family as a result.

Haircut

Whether it's shaving it all off or dyeing it purple, the crazier you go, the more money you could raise!

A physical challenge

Set yourself a goal to walk, run or cycle a certain distance. Share your training routes using tools such as Strava and invite your friends to follow your progress.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Wash cars

Start with your neighbours or contact your local supermarket or school. Charge per vehicle and multiply your efforts by getting some friends to help.

Stream a skill

How about hosting an tutorial in something you are good at? Think photography, cake decorating, make up, or woodwork...

EVENTS

Film night

Host a film night. Buy in some snacks, link up with friends and maybe have a discussion afterwards.

Games night

Popular with all board gamers and needs minimal organising.

Craft evening

Gather your craft-loving friends to work on your current creation. Share ideas on making handmade cards, jewellery, knitting and patchwork, then sell what you make. Theme your creations around the time of year e.g. Christmas or Easter.

Pub quiz

Gather your friends and host your quiz. Don't forget to throw in a round on persecution. You can find lots of facts on the Open Doors website and it's a great opportunity to educate your friends at the same time. Apps such as Kahoot! offer ready-made quizzes as well as allowing you to create your own.

Gardening

Are you green-fingered? Offer your gardening services to friends and neighbours in return for a suggested donation.

Dog walking

Think about which neighbours have four-legged friends and offer to take their dogs for a walk. Many neighbourhoods have strong dog-walking communities – you might even make some new friends in the process!

Exhibition

Are you a keen artist or photographer? Why not create a gallery and invite people to come along and take a look? You could auction off the pictures at the end.

International evening

Choose a country from the World Watch List and host an event celebrating it's culture. Think about dress code, food and music.

Talent evening

A great one for all ages! You could even include prizes for the strongest performers!

Coffee and cake

Invite your neighbours to join you for coffee and cake.

TIP!

Many businesses like to do their bit for charity. Find out if your employer will match your fundraising efforts. This means that if you raise £300, they will make it up to £600. Job done!