

Thank you so much for standing with your persecuted family – particularly during a challenging year.

Open Doors' vision is to see a strong church, defying persecution, standing together, sharing Jesus no matter the cost. That's true now more than ever, though a strong church and standing together looks a bit different from usual.

Across the world, Open Doors is using your support to increase the delivery of vital aid to persecuted believers who have lost their income because of restrictions on movement. Many depend on their daily wages for food, and are facing starvation.

Since face-to-face meetings are largely impracticable at the moment, we're also scaling up our online activities – including online discipleship in the Middle East, online outreach in North Africa, and more.

Your help has been much needed and a sign of God's faithfulness. Please keep praying for your persecuted family, who are still facing attacks and discrimination, including being denied aid when it is distributed. There is so much more to do, and we can't do it without you.

IMAGE An Open Doors partner distributes life-saving help to a Christian family in India.



As an example, here's how a gift of £5,000 has been life-changing for hundreds of Christians. Each of these projects is being implemented this year, and wouldn't be possible without your help.

Strong Church



£338

1 Iraqi Christian trained to run a business to support their family



£500

100 new believers from a Muslim background receive their first Bible

77 secret believers in the Middle East receive fellowship through social media during coronavirus



£154

15 of these new believers receive discipleship training



£570

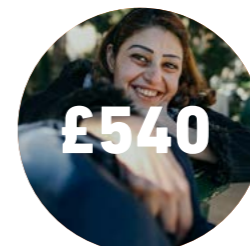
Standing together



£126

3 North Korean families get crucial food and aid to survive for three months

3 vulnerable Syrian Christians receive rent support



£540



£252

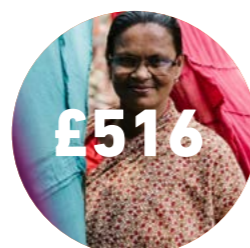
1 persecuted woman in the Gulf can read her Bible for the first time, with a year's literary education

Defying persecution



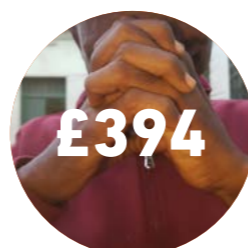
£1,250

1 victim of persecution in Indonesia receives legal assistance



£516

2 Eritrean Christians imprisoned for their faith receive vital practical relief

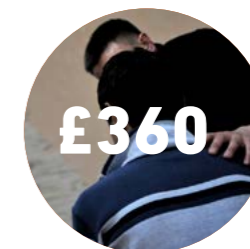


£394

60 believers from a Muslim background receive crucial aid for a month

Sharing Jesus, no matter the cost

3 Christians fleeing persecution in Central Asia can be supported at a safe house



£360

£5,000 total

STRONG CHURCH*

Faraydoun, Iraq



Income-generating projects mean that the church can be resilient and self-sufficient, not having to focus solely on survival. That's why your gifts and prayers continue to help Christians in Iraq like Faraydoun. He had to flee his home in Iraq when so-called Islamic State attacked. "They left us with nothing – no relatives, no houses," remembers Faraydoun.

But thanks to your support, Faraydoun got a microloan when his family were able to return. Now he runs a successful fish farm. Now he can support his family and his church. "We are thankful to you," he says. "Thank God there are good people like you."

STANDING TOGETHER

Eun Hye, North Korea

North Korea is the hardest place to be a Christian. Believers there often don't realise their worldwide family is standing with them. "I had no idea so many people were praying for us. Those prayers are really important," says Eun Hye**, who managed to escape North Korea after being held in horrendous conditions.

Your support means we can stand with those who have suffered terribly. Through Open Doors networks in China are keeping over 60,000 North Korean Christians alive with food, clothing and medicine.



DEFYING PERSECUTION

Eyal, Eritrea

Defying persecution means that, whatever attacks and discrimination are aimed at our worldwide family, they still worship Jesus and know that He has won the ultimate battle. Eyal*, in Eritrea, didn't stop worshipping God when he was imprisoned, beaten and tortured: "We prayed, fasted and even witnessed to others. Many people accepted Jesus Christ."

Thankfully, Eyal was released. Open Doors supports those who have been imprisoned with practical relief and counselling as they rebuild their lives, continuing to serve God.

SHARING JESUS NO MATTER THE COST

Tammar and Nadina, Central Asia

Tammar and Nadina had to pay a terrible cost because of their determination to preach Jesus in their Central Asian church: the stress of persecution meant Nadina lost her baby after five months of pregnancy. A few months later, they were arrested after baptising several believers.

To recover, and to avoid the constant harassment and threats, Nadina and Tammar were supported at a safe house run by donations from Open Doors supporters. With this respite, they are ready to return and pastor their church. "Thank you to our brothers and sisters worldwide," says Nadina.

*Examples are not all from 2020, but these projects and programmes are ongoing **name changed for security reasons

Thank you

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