

Open *Doors*

PRAYER DIARY | July/August 2022



**"We are receiving
a kingdom that
cannot be shaken"**

HEBREWS 12:28

| India

Friday 1 July

The persecution of Christians is rising at an alarming rate. A radical nationalist agenda has created an environment of discrimination and violence against Christians and other religious minorities. Pray that those who oppose the growth of Christianity will encounter Jesus through the witness of His church, and turn to Him.

Saturday 2 July

Because many of those who are coming to faith are poor, converts from impoverished areas are often accused of illegally being paid to become Christians. Pray for those who have been falsely accused of paying people to become Christians – that their names will be cleared.

Sunday 3 July

Mehr* was beaten by her neighbours after she converted to Christianity, and then denied medical help (SEE COVER). Open Doors paid for her to receive treatment, but she is still recovering from her injuries. Pray for healing, and ask God to provide her with a job so she can support her elderly parents (SEE MAGAZINE P8).

Monday 4 July

Mehr's strong desire is that all her neighbours – even those who attacked her – will come to know Jesus. Pray for courage and boldness to hold fast to Jesus – even when she faces threats and insults.

| UK and Ireland

Tuesday 5 July

Today is the start of the Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Ministerial in London. Dozens of Open Doors advocates will be meeting their MPs in Parliament to share why religious freedom is important. Pray for wisdom to know what to say and that the hearts and minds of parliamentarians will be influenced by what they hear.

Wednesday 6 July

Pray for foreign secretaries and FoRB envoys attending the Ministerial, and for Fiona Bruce, the PM's Special Envoy for FoRB, as she leads proceedings. Ask God to work powerfully through all the discussions, so that they result in effective and practical policy solutions that will benefit our persecuted family.

| India

Thursday 7 July

Being a pastor is one of the riskiest vocations in India. Hindu extremists target leaders to instil fear in the local Christian community. Pray for protection for church leaders and their families, and courage to share God's Word despite the risks.

Friday 8 July

Pastor Shekhar* was arrested, tortured and driven from his town by extremists who accused him of paying Hindus to convert. Yet he still longs to share God's Word with others. Ask God to restore him so he can continue his ministry. He asks, "Pray that we may have

faith in God and be undeterred, remember God in all suffering and happiness, and live the Word and remain in God."

Saturday 9 July

Open Doors partners are strengthening the church in India to survive extreme persecution by providing practical help, training and encouragement. Pray for protection for those who take great risks to come alongside those most in need.

| South West Asia

Sunday 10 July – Bangladesh

Kasem (31) was excommunicated by the village head after holding a worship gathering for believers from Muslim backgrounds in his home. He is a day labourer and no one has hired him for work since the incident. Pray for strength and protection for Kasem and his family, and for Open Doors partners looking to provide practical support for the family.

Monday 11 July – Bangladesh

Praise God for adult literacy training courses taking place this month in 248 centres across the county. Pray for wisdom for the teachers facilitating the classes, for protection for all who attend, and that this part of the course, which uses the Bible to teach literacy, will help to ground believers in their faith.

Tuesday 12 July – Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is experiencing its worst economic crisis in decades. Prices of essential goods have sky-rocketed,

and rising inflation has led to shortages in fuel, medicine and fertiliser. Pray that God will raise up righteous and capable leaders to revive the economy.

Wednesday 13 July – Sri Lanka

Give thanks that a pastor has been able to open a Christian bookstore in a rural area where Christians face persecution, with help from Open Doors partners. As a result, Christians will have easy access to Christian books and resources. Pray that this shop will be a blessing to this Christian community.

Thursday 14 July – Sri Lanka

Shani*, her sister and mother came to know Christ three years ago and began attending church. But recently her father, a devout Hindu, has threatened to leave the house if they continue to go to church. "I want Jesus," Shani shares tearfully. "But I want my dad too." Pray for wisdom for Shani, her sister and mother, and that their father will meet Jesus for himself.

Friday 15 July – Maldives

Commissioner of Prisons Ahmed Mohamed Fulhu is designing a programme to rehabilitate prisoners who have been radicalised, and to stop radical Islamic ideologies from spreading in prisons. Pray for the success of this programme and that the Commissioner will have God's wisdom to know how to combat the growth of religious extremism in Maldives.

*Name changed for security reasons

Give thanks for **ANSWERED PRAYER**



**“Your presence and prayers
have encouraged me.”**

DESPITE PERSECUTION AND LOSS, RITA IS SEEING CHANGE

Your support for Open Doors' ongoing *See. Change.* campaign is helping empower persecuted women across the world. This includes Rita* from Nepal. When her husband died from Covid-19, she wondered how she'd survive – particularly as she was living with her in-laws who incessantly persecuted her. But today Rita can reflect on how God is 'amazingly answering my prayers'.

Rita is from a Hindu family but became a Christian through her father, who was miraculously healed of leprosy.

She went on to marry Raj*, an assistant pastor. They lived with his parents, who blamed Rita for 'enticing' their son to Christianity. They ostracised and abused her. "My husband was the one who encouraged and comforted me when we were despised by our family," says Rita. "After he died, I was alone."

Rita – now a single mum to two children – was acutely vulnerable. The family's source of income had been lost with her husband's death, and her in-laws didn't fill the gap. Rita feared for the

future. It's a story familiar to Christian widows globally.

"I prayed and prayed, and put my questions to God," Rita says. "Then God assured me that He will never leave me, through Isaiah 49:15. He also told me to be strong and courageous through Joshua 1:9. After that, I found peace in my heart. I felt God's presence in my life."

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Rita soon began to see God answer her prayers. Open Doors local partners gave her emergency aid and a place on a tailoring project, which is a blessing in more ways than one. "I get to experience what it is to earn myself," she says. "I also offer tithes to the church, which is the best thing in my life."



There have been other answers to prayer. Rita began a course learning about the Bible, but it was in English. "Every night, I prayed to God to give me the knowledge to improve my English," she explains. "After three months, I was able to speak and write in English." Today, Rita leads a women's fellowship and a prayer group.

Meanwhile, Rita's father-in-law – whose hostility is starting to soften – has given her a small piece of land for her to build a house.

"I give thanks to God for amazingly answering my prayers," shares Rita. "I felt so good when I first talked with you on the phone and couldn't express my happiness when you came to meet me personally. Your presence and prayers have encouraged me."

PLEASE PRAY

- That Rita's experiences of answered prayer will inspire others around her
- That her two children will grow up following Jesus
- That Rita's in-laws will have a revelation of God's love for them.

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LEFT "I prayed and got the strength to endure the persecution," says Rita, here pictured with a sewing machine bought by Open Doors local partners

| South East Asia

Saturday 16 July – Brunei

All primary and secondary schoolchildren in Brunei must learn about Islam. Pray that Christian children will be given discernment to hold onto the truth of Jesus despite the pressure to follow Islam.

Sunday 17 July – Indonesia

In public schools, it's mandatory for girls, including Christians, to wear the hijab. Many Christian children also experience bullying for their faith. As the country celebrates National Children's Day this month, pray that young believers will grow in faith, boldness and character.

Monday 18 July – Philippines

This month, a five-day summer camp is taking place for up to 150 young Christians from Muslim backgrounds. Pray that the event will go ahead as scheduled, and ask God to work powerfully in the lives of all who attend.

Tuesday 19 July – Vietnam

After being made homeless for refusing to renounce their faith, Ang* and his family were forced to sign a document denying they had been persecuted. Open Doors partners are supporting the family while they look to buy a farm close to their relatives. Ask God to meet this need.

Wednesday 20 July – Laos

When Som* became a Christian, she burnt the animist idols she used to worship. But this angered villagers who destroyed her house. In the same village,

Saser* and Mihea* were severely beaten for refusing to deny Jesus. Pray for Open Doors local partners as they support these three believers.

Thursday 21 July – Myanmar

Praise God that persecution survival seminars run by Open Doors partners are having an enormous impact on believers affected by persecution, civil war and the military coup. "This training is an oasis of spiritual refreshment and encouragement for Christians in Myanmar," says a partner.

| Hope for the Middle East

Friday 22 July – Syria

Pray for the families of Samir and Mounir who were murdered while checking on their fields. "This is an expulsion policy which the Bedouins [a nomadic Arab tribe] and extremists are doing to make Christians fear for their lives and leave their properties," says a local. Ask God to protect Christians in the south where there is no government or law.

Saturday 23 July – Iraq

Praise God for the courage of church leaders who've decided to serve in areas that have seen much bloodshed and hatred. However, they are often overwhelmed by people's needs. Ask the Lord to sustain them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Sunday 24 July – Lebanon

Pray for a Christian radio station broadcasting from

Lebanon to places across the Middle East. The station uses modern Arabic and contemporary Bible translations to reach those unfamiliar with Christian language. Pray that the station will lead many people to Jesus.

Monday 25 July – Egypt

Give thanks that Egyptians are turning to Jesus. However, many continue to struggle with different addictions. Pray that these believers will find complete freedom, and ask God to give them a deeper revelation of His grace.

Tuesday 26 July – Iran

Two Christian women have begun two-year prison sentences for involvement in church activities. Ask God to strengthen and sustain Fariba Dalir – who is recently married – and Sakine (Mehri) Behjati, and pray that the Iranian justice system will be provoked to overturn the rulings.

Wednesday 27 July – Israel and Palestinian Territories

Young people across the region are, for different reasons, struggling to hold on to their faith. Pray for several youth camps taking place this summer. Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage young people to attend the camps, and pray that God will meet with them in life-changing ways.

| Commonwealth Games

Thursday 28 July

The 2022 Commonwealth Games begin today in Birmingham. Of the 54

countries participating, eight are on the World Watch List: Cameroon, Mozambique, Nigeria, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Maldives and Pakistan. Ask the Lord to bless these nations and give their leaders wisdom to build a safer, fairer and more prosperous future for all their citizens.

Friday 29 July – Cameroon

Christians in a village in northern Cameroon have been forced to move their church services elsewhere as the Boko Haram insurgency spills over from Nigeria. Locals sleep in the mountains for fear of overnight attacks and some have fled the area completely. Pray for peace and protection.

Saturday 30 July – Mozambique

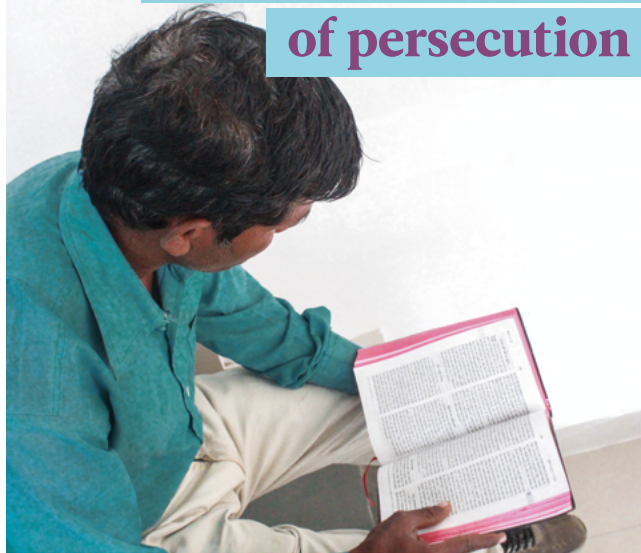
Give thanks that your support has helped provide aid to some 4,000 families who were driven out of their homes by Islamic extremists. "Your help has lifted them spiritually," shares Pastor Antonio*. "It's given them hope." Pray that hope will spread further across the country.

Sunday 31 July – Nigeria

Pray for the parents and friends of Deborah Samuel Yakubu, a second-year student who was murdered for sharing a message on a WhatsApp group that praised Jesus for helping her pass her exams. Pray for God's strength and comfort as they mourn, and pray that those responsible for Deborah's death will be held to account.

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Strengthened to speak up in the face of persecution



THANKS TO YOU, BELIEVERS IN INDIA LIKE SUDEEP* ARE RECEIVING PERSECUTION SURVIVAL TRAINING, HELPING THEM TO STAND STRONG IN THEIR FAITH.

Raised as a Hindu in a remote village in Central India, Sudeep (PICTURED ABOVE) was married and settled with two children. His wife developed a chronic illness but was healed when she attended their local church. That's the day that Sudeep gave his life to Jesus.

Sudeep attended a Bible course and began sharing about Jesus in his community – but two years into his ministry, the persecution began. “[The police] would force their way into my church service and shove me into their vehicle, locking me up in jail many times for long hours.

While in lock-up they would threaten me harshly and tried to force me to leave my faith and stop preaching.”

SUDEEP SPEAKS UP

Just when Sudeep was becoming discouraged, local Open Doors partners invited him to attend persecution survival training, made possible by your gifts and prayers. “I was excited to learn about how persecution was relevant in shaping my faith,” he says. “I was also taught how I had rights as a citizen of India, and I was doing nothing wrong by living my faith.”

Not long after he completed the training, the persecution grew worse: his entire village formed a mob and forced him to the local temple. “I shudder while even remembering the incident... they asked me to bow down before all the idols. I denied instantly but they threatened me, saying, ‘We will tear your body into two parts and kill you if you do not leave this foreign faith.’

“The police were amazed at my boldness.”

“It was at that moment when something happened. God reminded me of everything I had learned in the persecution survival trainings. I spoke courageously about the rights I had as a citizen and that I was not committing any crime by meeting with the Christians and preaching amongst them. The police were amazed at my boldness and then they turned back to the assaulters asking them not to trouble me again.”

“THE LORD GAVE ME STRENGTH”

Sudeep is grateful for your continued prayers and support. “How does it feel when there is a whole fleet of police cars surrounding you and they keep you locked in dark jail rooms for hours? I lived with so much fear after facing that several times, but the Lord stood with me and gave me the strength I needed. The teachings from Open Doors partners have worked to impart that strength to me. All I need is His love, and I am not giving it up for anything else.”

PLEASE PRAY

- For Sudeep's ministry as he advocates for himself and the Christians in his community
- That Sudeep's persecutors will come to know God's love through his witness
- For God's protection and strength for local Open Doors partners in India.

*Name changed for security reasons



Thanks to you, Sudeep (ABOVE LEFT) is continuing to speak up for the Christians in his community and preach the gospel

| India

Monday 1 August

Converting to Christianity comes with significant risk in India, as Hinduism is often seen as part of the national identity. Extremists sometimes force new Christians to take part in a 'Ghar Wapsi' or 'homecoming' ceremony, where they are pressured to return to Hinduism. Pray for courage and strength to resist the pressure to leave Jesus.

Tuesday 2 August

Two more states in India have recently introduced anti-conversion laws – bringing the total to 11 states. Though these laws purport to prevent forced conversions, they are often abused to falsely target or harass Christians. Pray that the laws will be repealed, or that a deterrent will be put in place to prevent false accusations.

Wednesday 3 August

Continue to pray for pastor's wife Preetha*, whose arm was broken in a violent attack by Hindu extremists (see Magazine p16). Despite treatment, her arm does not function properly, and she still has pain. Her husband also suffers heart problems. Pray for God's healing and that they can get the treatment they need.

Thursday 4 August

Pray also for Vinita*, who was attacked at the same time as Preetha. She has courageously stayed in her

village but still faces abuse from her neighbours. "Pray for my shop as I wish to bring it to a more prime location where I can get more customers," she says. "Currently it is near my house and is under the constant observation of my neighbours."

Friday 5 August

Geetika*, a single parent of two, came to faith after Jesus healed her. She sells vegetables on the street to earn a living but faces hostility from her neighbours. Give thanks that Open Doors partners have provided her with a vegetable cart so she can reach more customers. She asks, "Pray that our business goes well and that we can get our daily meal."

Saturday 6 August

Pray for a small sewing centre set up by Open Doors partners to train persecuted women who are trapped in poverty. "I am so glad I had an opportunity to gain experience in tailoring here," says one trainee, Shweta*. "I have started taking stitching orders and it helps me earn more and support my family."

Sunday 7 August

Pray that the sewing centre will strengthen women in their faith as well as teaching them livelihood skills. Open Doors partner David* shares, "The centre is also a common place for persecuted Christian women from the nearby different localities to come together, to pray and learn from the Word before they start the training every day."

| North Korea

Monday 8 August

In May, North Korea officially announced its 'first' Covid case. Resulting lockdown measures have raised the prices of food and basic necessities exponentially. Ask God to keep the underground church strong through the pandemic and meet all their physical and spiritual needs.

Tuesday 9 August

Susan*, a field worker in a country bordering North Korea, is asking for prayers of protection as surveillance increases due to the pandemic. Please pray for Open Doors' field workers in countries bordering North Korea as they continue to serve the secret church.

Wednesday 10 August

Many secret Christians like So-Mang* depend on outside Christian aid to survive physical and spiritual hunger. She says, "Thanks to your support, my family and fellow Christians were able to taste fresh, white rice... a rare opportunity." Pray that secret deliveries of food, medicine and Christian materials will continue to reach believers.

Thursday 11 August

Ki-jok* is a new believer who received training through Open Doors' safehouse and shelter ministry in China. "I will live to share the gospel to the people in North Korea when the right time comes," he says. Pray that God will work through this ministry to prepare believers to build the church in North Korea.

| China

Friday 12 August

Since new online religious restrictions took effect in March, believers are finding it harder to meet. One Open Doors source says, "Access to spiritual resources has further narrowed... But we never cease to find ways to stay connected online." Please pray that Christians continue to find ways to communicate.

Saturday 13 August

With under-18s unable to access religious content, there is a disconnect between older church leaders and the younger generation. Open Doors partners have designed programmes to strengthen young people's faith which will be piloted in a few churches. Pray that these programmes will benefit young people.

Sunday 14 August

Many Christian young people from rural areas move to urban cities for work. However, some of those who migrate to the cities become passive in their faith or completely give up. Pray that they will find spiritual homes where they can continue to grow in their faith.

Monday 15 August

Believers from Buddhist backgrounds who live in south west China are often isolated from other Christians; they are warned that, if they enter another village and are caught, their vehicles will be destroyed. Pray that these believers will find unity and strength in Christ.

*Name changed for security reasons

Comforting words:

Aisha looks to her Bible for strength

"FOR JUST AS WE SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, SO ALSO OUR COMFORT ABOUNDS THROUGH CHRIST."

2 CORINTHIANS 1:5

Aisha's* journey to faith in Jesus began when her son was released from prison after a visiting pastor shared the gospel and prayed with him. It was this moment when Aisha, a devoted Muslim and mother-of-five from Chad, knew in her heart that the prayers of Christians were heard and answered. Shortly afterwards, she chose to follow Jesus.

AISHA'S COMMUNITY TURN AGAINST HER

But her newfound faith was almost immediately put to the test when she became ill and ended up in hospital. Up until now, she had kept her faith a secret from her Muslim community, but she decided to take a risk and admitted her Christian faith to her nurse.

Unfortunately, the nurse alerted others who were

around, and Aisha knew she was in big trouble.

"Soon, a group of Muslim women came to the house to get me to return to Islam," she says. "They insisted that I must pray with them, because I was a Muslim. I told them to let me go and do ablutions before prayer and used that opportunity to flee."

"I know that the afflicted will be comforted."

Aisha sought refuge at her pastor's house, but the mob followed, and even took her daughter, Ameena*, hostage. Aisha was forced to appear in court a few days later, but she refused to deny Jesus. Eventually, she and her daughter were released.

ABOVE Aisha is encouraged by Jesus' words in Matthew 5 – how have you been encouraged by Scripture recently?

After Aisha's refusal to return to Islam, she was considered a traitor; her church, fearing the worst, helped Aisha and her daughter to leave the community.

"THE SUFFERING OF JOB ENCOURAGES ME"

Aisha is currently being cared for by a local church in a different area. After choosing to follow Jesus, she quickly learned the cost of her decision. But through it all, she's found comfort through God's words in the Bible.

"When I read Matthew 5 where Jesus says, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of God is theirs,' it comforts me. I know that the afflicted will be comforted. And then the suffering of Job

also encourages me. If Job suffered, I say, why not me? After the suffering of Job, I know that one day, I also will be set free."

Is there a Bible verse or passage that encourages you right now? In the same way that Aisha has received support from her church – and Open Doors partners – we can strengthen others. Who can you comfort with Scripture today?

God of all comfort, thank You for Your powerful, life-giving words in the Bible. Show me whom I can comfort and support today with Your Word. Amen.

*Name changed for security reasons

| Afghanistan

Tuesday 16 August

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan now requires all women to cover their faces in public. Pray for the many people, especially women's rights group, who do not agree with the Taliban's teachings. Pray for God's wisdom, courage and protection to continue their fight to bring light, hope and freedom to the country.

Wednesday 17 August

Pray for members of the Taliban, from the foot soldiers to the top leaders. They are looking for a way to Heaven, so ask God to miraculously reveal Jesus to them, who is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

Thursday 18 August

Pray for Open Doors frontline partners supporting Afghan refugees in neighbouring countries with food and aid. "Currently, we cover 5,000 Afghan refugees in my area," shares Ishmael*. "We help Christian refugees who've converted from Islam, who've fled because of a direct danger to their lives from the Taliban... We also extend support to Muslim refugees who are able now to hear the gospel. It is our prayer that they would see and feel the love of Christ."

Friday 19 August

Praise God for a new well set up to provide clean drinking water to refugees. "Thanks to the Lord, your prayers and help, we were able to realise our dream," says frontline partner Ahmad*. "We started drilling 240m deep and found

water there! Now, local residents and refugees from Afghanistan, our minister and his family, will use this source completely free of charge! Praise the Lord!"

| Central Asia

Saturday 20 August

Give thanks that Rasim* – who was beaten by his uncle in front of a group young Christians – has recovered from his ordeal and is growing in his faith and ministry. "Even though the situation was challenging, it strengthened me and taught me to forgive and love my persecutor," he says.

Sunday 21 August

Maria* is slowly recovering from being assaulted by a taxi driver. Thank you for praying for her in your May/June prayer diary. She visits the hospital daily and meets with a Christian psychologist. The alleged perpetrator has been arrested. Pray for justice and for Maria's continued physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

Monday 22 August

When Gulmira's* Christian faith was discovered, her husband's family told him to look for another wife. He did as they said, causing much anguish to Gulmira, who's also experiencing pressure from her family. Pray that Gulmira's steadfast faith will captivate the hearts of her family.

Tuesday 23 August

A lady involved in shamanism (folk healing) gave her life to Jesus after her daughter gave her the gospel on an MP3

player. She's stopped treating people, instead telling them of her new faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to use this lady's influence and testimony to draw many others to Jesus.

Wednesday 24 August – Tajikistan

There are estimated to be 36,000 deaf people in Tajikistan. They're treated as outcasts in society and very little work is done among them. Open Doors partners are hoping to start reaching out to them this year. Ask the Lord to guide, equip and protect the team in this work.

Thursday 25 August – Kazakhstan

When church gatherings are raided and leaders are interrogated, fined or imprisoned, it engenders fear among local Christians. Pray that God's perfect love will drive out fear (1 John 4:18), and ask the Holy Spirit to give believers increased faith and courage.

Friday 26 August – Kyrgyzstan

Kabia* was hospitalised after being beaten by her daughter-in-law for becoming a Christian. "You betrayed the religion of our fathers; you are the shame of the family!" she was told. Her son works abroad and is unaware of the situation. Ask the Lord to heal, protect and encourage Kabia.

| Arabian Peninsula

Saturday 27 August

As more Gulf Arabs become disillusioned with Islam, New

Age practices are becoming popular. Pray for Gulf Arabs to find the power and love they seek in Christ, and that new believers who need to turn away from New Age practices will find truth in God's Word.

Sunday 28 August – Qatar

Give thanks that a believer has had several opportunities to share her faith with friends. Pray that her witness will encourage them to seek God. Pray especially that her brother will be open to the gospel, as his response will have a big impact on how openly she can live out her faith.

Monday 29 August – Saudi Arabia

A group of believers has asked for prayer for one of its leaders after someone spread reports about his faith on the internet that could endanger him and those close to him. Pray that the messages will stop, and for wisdom and protection for these believers.

Tuesday 30 August – Yemen

Yemen is a deeply tribal society and its leaders have great influence. Pray that tribe leaders will hear about the servant leadership of Christ, who became a servant to bring us salvation. Pray that they will come to faith in Jesus and lead their tribes to the Saviour.

Wednesday 31 August – Yemen

Pray for a Christian who has been in prison since Christmas for evangelising. Pray that he will stand firm in his faith, for emotional support for his wife, and for wisdom for his legal team.

*Name changed for security reasons



WORLD WATCH LIST

#29 BANGLADESH

Brave faith despite rising persecution

Jashim (25) from Bangladesh was at home when family members began attacking



him to force him to renounce his new faith in Jesus. "I have the right to choose and practise my faith," he told them. "I will not forsake my faith in Jesus Christ."

This further angered his persecutors, who numbered 50-60 people. They stabbed and beat him, and even tried to strangle him. Jashim miraculously escaped. On returning home, Jashim was greeted by police who blamed him for the attack because it revolved around his conversion from Islam to Christianity. When the police left, Jashim was attacked even more violently than before.

At the time of writing, Jashim is recovering at home after a spell in hospital. His injuries and wounds are healing.

His three children have been traumatised by their father's ordeal. Open Doors local partners are providing practical and spiritual support for the family.

Rising violence is a key reason why Bangladesh rose two places to 29 in the latest World Watch List. The other factor is increased pressure in the home, which stems from lockdowns during which converts have been more closely watched. Since 2019, Bangladesh has risen 19 places in the World Watch List.

Jashim's story also reflects how the church in Bangladesh is growing, with many coming to know Jesus through believers who are upheld by your prayers and support. Please continue to stand with your Bangladeshi family.

Lord Jesus, protect, strengthen and work through Jashim, his family and all who follow You amid pressure and persecution in Bangladesh. Amen.



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