

A YEAR IN REVIEW

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Dear friends,

In 2024, over 380 million Christians worldwide faced high levels of persecution and discrimination due to their faith. In Eritrea, church leaders and friends are imprisoned simply for holding prayer meetings in their homes. Friends like pastors Kiflu Gebremeskel and Haile Naigzhe who have now spent twenty years in prison. In Syria, a civil war that toppled the al-Assad regime, greatly impacted Christian families we serve. They were safely evacuated from dangerous areas. In Pakistan, Believers endured Islamic mob violence, blasphemy accusations and legal discrimination, living in constant fear.

Through each crisis, the voices of the Suffering Church reached us. Your compassion and generosity enabled us to respond to their pleas. Together, we helped our precious persecuted brothers and sisters rebuild their lives and strengthen their faith.

You played an integral part. Without YOU this would not have been possible!

THANK YOU!

PS: I am extremely grateful for all the generous support given to the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from Putin's invasion and grandiose ideas of rebuilding the Soviet Union!

A VOICE

Advocacy for persecuted Christians is giving A VOICE to those who cannot speak for themselves. It is vital in ensuring that their struggles are heard, not only by those in power, but more importantly to remind us to pray! With your help, we raised awareness of the plight of imprisoned Christians in countries like Eritrea, North Korea, China, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan.

TOGETHER WE WERE 'A VOICE AND A HELPING HAND' IN 2024



UKRAINE

The people of Ukraine have been deeply impacted by the horrors of war that has forced 3.7 million internally to flee their homes to hopefully "safer" places.

Donbas - Pastor Alexander, our front-line worker, is a paramedic who has rescued countless wounded soldiers. Through his Chaplain Ministry, he and a team of pastors witness to them and provide emotional and spiritual help throughout their recovery.

Each soldier received a Bible and aid to their families. We were also able to deliver thousands of tourniquets to his medical unit. Pastor Alexander also distributed food, heating fuel, and cooking units to people in homes, churches and bomb shelters.

"The people we serve are alive because of the aid you give."

— Pastor Alexander

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Lviv - Pastor Misha’s church reached out to destitute communities, including impoverished Roma families living in tents in the forest. Several of the Roma families now attend his church. His church also feeds and supports many refugee families as well as continues in their evangelistic prison ministry.

“The prisons that were once filled with Ukrainians are now full of Russian captive soldiers.”

– Pastor Misha.

Pastor Misha reaches out and ministers to the captive soldiers with love and compassion and shares about the saving hope of Jesus Christ.

Nikopol - More than 90 children are fed daily at Pastor Roman’s church. For many, it is the only meal they receive. During a terrible time of bombing in Nikopol, with your help we transported the children to safety for a short respite where they enjoyed fresh air and outdoor play, far away from the shelling, noise and destruction of falling bombs. Most of the children are suffering from various forms of trauma from the war. The church provides trauma recovery through art therapy classes. Many new families seeking hope, are now attending Sunday services. Today, Ukraine is experiencing a revival. Many churches are full, to overcapacity.



ERITREA

Smuggling solar Bibles.

There are more than 3,000 Believers facing indefinite imprisonment in overcrowded Eritrean jails. Many are without the Word of God. For imprisoned Believers, having a Bible is both a powerful source of spiritual encouragement and an invaluable tool for evangelism. **With God’s help and your continued partnership,** we have successfully delivered more than 1,100 solar-powered audio Bibles.

“We need more Bibles!” begged Pastor Youhan who spent several years in Eritrean prisons, paying for his “crime” of preaching God’s Word.

IRAN

In countries where Sharia law is strictly enforced, authorities frequently arrest Christians involved in house churches or evangelistic activities. Converts from Islam to Christianity are particularly at risk. The Underground Church in Iran is rapidly growing because brave Christians like **Reza, Hamid, and Ali** risk everything to share the Gospel. They know their phones are tapped and that they are being closely watched. Despite the dangers, they continue to evangelize, knowing so many are hungry for the truth!

Reza, is a powerful evangelist with a deep knowledge of the Word of God. He is a writer, translator and musician with his own business teaching others. Recently, security forces have zoomed in on him and he has lost much of his livelihood.

Hamid, leads underground house churches. He was imprisoned and sentenced to death. Thankfully God intervened and he has been released! He is under constant watch and is barely surviving.

Ali, a bold soul-winner, helped lead a taxi driver to Christ. The taxi driver had been searching for Ali after he had shared the Gospel with him years ago. As Ali stepped into his cab he recognized him right away and begged for more information about Christ. His two-year search for Ali was over and with great joy he accepted the Lord into his heart right there in the cab that day!

Your generous support strengthens the persecuted Church, brings financial aid to Christians like Reza, Hamid and Ali, and provides hope and resources to those who are hungry for Christ.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan’s blasphemy laws fuel widespread persecution of Christians.

Zafar Bhatti, an imprisoned Pakistani Christian, despite being innocent, was ccused of blasphemy and sentenced to death in 2012. He suffered greatly due to congestive heart failure and diabetes. In August, 2024, during a bail hearing he hoped to be release on medical grounds. However, the judge, fearing retaliation from radical Islamists, has indefinitely suspended a final judgment. Despite this setback, **your compassion and generosity** enabled us to visit Zafar in prion and deliver life-saving medications, nutritious food, and provide financial support for his poor, elderly wife.

Bibles for Unreached People

Despite being forced to flee his home, Pastor Malik continues to bravely evangelize and distribute Bibles and *Tortured for His Faith* in the Urdu language to unreached people in Northern Pakistan where more than one million people live in the darkness of Islam.

Tortured for His Faith helps start a spiritual conversation that opens doors for interest to read the Bible.

“All of the Bibles and books we brought were received with great joy. Our team has developed a great relationship with many of the people that we continue to visit who are open to learn more about salvation through Jesus Christ.”

– Pastor Malik



A Safe Houses for Persecuted Christians

Pakistans unjust blasphemy laws often incite violent Islamic mobs that beat, attack and threaten to kill Christians who are forced to flee for their lives and go into hiding. We give them refuge and shelter them in safe houses. Because many Christians are uneducated and lack job skills we provide job training to help them support themselves and their families.

“These persecuted Christians are not only finding refuge in the safe houses but also growing stronger in their faith.”

– Pastor Malik

Last year, Pastor Malik, a friend and long-term field worker who organized finding safe houses for others, was himself forced to flee with his family and go into into hiding.

SATELLITE MINISTRY TO MUSLIM LANDS



Thanks to your kind contributions, millions of Farsi and Dari speaking Muslims are reached in Iran and Afghanistan through ICNET satellite TV. From the safety of their homes, Muslim seekers can tune in to hear the Word of God for the very first time and to access spiritual education and training. ICNET’s 24-hour call-in prayer lines were key to leading thousands of searching Muslims to Christ. These Christian programs also give hope and spiritual support to isolated Christians and leaders of the secret house churches.

SYRIA

While the majority of the Syrian people are rejoicing in the removal of the brutal dictator Bashar al-Assad, as the new Islamic government promises a “better life” for everyone, our Christian brothers and sisters are fearful of what the future holds.

In spite of the internal turmoil, the Lord opened doors for us to bring support to Christian families as well as church planting in the outskirts of Damascus throughout 2024. **Thanks to your faithful support**, we were able to provide shelter, food, clothing, medicine, and spiritual care. In addition, we continued to assist families displaced by the 2023 earthquake who are still struggling to rebuild their lives.

We appreciate your generous giving and kindness.



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CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO HURTING CHILDREN

“This year, we handed out gift packets of food and warm clothing to kids living in buildings without electricity and running water. All the children say, ‘Thank you!’”

– Teresa, DOHI volunteer in Bulgaria

Children-in-need around the world must be told that Jesus loves them. These precious little ones deserve to hear that He sees them, cares for them, and has not forgotten them. For this reason, we make a special effort every Christmas to reach persecuted Christian families, orphans, street children, refugees, and others in desperate need, blessing them with gifts of love and the story of Jesus. **Thanks to your unwavering support,** hundreds of children in **Pakistan, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Greece, and Syria** received warm clothing and delicious food packages for their Christmas table. Their smiles were bigger than ever!



Thank you for all YOU have done throughout 2024!

YES PAUL,

I am excited for all that was accomplished in 2024. I want to continue to be a VOICE for persecuted Christians and bring God's Word to those living in spiritual darkness throughout 2025!

- ☐ Use my gift where most needed.
- ☐ Use my gift for ongoing ministries
 - ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000
 - ☐ Other_____



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