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OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS
AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES AND LET US RUN WITH
PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US.

HEBREWS 12:1



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FOURTH COURSE - INDIA

Know Your Place (Mat) Quiz

1. How many spices can you name that begin with the letter 'C'?
2. India has climbed to its highest ever ranking on the Open Doors World Watch List. What number is it?
3. The BJP is the ruling party in India, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. What does BJP stand for?

Find the answers on the left side of this page.

Meena and Sunita in India

Sisters Meena* (32) and Sunita* (25) were left to die after villagers attacked them for being Christians. As Believers from a Hindu Background, even under this severe persecution, they didn't deny Jesus.

"I can die or I can witness. Make me a witness for you." This was the courageous prayer that Sunita prayed as she hid for her life. She had been separated from her sister during the attack in which she'd been badly wounded by being beaten with bamboo sticks. She wasn't sure if her sister was alive.

Thankfully, the sisters found one another. But since the attack, the villagers have been unwilling to let Meena and Sunita return to their village, and have even falsely accused them of beating a girl. The sisters now live elsewhere with a Christian leader and are receiving legal, medical and economic support through the help of Open Doors partners – they're currently launching a stationery shop to generate income.

You can write a message of encouragement to Meena and Sunita and many other Indian Christians who've experienced persecution by going to the letter-writing page on the Open Doors website.

Food for thought: What helps you to persevere as a Christian?

*Representative names used for security purposes.

Answers 1. Coriander, cumin, cassia, clove, cardamom 2. 11. 3. Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party), a right-wing Hindu nationalist party.

FOURTH COURSE INDIA

Who are your heroes? Are they rich and famous – or poor and powerless? There are many heroes of the faith in India where being a follower of Jesus can get you in to big trouble. Trouble for church leaders, who get attacked. Trouble for believers, who are chased out of their homes by angry mobs. Trouble for children, when their families aren't happy about them following Jesus.

When things are like this, it takes courage to be a Christian. The special event pictured here brought persecuted Christian children together so that they could share their problems and encourage one another. They did this by reading the Bible, singing and praying.

Question: Do you think Jesus is a hero?

Prayer: Lord, I have some very brave brothers and sisters around the world. Please protect them and give them strength to follow you.