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"We're frustrated. Sometimes we have hope, but when we start hoping, something

– Pastor Edward, one of Open Doors key contacts in Syria

Region Middle East **Christian population** 4% **Main religion** Islam Source of persecution Islamic oppression



# happens, and all hope is gone."

### **About Syria**

The country's ongoing civil war has left the country in turmoil, and Christians have not been spared from the suffering. Converts from Islam face pressure and discrimination from their communities. In areas where Islamic extremists still have control, most historic churches have been demolished or turned into Islamic centres. Public expressions of Christian faith are prohibited.



Pray for an end to the war and for believers who choose to stay in Syria, that the joy of the Lord will be their strength amid persecution.

#### **Our Work**

In cooperation with local Church partners, Open Doors encourages the Church in the ongoing crisis through various trainings, trauma counselling, emergency relief, Christian literature distribution and prayer support.

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