

LETTER WRITING GUIDE

February to June 2020

Write a letter of encouragement

The simple act of sending a letter can bring strength, comfort and hope to Christians who are suffering for their faith. Help remind our Christian brothers and sisters that they are never alone through words of encouragement today.



Your letters have helped Haoua remain firm in the faith

Last year, Open Doors workers visited Haoua in Cameroon to deliver the last of your encouragement letters.

Haoua came to faith by witnessing her daughter, Kadidja's faith. Kadidja who was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis that eventually claimed her life, clung to Christ despite pressure from her Muslim family and community. Kadidja's faith helped Haoua make the same commitment to Christ.

Your letters have helped Haoua remain firm in her faith amidst ongoing mockery and provocation from her Muslim neighbours.

"I really like these cards. When I read them, they comfort me... they make me happy... all Bible verses... I write them in a book." says Haoua.

Thank you for the time you took to strengthen Haoua with words of encouragement!

*Kindly note this writing campaign has ended.



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Strengthen North Korean Christians!

Ongoing e-campaign

Christians in North Korea have decided to follow Jesus, despite the risks they face. Some have been threatened or attacked, while others have been sentenced to prison for their work in the underground Church. These secret Christians may feel alone – cut off from or even unaware of supporters around the world.

Write a message of encouragement to Christians in North Korea to remind them that they're not alone. We will read a selection of messages via seven different radio programmes that we broadcast in North Korea. Write a note of only one or two sentences to encourage believers in North Korea and email it to letterwriting@opendoors.org.za

Encourage Christians in India to stand strong

Ongoing campaign

Our brothers and sisters in India are facing increasing hostility from Hindu nationalists who want to turn India into a Hindu nation, leaving no room for Christians.

They're harassed and beaten while their children are bullied. Sometimes their homes are attacked, or they may be thrown out of their villages. They may be denied access to water, education or government rations, because of their faith. When it's this difficult to be a Christian, you need encouragement.

Please take a moment and write a letter of encouragement to our Christian brothers and sisters in India. Please address your message to: 'Dear sister' or 'Dear brother' or 'Dear brothers and sisters'. That way, we can send messages of encouragement to many different Christians, e.g. a father, a mother, a pastor, a student. These messages will be shared at events or meetings where persecuted Christians are gathered together.



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Give Hope to Christians in the Middle East

Ongoing campaign



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As part of the Open Doors community, we invite you to support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East by writing letters of hope and encouragement – letting them know that thousands of Christians are lifting them up to Jesus.

Each month, we'll focus on a new theme as we write personal letters to them. They will be translated into Arabic and then posted to a specific Facebook page. Believers who follow the page will be able to see, like and share the content, as well as comment and engage with others – thus giving them an opportunity to participate in a Christian community.

Send a message of hope and encouragement to our family in the Middle East.

Themes

March: Life, children, new generations – Share about passing on your love for Christ to the next generation.

April: Pascha (Easter) – Share about the hope we have because Christ has overcome death.

May: Perseverance – Share a verse or word of encouragement to persevere during hard times.

June: Reflecting God's image always – Share and remind believers that we have been made in the image of God and how we can reflect that.



Writing Guidelines

- Pray and ask God to give you the right words to write.
- Please don't dwell on the recipient's plight or share about the blessings of life in your country.
- To assist us in translation, please write in simple English and please keep your letter brief.
- Please write your letter on an A5 or A4 piece of paper.

Security

- Provide your name and country (not your full address).
- Please don't mention Open Doors in your letters.
- Don't criticise a country's religion or religious extremists, its government, judicial system or political leaders.

Mail your physical letters to

Letter Writing: Believer's Name
c/o Open Doors
P O Box 1771
Cresta, 2118

For the latest updates, new writing campaigns and additional information

www.opendoors.org.za/write

For any queries

letterwriting@opendoors.org.za
011 888 9341

Kindly note the information in this Letter Writing Guide is up-to-date as of February 2020.

NO MORE LETTERS PLEASE

The below campaigns have ended. Thank you for every letter written to them! Please continue to pray for them and their families.

- Christian children, Colombia
- Chibok parents, Nigeria
- Florence, Nigeria
- Imprisoned believers, Iran

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