



June 2021

1 China

Ammar*, a Believer from a Muslim Background, works an extra job to pay for his son's brain tumour treatment. Ammar suffers from joint pain, which makes this difficult. Pray for healing for Ammar's son and strength for Ammar as he works to support his family.

2 Vietnam

In the last quarter of 2020, our partners reported that cases of domestic violence have risen in many places as families are forced to stay at home together. Pray that God will work in these families' lives and give them love for one another.

3 Laos

Pray for believers like Athit*, who are imprisoned for their faith and whose families miss them. May the Lord continue to minister to him even inside the prison.

4 India

Anil* and his congregation have been facing opposition for a long time. Hindu extremists have turned the locals against them, and a few months ago the church was destroyed during the night. Pray that the Lord will strengthen Anil and his congregation.

5 Myanmar

Pray for the believers living in areas impacted by civil war, especially in Rakhine State and Kachin State. Pray for restoration, provision of food and shelter and good health for victims of the war. Pray for God's providence, protection and sustenance for them.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord."

Isaiah 54:17 (NIV)

6 Nepal

Kokila*, who is sick and lives alone, is persecuted for her faith. Pray that God will bring her healing and comfort and bring her into contact with other believers in her area, who will be a source of encouragement for her.

7 Central Asia

Evgeny*, an evangelist supported by Open Doors, travels for weeks from town to town, sharing the Gospel with non-believing families. Pray for protection, strength and wisdom for Evgeny and that many will come to know Christ through his witness.

8 North Africa

Praise the Lord for several good online trainings that could be held for believers in various North African countries. Pray that new believers who attend such training will be encouraged.

9 Brunei

There were 3 000 new cases of mood disorders recorded in Brunei since the pandemic hit the country. Pray for the health of the people of Brunei.

10 Maldives

The Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services has reiterated its commitment to empowering girls and women and combating gender-based violence. Pray that initiatives will truly help to show the nation's girls and women that they have value.

11 Sri Lanka

One pastor shared: "One of the ways Satan hinders the ministries we're doing in this district is by attacking the families of pastors. Many pastors' wives and family members have fallen sick." Pray for God's healing and protection over pastors' families.



12 Iraq

It's getting harder for people to find a means to survive and peace of mind. If there is a way out, there is no doubt that people will grab the opportunity. Pray for good prospects for Iraqi Christians, especially youth, so they'll stay in the country.

13 Nigeria

In November last year, Victor (20) and a friend were attacked by Fulani herdsmen. Victor sustained several gunshot wounds to his right leg. His leg got infected and had to be amputated. Pray that the Lord will undertake for Victor, as he is worried about how he will provide for his family as the sole breadwinner now that he has a disability.

14 Kenya

Peninah's husband, Paul, was killed by Al-Shabaab in 2018, leaving her a young widow. When Covid hit, Open Doors assisted her with much-needed essentials and a sewing machine. Pray that God will make her business grow, as she applies her fashion design skills to support her family.

15 Ethiopia

Khalid* owned maize crops that helped feed and support his family. In 2020, his crops were destroyed by the locust swarms in Ethiopia. Ever since, it has been impossible to reach him with support as violence erupted in his area. Pray that the Lord will provide for his family during this difficult time.

16 Democratic Republic of Congo

The Allied Democratic Forces have a strong Islamic expansionist agenda. The group is infamous for killings using crude weapons that have emptied villages as people flee to safer areas. Pray for wisdom for pastors as they minister to their flocks in these uncertain and very dangerous circumstances.

17 Colombia

Several Open Doors team members left in 2020, while others changed roles. Pray for good work teams in each department, especially in Research and Communications. At the same time, pray for new people with the necessary skills for our work in Colombia.

18 North Korea

Pray that underground believers in North Korea will be strengthened with truth,

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peace, faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit amid ongoing persecution and worsening situations.

19 Arabian Peninsula

Our partners in the region need a fresh outpouring of encouragement. One colleague shared: "I was touched by a partner, breaking down in tears, as she shared how tired she is of constantly motivating herself to action." Pray that God will strengthen our family in Christ in the region.

20 Palestinian Territories

Leaders, church leaders, youth leaders and leaders of women groups all need lots of wisdom, creativity and endurance to find ways to meet with their members. Pray for energy, health and strength to serve one another amid the pandemic.

21 Southern Philippines

Two years ago, Bangsamoro was granted autonomy but because of Covid implementing this autonomy has been postponed. Thankfully, this gives churches more time to move around with fewer restrictions. Pray that the will of the Lord will prevail during this season and that Christians will stay strong in their faith.





22 Cameroon

The far north of Cameroon has been marked a “red zone” because of violence by Boko Haram. Over the past eight years, villages in the region have been attacked numerous times, with no end in sight. Pray for protection for believers and that they’ll not lose faith.

23 Lebanon

The explosion at the port in Beirut, almost a year ago, still echoes through the nation. The population has endured bomb attacks, wars and upheaval before, but it seems that this blast has been the breaking point for many Lebanese. Pray for a lasting solution to the political and economic situation in the country.

24 Syria

Many widows like Rasha Ashji and Jina Baydun have been neglected after their spouses went missing or were killed in the ongoing war. They suffer from depression. Pray for Rasha, Jina and the many other women who face such difficulties and are the sole breadwinners of their families.

25 Iran

Marriages are under increasing strain with the worsening economic situation,

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additional challenges associated with Covid-19 and many other pressures. Believers aren’t immune to these pressures. Pray that resources to strengthen marriages will reach those most in need.

26 Turkey

Christian refugees living in Turkey aren’t allowed to freely travel inside Turkey. They can’t return to their home countries or go to Western countries. They feel imprisoned and are struggling to survive. Pray for local initiatives to help as many refugees as possible.

27 Libya

Emmanuel* shares about Jesus with his fellow citizens. His family is afraid this will bring him trouble. Pray for protection for Emmanuel as he shares the Gospel with others and that many hearts will be opened to the Gospel through his witness.

28 Morocco

Amal* (18) is the only believer in her small village. She has many questions on how the rest of her life will be as the only Christian in her village. Pray for God to show her the way forward and that He will bring her in contact with other believers.

29 Tunisia

Naima* is a single woman and would like to find a good husband. Pray for the right partner for her and that she will stay close to the Lord and be used mightily by Him while she is single.

30 Bhutan

Hate speech and false accusations against Christians are increasing on social media, promoting the hatred of Christians in the country. Pray that believers will be deeply rooted in Jesus, so they’ll be strengthened and faithful amid increasing hatred.



July 2021

1 Eritrea

Shiden* (in his 30s) spent more than a decade in prison for his faith. He's doing better than a few years ago, when he suffered from bouts of depression after being released. Continue to pray for complete healing from stress and depression for Shiden.

2 Uganda

When Dembe* (37) became a Christian last year, the sheikh of his mosque was so angry that he got men to attack him and slaughter all his goats. The men accused him of stealing the sheikh's goat and he was charged with theft. Pray that God will be with Dembe, his wife and children as he waits for his case to be heard.

3 Kenya

Erina* (42) is paralysed and blind. She's contemplating returning to Islam so she can receive help from her family as her brother takes her disability grant, leaving her without an income. Pray for wisdom in this situation for Erina and God's provision in her needs.

4 North Korea

Open Doors has been supplying believers from North Korea with spiritual and physical aid through our networks in China, thanks to our partners' supports. Pray that such projects will continue to serve as God's hands and feet to them, especially during the pandemic.

5 Bangladesh

Bangladesh celebrated 50 years of independence in March. Pray that God will lead those in power to bring peace to the country and ensure the establishment of human rights so that every person can practise his or her faith freely.

6 Indonesia

Some Believers from a Hindu Background keep their faith a secret for fear of rejection from their families and culture. Pray that Jesus will be their only foundation in life and that they'll find a new family and community in the Church.

7 Malaysia

A church in a small village is struggling to

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stand on its own. Open Doors' local partners have initiated a potential partnership with a stronger church nearby to help them. Pray for our local partners as they work out how to best help this small church.

8 Sri Lanka

The Christian minority in a village in the north didn't have access to clean drinking water, as they're not allowed in the Buddhist temple where the village's water supply is located. Pray that the Christians' new tube well will enable them to be witnesses to the rest of the village.

9 Brunei

In March, the people of Brunei observed Israk and Mikraj. Muslims believe that Allah took Muhammed on a journey from Mecca to Jerusalem, and then to heaven during this night journey. Pray that Bruneians will find true peace that can only come from the Lord of Lords.

10 Maldives

The known believers living in the Maldives consist of workers from India and Sri Lanka. Pray that they'll continue to seek Christ and be strengthened in their faith. Pray that when people see them, they'll see Christ.

11 Southern Philippines

The city of Cotabato was given some autonomy from the central government, including being able to establish and administer courts of Islamic law. Pray for strength and wisdom for Christians living in these areas, as they'll inevitably be subjected to a modified Sharia law.

12 Kyrgyzstan

When Ayna's* Muslim husband, Rasul*, started taking his Muslim faith more seriously, he beat Ayna. To make matters worse, her mother-in-law lives with them



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and also persecutes her, and Rasul is in a relationship with another woman. Pray for strength and protection over Ayna and her children.

13 India

Nagesh* and Parimal's* paddy field was completely burnt down by Hindu extremists because of their Christian faith. They've suffered a great loss as this was their only source of income. Pray that the Lord would provide for them and their families.

14 Vietnam

In 2020, Open Doors' local partners reached 1 208 Christian families in Vietnam with emergency relief aid, thanks to your prayers and support. Praise God for His provision through this. Pray that God will protect our partners who undertake such initiatives despite the risks.

15 Laos

The Laos population is divided into three main ethnic classifications, according to where they live. Anyone who decides to follow Jesus from these groups may be persecuted by the government. Pray for believers and future converts from these tribes to be ready for persecution. May they stand firm in their faith.

16 Ethiopia

When Manayesh, a mother of four, left the traditional Orthodox faith, villagers took her ox and vandalised her house. Open Doors partners gave her money to invest in two oxen and some sheep. Pray that the small sheep farm that has come from this will continue to grow and provide for her family.

17 Central Asia

A year ago, Diliana* came to faith after hearing the Gospel through an Open Doors' supported evangelist. We're worried about her as her husband now stays at home to watch her and he beats her. Pray that the Lord will protect her and that her husband will come to faith in Christ.

18 India

The Korwa community held social meetings to expel and socially boycott converted Christian families, and imposed heavy penalties on anyone associating with them. Pray that the Lord will undertake for these families in all their needs.

19 Myanmar

Many Christians are enticed by the free education provided by Buddhist monks. To counter this, Open Doors supports Christian children's education and mentors them through local partners. Pray that this initiative will help many Christian families.

20 Central Asia

Chalpona* is the only Christian believer in her family. Her adult sons work in higher government and have told her to renounce her faith. Pray that her sons will accept her faith and will not worry about their positions in the government.

21 Central African Republic

There continues to be an onslaught by a newly formed rebel alliance, Coalition Patriotique pour le Changement, that has caused renewed suffering for civilians. Pray for calmness to return to the entire CAR and for Christians to be strong and encouraged during this time.

22 Syria

The younger generation has left the country during the war, leaving their parents and grandparents without a caregiver. A charity kitchen in Marmarita, Homs, distributes meals to 100 elders three times a week. Pray for this service to be blessed and give the elderly comfort and joy.

23 Bhutan

Divorce is plaguing the society in Bhutan. Pray that Christian couples and families in Bhutan will have God-centred families and put the needs of others in their families before their own.



24 Myanmar

Htun Htun*, a Believer from a Buddhist Background, had to leave his village due to pressure and threats for his faith. In the new place, he and his family faced the same problem. Pray for God's protection over Htun Htun and his family and for strength to stand strong.

25 China

In December 2019, Pastor Wang Yi was sentenced to nine years in prison. His "crime" was that his relatively large, outspoken house church refused to register with the Three-Self State-sanctioned Church. Pray that even in prison, Pastor Wang will know God's love and presence and that God will use him to shine as a light in that dark place.

26 Cameroon

Earlier this year Habiba (20) was violently beaten by her Muslim father because she insisted on going to church. Pray for strength for Habiba as she faces opposition for her faith and wisdom for her pastor, to know how to deal with Habiba's parents and their threats.

27 Iraq

If you look at Iraq's history, you'll see how many wars, upheavals, revolutions, disturbances and disasters the people of Iraq have been through since 1958. Pray for Iraqis to find peace and build a country

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where children, teenagers and young people can live and thrive.

28 Libya

Ihab*, a Christian, stays with her family. She hasn't told them that she believes in Jesus because of the possible repercussions. Pray for protection for her and an environment where she can grow in her faith.

29 Colombia

Former combatants who have become Christians, face strong pressure from the illegal groups they've left. Pray for protection for them from these groups and that they'll grow in their faith and be given the wisdom to reach out to those in these illegal groups.

30 Arabian Peninsula

The Church in the Arabian Peninsula is growing but misunderstandings leading to division threaten the Church everyday. Pray that God will give believers a Matthew 5:9 attitude of being peacemakers.

31 Lebanon

A Christian said: "We believe that Jesus can change the situation in this country. All efforts to bring life to people in Lebanon have failed. It's gone from bad to worse, but we know that Jesus is here with us!" Pray that the Church will continue to be a light bearer at this time.

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