


A woman in a pink sari is shown in profile, looking out from an ornate archway. The archway is part of a larger building with intricate carvings. In the background, the Taj Mahal is visible under a clear sky. The scene is set in a large, open courtyard with a checkered floor.

FIVE
COURAGEOUS
CHRISTIANS
IN

India

 OpenDoors

Although India is a country that seems to exude joy and acceptance, this is not the reality of the Christians who live there. The great increase in persecution has worried Christians, but it is also possible to find incredible stories of courage across the country. Just as persecution increases because of radical Hindus, so does the courageous Christian movement. Be impacted by the lives of some of these brothers and sisters.



A close-up, high-contrast portrait of a woman with dark skin and long, dark hair. She is looking slightly to the right with a contemplative expression. A small, ornate nose ring is visible in her nostril. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

AN Unshakable FAITH

"I have committed everything into the hands of Jesus. When I feel sad, I remember the Word of God. In all my trials, He helps me."

Kirti* found Jesus after being healed of a serious illness during a service. However, she and her husband faced intense persecution from the community for leaving Hinduism, a traditional local religion. As a result, Kirti's husband was killed. Open Doors guaranteed vital support to the Christian and her children. Thanks to this care, Kirti is still alive and following Jesus.

A man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is shown from the back and side, looking out towards a dense, sunlit green forest. The background is filled with vibrant green leaves and branches, creating a sense of being in nature.

Hope

IN PRISON

"I was really sad when this happened. But I wasn't discouraged and I kept on praying, 'Lord, you didn't allow Paul to stay in prison, so I believe you can release me too. Please, don't let my brothers and sisters feel hopeless that I am here.'"

Vikas* is the leader of a church in India and always promotes prayer meetings in which many sick people participate in seeking healing. However, more than once, the police broke into the meetings and, one time, Vikas was taken to the police station, where he was arrested. Upon learning of this, Open Doors staff paid the bail, allowing him to stay in prison for just one night.



CALLED TO

serve

“Even now I involve myself in ministry with the local church and share about Christ to anyone I meet. No matter how my father reacts, I will continue to serve God. I believe there will come a day where my father will rejoice over my decision as my Heavenly father rejoices.”

When Rupa* received the call to follow Jesus and serve him, her father was extremely angry and rejected her, refusing to pay the expenses from then on. However, with the help of Open Doors, she was able to continue her studies and receive the spiritual help of local pastors.



ALONE IN

faith

“I feel that Christian life is not at all easy and only those who are strong willed and rooted in Christ can live such a life.”

Gagan* is 21 years-old and the only Christian in his family. He wanted to continue his studies after school, but he had no money, as he was from a very poor family. However, Open Doors partners contacted him and helped him get into a good college. Gagan's desire is to return and serve God in his village after completing his studies.



HELP THAT MAKES THE *difference*

“We want to see all our leaders reaching every corner of our country to spread the gospel – to see people being transformed.”

Abishek* is a fast response team leader who works in partnership with local churches in India. Teams, like Abishek's, are able to bring emergency aid to many Christians who face violent attacks or discrimination because of their faith. In addition, they also offer food, shelter, medical expenses and legal support.

*NAMES CHANGED FOR SECURITY.

HELP THE

Persecuted Church

Millions of Christians living in India are still being persecuted and affected in various areas of life. But you can show that they are not alone or forgotten. By donating, you offer support through emergency aid, medical care, shelter, legal aid, among others.



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