# **SEPTEMBER**

# 1 Women from a Muslim background

In an Islamic society, it's common for women from a Muslim background to feel inferior to men. Pray for the renewing of their minds and confidence in their status as daughters of God.

# 2 Open Doors Restorations programme

An Open Doors programme called "Restorations" teaches the Biblical view on women. Accepting a new viewpoint is a long, difficult process for women. Pray for perseverance in these sessions.

#### 3 Women in Muslim countries

Azizah\* says: "Despite what you hear from the Word, you hear the whole day other messages that still make you feel worthless. That creates a great inner conflict." Pray for more edifying messages to be spoken over women in Muslim countries.

### 4 Women in closed countries

In closed countries, belief systems about women's role and status are handed down from generation to generation. Pray that courageous Christian women will teach women about how God sees them.

# 5 Women in closed countries

"Before believing in Christ, and during the first few years of my faith, I had low selfconfidence, and I couldn't give my opinion



(Women in closed countries continues) with courage. I now know my identity in God," says Azizah. Pray many more women will come to know their identity in Christ.

#### 6 Secret believers

Pray that secret believers in Muslim countries will find each other and support each other with Bible groups, fellowship and discipleship.

#### 7 Persecuted Christians

Pray for believers that have been estranged from their families because of their belief in Jesus to be reconciled with them.

# 8 Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Pray that DRC's government will take action to protect people's freedom to gather to worship.

#### 9 Burkina Faso

Give thanks that earlier this year security forces rescued 66 women and children abducted by jihadists in January. Ask God to heal those traumatised by their abduction.

#### 10 Iran

Shockingly, some prisoners in Iran have been issued with death sentences without a valid reason, or even a proper trial. Pray that justice will prevail, and they will be saved from death row.

#### 11 Iran

Pray that imprisoned believers in Iran will be spared torture and will soon be set free.

#### 12 Iran

Pray that Iranian authorities will stop the persecution of Christian converts and adherents to other faiths in line with their obligations under international law.

#### 13 Central Asia

Youth work is heavily restricted in many countries, with some countries prohibiting Christians from engaging in any religious work among youths and minors. Pray for opportunities for young people to encounter God's love.

#### 14 Central Asia

Hakim\* and his family left their homeland because of intense persecution but returned because of their passion to minister to the people there. He leads a network of underground house churches. Pray for his and his family's safety.

# 15 Malaysia

More than 10% of indigenous youngsters in Malaysia have dropped out of school. Pray that God would change views regarding education in the villages and inspire young people to pursue their education.

# 16 Malaysia

Due to low literacy rates, Open Doors local partners have initiated a reading programme for indigenous children. Praise God for allowing children to learn to read and engage with the Bible.

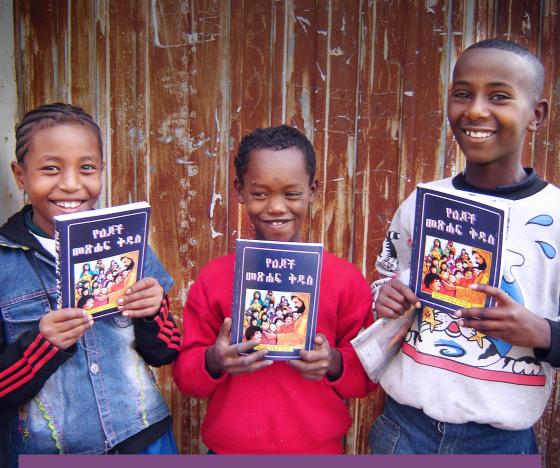
#### 17 Lebanon

Lebanon has been plundered by poor leadership. Pray that leaders will find Jesus, who is gentle, humble and refreshes their lives.

#### 18 Lebanon

God's Word is spreading through Lebanon. Praise God for the opportunities to share Christ through TV, radio and the Church and for the amazing people working to present topical programmes that bless the viewers.





# Give to help persecuted believers own their own Bible

The Word of God remains a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. It also gives us peace and comfort when we face life's difficulties. Sadly, not every believer has access to the Bible. There are persecuted believers who still don't own a Bible because it's not easily accessible in their countries because it's illegal or it's available but not in a language they can understand. So when believers receive Bibles, they rejoice upon being gifted their own Bible, and they treasure it like gold.

An Open Doors worker in Africa that helped to distribute Bibles among young people has seen firsthand how precious this Book is and how important it is to make it more accessible so believers can grow in their faith. That is why he's so thankful for your support in helping make Bibles available to believers. "I thank you for your contribution to spread the Kingdom of God," he said.

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#### 19 Israel and Palestine

Pray that our projects in this region will follow a heavenly agenda and that it will change lives as the people we encounter deepen their relationships with the Lord.

#### 20 Iraq

Secret believers in remote locations desperately need communion with other believers to know they are not alone. Pray that they would sense God's presence even more keenly when they feel isolated.

# 21 Libya

It's a risk for people in Libya to reach out to help persecuted believers. Pray for the protection of kind souls who try to help.

# 22 Libya

Pray for perseverance for believers who are struggling to live a normal life after they have become believers and followers of lesus Christ.

#### 23 Morocco

Laila\* found faith in Jesus, but at the cost of losing her husband through divorce. Laila is struggling as a single mother to make ends meet. Pray for financial blessings in Laila's life.

## 24 Heritage Day

Unlike an earthly heritage that is temporary, our heritage in Christ promises eternal life. Today, as we remember our earthly heritage, let's praise God for our spiritual heritage and invest our lives in service to that heritage.

#### 25 Sri Lanka

Many persecuted believers have been isolated by their communities, and

schoolchildren face persecution at school. Pray that God will strengthen persecuted Christians in Sri Lanka.

#### 26 Yemen

Pray for divine connections between genuine people seeking Christ and Biblebelieving online platforms that provide discipleship classes.

#### 27 Jordan

Last year, several Christian men from a Muslim background were interrogated. One was beaten with a metal chair and suffered liver damage. Pray for healing for these men and endurance for Jordanian Christians amid persecution.

#### 28 Palestinian territories

Pray for spiritual mothers and fathers to disciple the small group of Believers from a Muslim Background in the region and for the Holy Spirit to transform their family members' hearts towards them and their faith.

#### 29 Middle East

Some women benefit from the Open Doors discipleship training for women, while others struggle to accept the Bible's teaching on women. Pray for wisdom for the women who teach these courses and those who attend.

# 30 Nigeria

Nine years after Boko Haram kidnapped over 270 Chibok schoolgirls, 96 remain captive. Continue praying for their safe return and that the girls and their families will not give up trusting in the Lord to deliver them.

<sup>\*</sup>Names changed for security purposes.