April 26 | BRUNEI
Pray that God would grant boldness among Brunei youth to boldly express their faith in Christ and overcome the constant pressure to convert to Islam. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them both wisdom and strength.

April 27 | MALAYSIA
Pray for Amri Che Mat (missing since November 24, 2016) and Pastor Joshua Hilmy and his wife, Ruth Sitepu (missing since November 30, 2016). Pray for further “breaks” in their cases and, ultimately, safe return to their families.

April 28 | BHUTAN
A Drukpa father Urgen* and his son Tashi* were summoned to the district court for false allegations. Please pray with them to find favor with the court.

April 29 | IRAN
Pray with imprisoned house church leaders in Iran’s notorious Evin prison. Let’s pray that God would create ways to bring each of these believers comfort, strength and even a Bible.

April 30 | NIGERIA
Pray with Gyang Adamu, 27, son of the village pastor. In one night, Gyang lost his whole family in a deadly Fulani militant herdsmen attack. Through your support, he is getting trauma care and funds to complete his studies.

*Names changed to protect identities

April 21 | TOP 50 PERSECUTED COUNTRIES
Pray with persecuted believers in places like Iran who will risk jail and attack to come together to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. And pray for protection from violence.

April 22 | ANGOLA
More than 2,000 churches have been shut down, and 1,000 more churches face closure if they don’t prove they have 100,000 members in 30 days. “We need prayer,” a pastor said anonymously. “Please pray with us, as we belong to the same Body of Christ.”

April 23 | SYRIA
Pray for the strength and growth of several initiatives created to help the church in Syria remain strong, including a women’s ministry and a program for youth and children leaders.

April 24 | INDONESIA
Indonesia has the largest population of Muslims in the world—approximately 13 percent. Pray for churches as they minister. Ask God to show them how to connect with Muslims in relevant ways.

Believers

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
– Romans 6:4

April 25 | CHINA
Please pray with Uyghur Christians who have been detained along with hundreds of thousands of Muslim Uyghurs held in re-education centers.

*Representative photo used to protect identity.
The women of the persecuted church—in April, Open Doors is focusing on this group crucial to the spread of the gospel and thriving of the global Body of Christ. Throughout the world, women and girls are doubly persecuted: for their faith and for their gender. We invite you to step into their stories and pray with these sisters in Christ.

April 1 | VIETNAM
Pray for healing for two sisters, Diep* and Ha,* who were praying in Diep’s home when two men barged in. “You believe in a strange religion!” they shouted. “You should give up your faith!” But the women refused. For an hour, the men tortured them, leaving the sisters with injuries and emotional wounds.

April 2 | GUINEA
Anne Marie grew up in a traditional religion but accepted Jesus as her Savior last July. Since then, she has faced hatred and refusal of basic needs, such as food and shelter. Pray with this sister, that God will place people in her path to provide for her needs and help her grow in her faith.

April 3 | BANGLADESH
Pray that Open Doors’ training for women’s discipleship and adult literacy training will bless local believers. Pray for safe travels and active participation.

April 4 | MYANMAR
Pastors’ wives from different villages and towns will be coming together today for a three-day training. The women are traveling long distances on motorcycles and must go through a strict security check. Pray for traveling mercies and safe passage.

April 5 | MALAYSIA
At the end of last year, the elderly mother of abducted Pastor Raymond Koh passed away. His wife, Susanna, asks us to pray for God’s comfort for their children and the salvation of family members who don’t yet know the Lord.

April 6 | TAJIKISTAN
Please pray with Sitora,* a 17-year-old girl who was brutally beaten by her elder Muslim brother. She still can’t visit church or communicate with other believers. She reads the Bible only late at night while hiding under a blanket. Please keep praying for Sitora’s faith and strength and also for her brother’s salvation.

April 7 | VIETNAM
Pray for women believers who will participate in Open Doors’ women’s training in various regions. Most participants are tribal believers who are ill-educated. And some training venues are in areas closely monitored by the government.

April 8 | KYRGYZSTAN
A word from Eldos, survivor of violent attacks by Muslim extremists. In November, we asked you to write to him and his sister: “Dear brothers and sisters who pray for us all over the world! This is the real reflection of God’s love!”

April 9 | BHUTAN
Praise the Lord for the successful graduation of Bhutanese women from a women’s leadership training program where the women learned their true worth as daughters of Christ.

April 10 | LEBANON
Continue praying for incredible opportunities for the church in Lebanon as they share Jesus with those who never heard much about Him before.

April 11 | VIETNAM
For weeks, local authorities set up two large speakers outside a local church every Saturday, but the church stood firm in their faith and never gave up on their worship. Praise God for their strength.

April 12 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
Praise God for a debriefing and counseling seminar for 32 new believers who left Islam to follow Jesus. “We are all broken,” said May,* a counseling participant. “Only God can heal us.” Pray that the Lord will continue to lead these believers.

April 13 | MYANMAR
Praise the Lord for the successful graduation of 21 leaders from Bible study training for pastors and leaders. More than 60 pastors and leaders completed this training.

April 14 | EGYPT
Pray with church leaders who will minister to their congregations amid horrific memories of church bombings. Ask God to give them words of comfort and strength for all those grieving.

April 15 | MALAYSIA
Continue to pray for strength and comfort for the family of missing Pastor Raymond Koh. Pray also for the wisdom and safety of the team tirelessly working on this case.

April 16 | SRI LANKA
Pastor Ranjit* was abducted by kidnappers who tortured him and threatened to kill his wife if he didn’t stop his ministry. Pray for healing and protection for this pastor and his family.

April 17 | INDIA
Pray with Pastor Biswas today. He was attacked by 10 Hindu extremists and forced to pay eight months’ salary in exchange for his life. Open Doors has helped the family get back on their feet, but they still fear for their children’s safety.

April 18 | LAOS
Recent research reveals the northern Hong* Province is one of the country’s most difficult places for believers. Most of the area’s Christians must gather secretly. Pray for strong Laotian Christians.

April 19 | BHUTAN
Open Doors recently organized a youth retreat to help young believers deepen their faith and be salt and light to their non-believing friends. Pray for them.

April 20 | NIGERIA
The Christian population in Kebbi State has grown from .3 percent in 1952 to almost 25 percent today. Praise God for the growth, and pray for pastors’ wisdom as they disciple Nigerians.