

Iraq

- ❑ Thank God for the new Christian school, St. Joseph in Qaraqosh—once an ISIS base. Pray for the teachers and students as God uses them to be His witnesses in their community, country and world.
- ❑ Pray for the staff of our partner organization who work hard to reach the Christian villages and towns throughout Iraq. They provide training courses for women and youth, empowering to be leaders in their churches and communities.
- ❑ Pray for protection of people travelling on the Iraqi roads. The heavy rain of the past months caused deep holes in many streets. The main road (hundreds of large trucks, as well as many passenger cars, travel it daily to get to the Christian village of Alqosh) is especially damaged.
- ❑ Praise God that Christians and churches throughout Iraq were safe during Easter. Christians observed Holy Week without any harassment or attacks from extremists still active in Iraq. Ask God to continue to strengthen their faith and to surround them with peace and security.
- ❑ Pray for those with chronic diseases. Many can't afford the high costs of medicine needed to treat their disease and most have no medical insurance. Because of this, their health is worsening. Pray for healing and medical provision.

Syria

- ❑ Thank God that Open Doors could help get several income-generating projects off the ground in the past few months. The strategy is to help promising small businesses. Pray these family-run businesses will support them and their communities.
- ❑ Pray that the church in Syria will play a positive role in reconciliation and the country's rebuilding. Pray Christians will be included in all levels of reconciliation initiatives.
- ❑ Pray for the Center of Hope activities in Mashta Al Helou. The center focuses on children, offering English classes, music lessons and discipleship. "We want to invest in the children, in their future but also in their spiritual life," says Noura—one of the Center's volunteers.
- ❑ Pray for the many destitute Syrians like Amer Kadi in Aleppo. After receiving a food package with our support, Amer says, "The conditions became so difficult, and for this reason we need aid ... This makes a very big difference for us. There are four of us benefiting from this package."
- ❑ Pray for strength for the many volunteers who serve in the Centers of Hope all over Syria. Many young adults and elderly people serve the Syrian people in these ministries. These life-giving Centers can't function without their help and dedication.

*Representative names and photos are sometimes used to protect identity.