August 19 | CHINA
Pray with church leaders in Central China. Increasing persecution has strengthened their resolve to make disciples. Says church leader Bai Yahui:* “We agreed that when one of us is arrested, another will pick up the work.”

August 20 | COLOMBIA
Praise God for 11 young people who graduated with their high school degree in one of Open Doors’ children’s centers. Mario shares: “Although we arrived with very little, today we leave with a lot. Because here, we were able to start again.”

August 21 | MIDDLE EAST
Pray for Christians meeting in secret house churches all over this region. Often, meeting in secret is the only safe way to meet, particularly for Christians who converted from Islam. Pray for strength for these church leaders and protection from oppression.

August 22 | INDONESIA
Agung Kurnia Ritonga is a 22-year-old college student recently sentenced to 18 months in prison for insulting Islam. Pray with him in the coming months.

August 23 | NORTH KOREA
North Korea has announced a food shortage of 1.4 million tons, cutting daily food rations in half. Pray with parents struggling to feed their families. Ask God to lead them to hidden manna.

August 24 | EGYPT
Mohammed* and Mostafa* are two cousins who escaped their family to secretly follow Jesus. Pray with them as they connect with other Christians online and visit secret meetings.

August 25 | EAST AFRICA
Farah* is one of the few Somalis who has made the life-threatening choice to follow Jesus. He has lost the tribal community Somalis normally enjoy. Pray specifically for Christian community in the Horn of Africa.

August 26 | SOUTH ASIA
Today, pray with two brothers sentenced to death for blasphemy. God, we boldly ask for the release of these men and pray with their families.

August 27 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
Pray with Christians whose village was attacked. Six Christians, including three women and a 9-year-old child, were killed. Pray they would sense the prayers of the global body of Christ.

August 28 | IRAQ
Today marks five years since ISIS militants invaded Qaraqosh, Iraq’s largest Christian town. The towns were freed two years later. Pray as returning Christians rebuild their homes, communities and lives.

August 29 | SYRIA
Pray for the “Widows Project” that delivers much-needed home-cooked meals to the elderly and widows.

August 30 | IRAQ
Pray that corruption will end in Iraq. Actions of the country’s politicians, lawmakers, judges and business people are creating poverty and unemployment.

August 31 | SYRIA
Several groups of women recently finished their training for trauma healing. Pray for them as they work with children and youth in their communities.

*Representative name or photo used to protect identity.
Monthy Focus | INDIA

For the first time, India entered the top 10 on the 2019 World Watch List. Research indicates that in 2018, more than 12,000 attacks on Christians were reported (many go unreported). This month, we invite you to pray with us for our Indian brothers and sisters.

August 1 | INDIA
Pray with three Christians who were sharing Christ when a mob of extremists beat them so badly their wooden sticks broke apart. Pray for healing and protection for all who share Jesus in India.

August 2 | INDIA
In parts of India, it’s common for Christians to be cut off from water supplies and government-subsidized groceries. Today, pray with Christians struggling to feed their families because they’ve said yes to Jesus.

August 3 | INDIA
Pray with 15 Christian families who were severely beaten by villagers instigated by extremists. In one incident, eight families were attacked during a Christian wedding. The other seven were assaulted during an attack on their new church that was burned to the ground.

August 4 | INDIA
Continue to pray with the family of Pastor Gideon Periyaswamy in Tamil Nadu state. He was found hung from the thatched roof of his house after he complained to police about opposition from radical Hindus. Pray for comfort, strength and provision.

August 5 | INDIA
Today, pray with Indian Christians who live in rural areas, making them extremely vulnerable to village leaders and anti-conversion laws. Christians in rural areas were told one church would be closed every week because they have been “destroying” local tradition.

August 6 | INDIA
Kuldeep is a pastor and evangelist who has endured threats and violence, including a near-fatal stabbing with an axe. Praise God for this miracle; ask Him to quiet the fears of this family.

August 7 | MYANMAR
Pray with the widow and three young children of Pastor Tom Nu who was kidnapped and killed. He spent his life planting multiple churches. Pray for the safety of Christians in Rakhine State.

August 8 | COLOMBIA
The church in Colombia is under attack. At the beginning of 2019, two pastors were killed. Pray for comfort and provision for the families and churches of Pastors Estrada and Molina.

August 9 | BANGLADESH
Pray with 62-year-old Elahi Mondol, a lay pastor. He is persecuted ruthlessly by the local imam, including a recent ploy to falsely accuse him of a crime. Pray with him, his family and local believers that face trials for their conversion.

August 10 | CHINA
Authorities are intensifying their crackdown in rural areas, offering money to anyone who reports a group of believers. “I’m afraid that it will be difficult to continue to hold gatherings,” a Chinese lay leader said. Pray with these house churches.

August 11 | MALAYSIA
Pray with Pastor Nora and her husband, Daniel, as they give up their dream of children. If Nora’s conversion from Islam was discovered, any child they had would be taken away by Islamic authorities.

August 12 | EGYPT
Egypt recently legalized 156 more churches, bringing the total to 783. But more than 3,000 are still waiting approval. Pray for protection and action.

August 13 | TANZANIA
Pray with a church whose members are traumatized by attacks on their pastor. They are wondering, What if the attack is worse the next time?

August 14 | NIGERIA
Continue to pray with us for Rebecca Sharibu and her 15-year-old daughter, Leah. Leah remains in Boko Haram captivity. We pray for her release and strength for the Sharibu family.

August 15 | MALAYSIA
Susanna Koh continues to ask for prayer for her abducted husband, Pastor Raymond Koh: “Thank you for your prayers. Some of us have been threatened, but the prayers really make a difference.”

August 16 | MOROCCO
The church in Morocco consists mainly of believers from a Muslim background. Pray with two students—Nadeem,* 21, and Fatima,* 20—who live as secret believers after their families threatened their lives.

August 17 | COLOMBIA
Pray with the widow of Pastor Estrada. When Luisa learned of his death, she suffered a nervous breakdown. Pray for strength for the now-single parent and her two children.

August 18 | INDONESIA
Diva,* 19, secretly participates in a discipleship class Open Doors supports. A former Muslim, she is one of the future leaders of the church. Pray with her and others committed to expanding the Kingdom.