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Courageous house church leader in Central Asia

Anastasia* is a house church leader from Central Asia. She has led many to faith in Christ, but has also faced monitoring by the police and threats against her life. Thanks to your support and prayers, Anastasia started holding retreats for women and children in the mountains. She says: "During the retreat, we have Bible studies together. We also teach the women how to serve their non-believing relatives, [especially] when families have problems with abuse, alcohol and drug addiction. This retreat is the only place they can rest."

July 20

Pray families will be restored through these retreats.

July 21

Pray for the house churches led by Anastasia that gather illegally.

July 22

Pray for protection for Anastasia's marriage with her husband, Sasha.*

July 23

Pray the retreats will be protected.

July 24

Pray Anastasia and Sasha would have discernment about attacks from Satan on their marriage and ministry.

July 25

Pray Anastasia will be able to feel the prayers of believers around the world and be encouraged.

July 26

Thank God for the growing house church movement in Central Asia.



Hope for the Middle East

Nineteen Centers of Hope have been opened in Syria, as extensions of the church to the people in the community. The Center of Hope in the city of Latakia offers programs such as classes for children who can't afford tutoring, vocational courses for women who must provide for their families and classes that teach teenagers how to handle their emotions in healthy ways.

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July 27

Pray the teens in these classes would learn their lives matter.

July 28

Pray children would learn to handle their emotions in healthy ways.

July 29

Pray the volunteers of the Latakia Center of Hope have wisdom.

July 30

Pray women would be able to use their new hairdressing and sewing skills to help provide for their families.

July 31

Pray all people who come into the Centers of Hope would experience the love of Christ and come to know Him personally.



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Church burned to ashes in India

In India, Pastor Sameer* and other believers in his village faced brutal persecution from their community. As the number of believers in the village grew, so did the opposition; Christians were told to renounce their faith ... or else. Finally, Hindu extremists accused the Christians of opposing Hindu tradition and the culture of India by embracing Christianity; the extremists burned the small hut used for church fellowship.

Sameer's immediate concern was to find a safe place for the believers to continue their regular prayer meetings. When partners of Open Doors heard about the situation, they arranged to assist the Christians in the area by constructing a hall where they could once again meet for worship and prayer.

July 1

Pray for the safety of Pastor Sameer and his congregation as they continue to live in the same village where their church was burned.

July 2

Pray the gospel would continue to spread in India.

July 3

Thank God for a new church building that can accommodate more people.

July 4

Pray the believers in the village remain strong in their faith as they face social pressure from the community.

July 5

Pray the witness of believers would be strong to other villagers and extremists.

July 6

Pray for the safety of people who are coming from other villages to the church.

July 7

Pray Pastor Sameer would have wisdom and discernment in leading.



Young people worship Jesus in Laos despite persecution

Ouk* grew up angry, wanting to be a gangster so he could get revenge for his father, who was in jail for his faith until Ouk was 7. But when he was 8 or 9, God caught ahold of Ouk's heart. "Instead of being a gangster, He told me to be a better guy who shares the gospel," Ouk shares. "God does not want me to be a gangster but to be a leader." Now, Ouk's dream is to be a worship leader.

Recently, Ouk and others got to attend a Music and Worship Training conducted by partners of Open Doors like Naomi*, a local coordinator. Naomi shares: "This worship training is intended for the youth. We teach music to them, its theory and the right discipline of worship through music."

July 8

Pray with Naomi that these young people will grow more in their faith. Pray that when they grow up, they will also teach new leaders.

July 9

Pray training coordinators will have renewed energy for teaching and sharing their gifts.

July 10

Pray for the young leaders like Ouk, that they would be encouraged to stand for Jesus, despite the situation in Laos.

July 11

Pray for Naomi's family and their ministry in Laos and the difficulties they face.

July 12

Pray the church in Laos will be strengthened by the training Ouk and the other young leaders receive.

July 13

Pray the government of Laos will have open minds and hearts and accept the believers.

July 14

Pray the Lord will continually bless training coordinators and their families.



A divine appointment in Malaysia

Recently, some of our local partners visited Malaysia. They met Pastor Raphael* and Pastor Jason*, two church leaders in Malaysia.

Jason shared he is leading a church of over 260 believers who are mostly illiterate and in desperate need of the Bible. Our partner remembered they had brought USB drives with the entire Bible in audio format—"just in case." They happily gave these to Jason who was overjoyed: "Thank you! I really needed this! Praise God!"

July 15

Pray for our partners as they travel around the region to support ministry workers.

July 16

Pray the faith of the believers who receive the audio Bibles would grow.

July 17

Praise God for His faithfulness in giving these Malaysian believers what they need.

July 18

Pray for more divine appointments for our partners.

July 19

Pray Jason's and Raphael's faith would be renewed and grow through this experience.