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PRESENT. ALWAYS.

2025: A Year in Review



388+ MILLION CHRISTIANS ARE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH

***“If one part suffers,
every part suffers
with it.”***

1 CORINTHIANS 12:26



Michael is one of the few remaining Christians in Iraq. Family members have been killed. His parents have left.

But your support means Michael is not alone. You stand with his family and his church through your gifts and prayers.

“My faith in Jesus Christ is big,” says Michael. “I believe God called me to serve, and serving gives me strength. The Lord never forgets anyone.”

ABOUT OPEN DOORS

“Strengthen what remains and is about to die.”

Those were the words given to a young Dutch missionary more than 70 years ago – and they’ve shaped a global ministry to the persecuted church ever since.

It was back in 1955 that Andrew van der Bijl went to Communist Poland with a suitcase full of gospel tracts. Behind the Iron Curtain, he found isolated Christians who thought the world had forgotten them, and churches desperately in need of Bibles.

He prayed, opened his Bible and this is what God said: *“Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die.”* (Revelation 3:2)

That man became known as Brother Andrew, that verse became his mission – and his trip changed the world.

Brother Andrew founded Open Doors and made countless journeys across Europe, smuggling Bibles in his blue VW Beetle. As the ministry grew, other needs emerged. As well as Bibles, persecuted Christians around the world needed leadership, education, practical support.

Today, one in seven believers worldwide are persecuted for their faith. Thanks to the faithful support of people like you, they are not alone.

Open Doors works in almost 70 countries to strengthen the persecuted church with Bibles, emergency relief and training. Your gifts and prayers support millions of believers risking everything to follow Jesus.

Even as persecution intensifies, the world becomes more unstable, and it becomes harder than ever to serve our suffering brothers and sisters, we stand with those who share our faith but not our freedom.

Thank you.



One day. That's all it took for Islamic militants to destroy Jemal's home and everything he'd worked for...

"They turned it all to ash," says Jemal. "I gave up."

Your support provided Jemal with the help he desperately needed. Now he and his family are rebuilding their life. "I still have hope," says Jemal.

"Our God can do everything."



FROM ALEX

Thank you for your extraordinary support in 2025. Thank you for serving, giving, caring and praying. Thank you being present, always, with Christians suffering for their faith.

You helped to provide our persecuted brothers and sisters with more than six million acts of support in 2025.

I'm deeply grateful to you – but, more importantly, so are your Christian family...

From the grieving widow in Nigeria who received trauma counselling – thank you.

From the underground church which received Bibles and training – thank you.

From the displaced Christians in Myanmar who received emergency aid – thank you.

Every act of support you provided – from Bibles to discipleship training, crisis relief to advocacy support – made a difference. With your help, believers risking everything for Jesus were never alone.

2025 has also been a year of foundation-building for Open Doors, as we renew our commitment to the most persecuted believers.

We are reassessing our programmes and rebuilding our infrastructure to ensure Open Doors remains finely tuned to support Christians who suffer most for their faith. In this transition phase, as we're adjusting and re-designing, many programmes are still in the early stages.

This means that during 2025 we've spent more time listening deeply to the persecuted church, understanding their needs, and building relationships to deliver the right acts of support for each persecuted believer.

But even amid transition, one thing has not changed: your support is as powerful as ever.

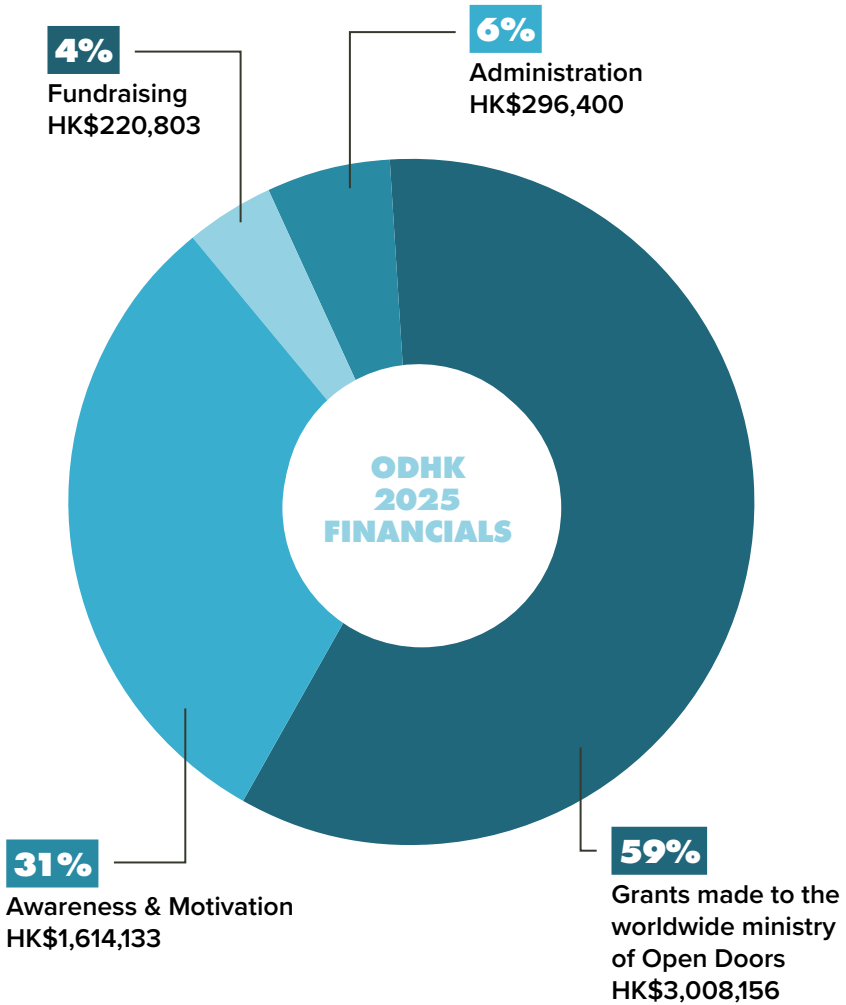
You are standing with your persecuted brothers and sisters just as firmly as before. You continue to strengthen Christians risking everything to follow Jesus. And your love and care still means *everything* to the persecuted church. Once again, *thank you*.



Alex Kan
Church Relations Officer
Open Doors Hong Kong

OPEN DOORS HONG KONG'S FINANCIALS

Your generosity in 2025 was overwhelming. Thank you for your faithful and steadfast support for persecuted Christians. Here's how gifts from Open Doors Hong Kong were used...



Our audited financial report is available on request, please contact us at enquiryhk@od.org

OPEN DOORS' GLOBAL SUPPORT

Your gifts, and the gifts of people around the world, were invested wisely and carefully to support the most persecuted Christians. Here's how Open Doors' global income was spent on ministry...

6%

Advocacy support

7%

Socio-economic support

6%

Presence ministry and research

20%

Bibles and Christian literature

61%

Biblical training

**GLOBAL
SUPPORT
2025**



YOUR GLOBAL IMPACT



PRESENCE SUPPORT
doubled compared to 2024



ALMOST 2/3
of acts of support strengthened
believers to be salt and light



61% OF ACTS OF SUPPORT
in 2025 was for biblical training



\$8 OUT OF EVERY \$10
was spent on socio-economic relief
projects and biblical training



\$73.5M
spent on supporting the
persecuted church in 2025



1.2M
Bibles and Christian
literature were distributed

Three things the numbers don't tell you

1

THE POWER OF PRESENCE

Being with persecuted Christians – meeting them, person-to-person, to pray and encourage them – is our most powerful ministry. We've gone to great lengths to connect with remote, hard-to-reach believers.



Your support allows Open Doors partners to walk alongside this displaced house church, in Myanmar

2

RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY

We've invested heavily in 2025 in building relationships with new partners, to enable us to reach the most persecuted Christians in the coming years.



You helped provide support for converts who in turn disciple others, like Mama Alemu in Ethiopia

3

COLLABORATIVE, LOCAL MINISTRY IS STRONGEST

We produced stronger and more sustainable impact when we worked with local churches of all denominations to provide holistic support.



Your support strengthens churches for greater impact, like this fellowship in Syria

YOUR HELP REACHING AROUND THE WORLD

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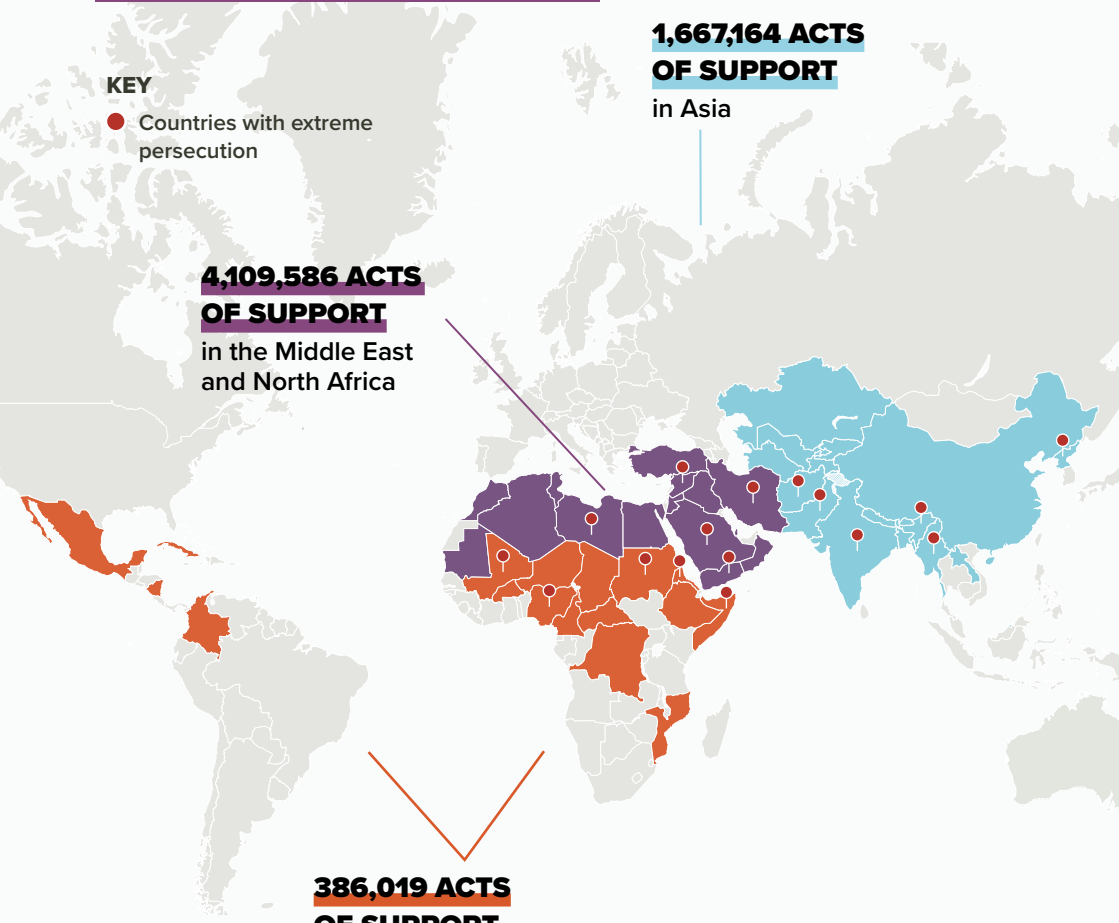
- Countries with extreme persecution

1,667,164 ACTS OF SUPPORT
in Asia

4,109,586 ACTS OF SUPPORT
in the Middle East and North Africa

386,019 ACTS OF SUPPORT
in Africa and Latin America

6,162,769 ACTS OF SUPPORT
globally



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

ALICA'S STORY

“What scared me most was that they would kill us. Burn us alive, one by one.”

No one should face this fear. Especially not a child. Yet these words are spoken by 12-year-old Alicia, from Oaxaca, Mexico, as she remembers the terrifying persecution directed at her family.

When Alicia's father refused to take part in local indigenous worship practices, it sparked fury among villagers. They cut off the family's electricity and water, seized their land, and banned the children from going to school.

But, when everything seemed hopeless, you stepped in with generous acts of support.

Open Doors local partners visited Alicia's community. Your gifts helped Alicia's family start a small sheep-breeding project, giving them a livelihood, dignity and purpose. You also provided persecution training to 12 families, strengthening their faith.

“God sent his children to comfort us and give us strength,” says Alicia. “They gave us words of encouragement. That was what we needed.” Alicia started a diary, writing the names of people who hurt the family so she could pray for them.

Then one day, incredibly, the village leaders agreed to talk. The family's electricity and water was reconnected. Rights were restored. Now Alicia's family remain in the village, living as salt and light.

“We saw your support as an answer from God,” says Alicia. “God is telling me, *Don't be afraid, I'm here.*”



Your support strengthened Alicia's faith and sustained her family

YOUR IMPACT IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

Killings. Mass displacement. Extreme violence... Persecution of Christians in Africa is severe.

The world's most violent persecution takes place in Sub-Saharan Africa, where 14 countries are on the World Watch List. It's driven by Islamic extremism and, increasingly, adherents to African traditional religions.

Meanwhile in Latin America, persecution is driven by drug cartels and organised crime. In these volatile, dangerous regions, your support was vital.



386,019

acts of support were provided to persecuted Christians



27%

of global funding supported Christians in this region



ALMOST 1/3

of socio-economic funds were spent in this region

HOW YOU HELPED IN 2025

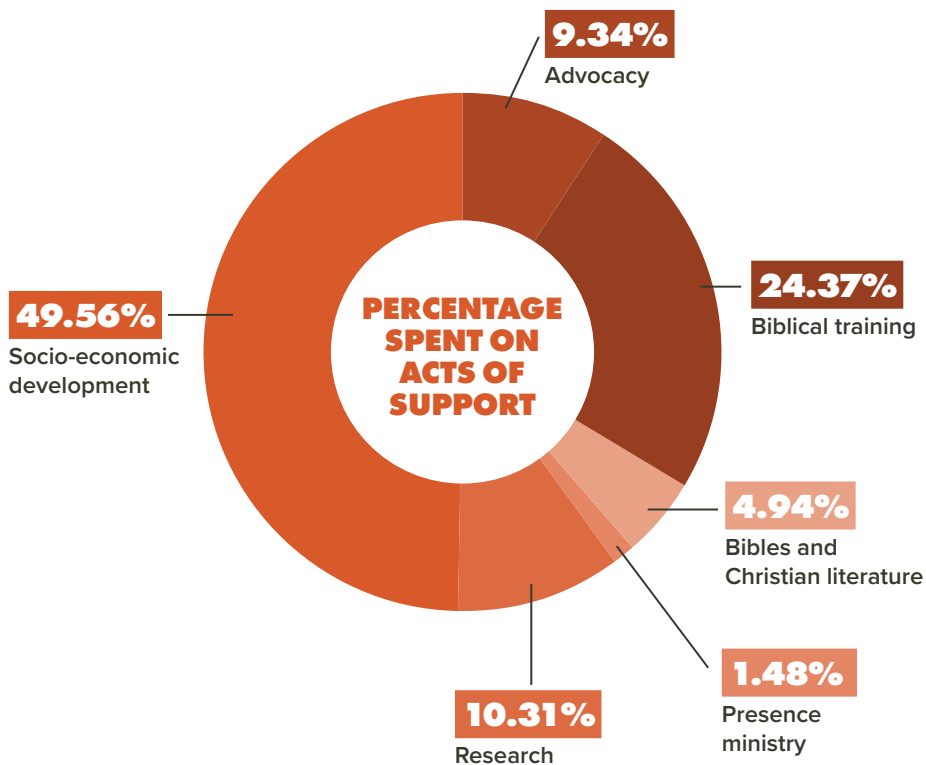
Your generous support had a powerful impact in this region.

As part of the Arise Africa campaign, advocacy efforts strengthened church leaders to stand against violent persecution. We saw leaders confidently engage with authorities and institutions, replacing the culture of silence and fear with informed, collective advocacy rooted in faith.

You also provided trauma care, psychological support, safe havens, and food and medical aid in Africa. Recovery takes time, but steadfast care and follow-up visits remind persecuted Christians that they are seen, accompanied and valued.

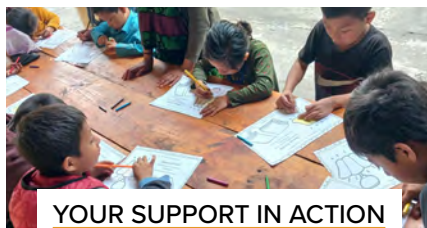
In African nations like Somalia, Togo and Nigeria – greater internet access meant an exponential increase in online acts of support such as digital biblical training, and a reduced need for physical distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

Meanwhile, in Latin America, our renewed commitment to the most persecuted Christians meant we saw more acts of support in Cuba, Mexico and Nicaragua, an end to ministry in Bolivia and a new way of supporting children in Colombia and Venezuela.



NIGERIA

A new approach to supporting displaced Christians was piloted in Nigeria in 2025. Instead of giving food and goods, we provided people with cash vouchers – to increase their sense of freedom, choice and dignity. New early recovery interventions, like vocational training, also helped people get back on their feet faster.



MEXICO

Displaced families were supported more effectively and given greater stability when we began to provide time-bound rent support, and food vouchers (rather than food) to enable dignity and choice. As a result, the community was more empowered, less dependent, and school re-enrolment increased.

YOUR IMPACT IN ASIA

Intense persecution has been the picture across Asia in 2025.

Restrictive laws, tight surveillance and social hostility impact Christians, and converts are especially targeted for extreme violence.

Raids on church gatherings have driven believers further underground in places like Laos, while mob violence continued unabated in India and Pakistan. For Christians tightly squeezed by persecution, your support has been a lifeline.



1,667,164

acts of support were provided to persecuted Christians



43%

of global funding supported Christians in this region



3/4 OF FUNDS

for Bibles and Christian literature were spent here

HOW YOU HELPED IN 2025

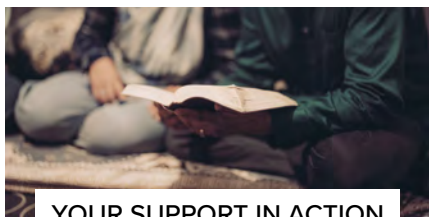
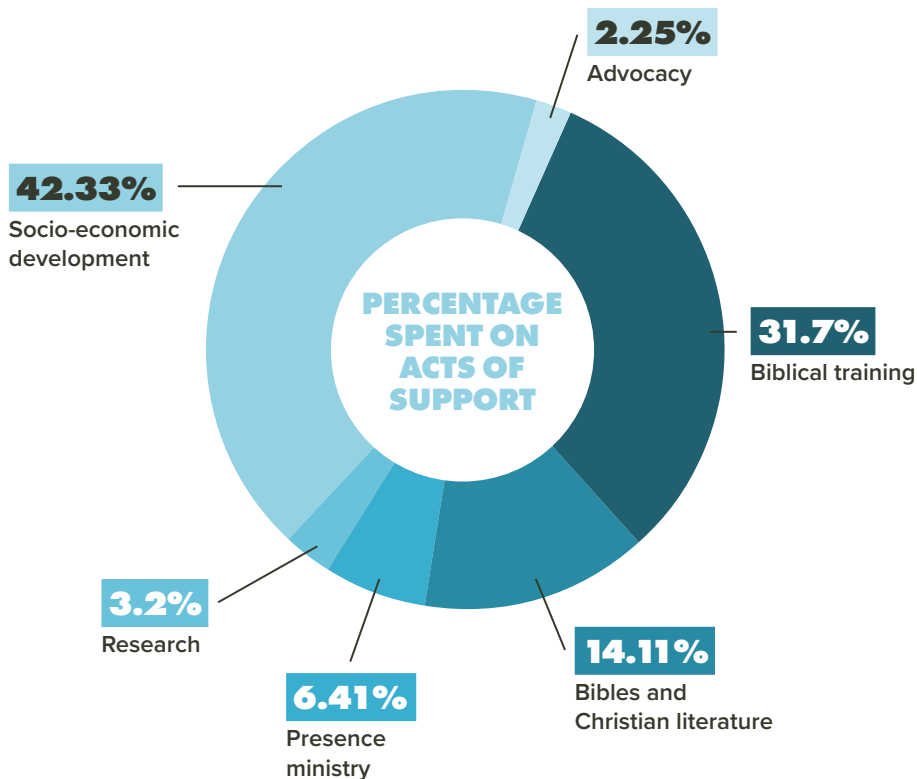
Your investment established a solid base for work in Asia for the coming years.

For many countries in South East Asia, 2025 was the first year of a new cycle of ministry. Your support took us into new areas, listening to believers and connecting with new churches. This requires time and effort to establish and consequently led to a reduction in activity in countries like Pakistan, Brunei and Vietnam.

In Myanmar, your generosity provided immediate relief to Christians affected by a devastating earthquake in March 2025, and more support for people displaced by conflict and persecution.

Meanwhile, spending increased in North Korea where Christians received digital Scripture. Countries like India saw a dramatic reduction in the distribution of printed Bibles and Christian literature as more people now have access to the internet and digital resources.

In 2025, your generosity also equipped persecuted Christians with legal knowledge to protect their religious rights.



AFGHANISTAN

Church life remains entirely underground, but your support continued to reach Christians in Afghanistan. With the oppressive regime driving people to seek hope, many engaged with our radio broadcasts and discipleship. Thanks to you, we answered more phone calls from seekers, and provided more Bibles than expected.



SOUTH EAST ASIA

Thanks to your generosity, tribal believers in South East Asia are becoming salt and light in their communities. Many churches used their small budget for things like fixing the local hall or teaching people to read, and this is leading to creative outreach opportunities, particularly around Christmas time.

YOUR IMPACT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

War and instability is reshaping life across this region.

From Gaza and Lebanon, to Iran, Syria and Yemen, Christians are exposed and vulnerable. Many believers have fled in search of safety. Those who remain, especially believers from Muslim backgrounds, face tight surveillance, arrest and growing hostility.

During the year, we saw a 47% increase in reported persecution in the Persian-speaking world. Your support ensured Christians here were not alone.



4,109,586

acts of support were provided to persecuted Christians



30%

of global funding supported Christians in this region



47%

of biblical training and discipleship funds were spent here

HOW YOU HELPED IN 2025

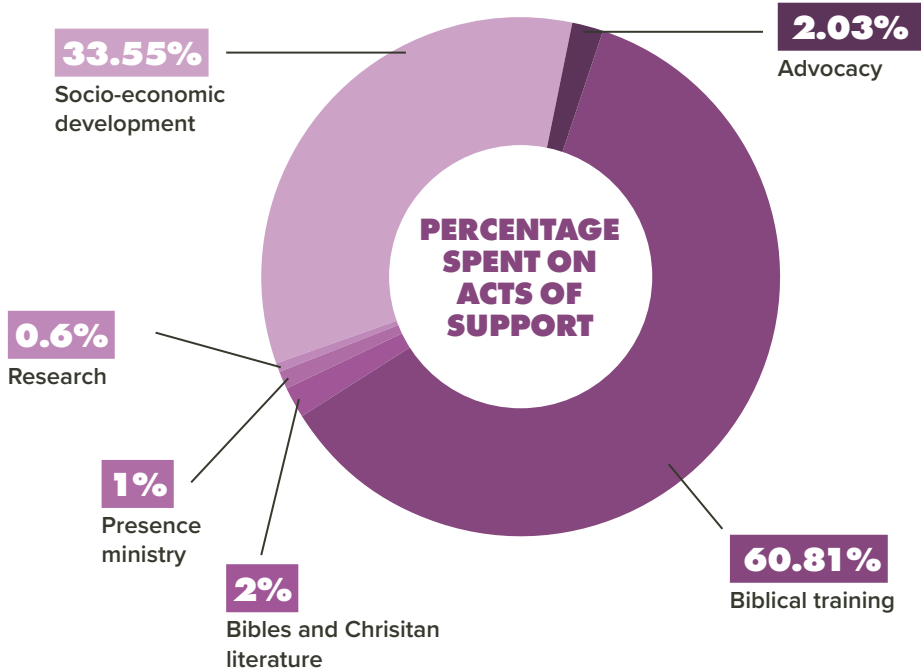
Your generous support strengthened the church across this region.

Ministry in Egypt increased by 30%, and across the Middle East, the number of churches you supported grew from 6,050 to 6,678. Our vision is to see churches become Centres of Hope within their communities, and you made this happen in 2025. Many Muslim seekers came to us through the internet, and we connected them with follow-up teams and local believers.

Meanwhile, your support helped run training for church leaders, to encourage them to address injustice and serve their communities – for example, in Gaza.

There was a deliberate shift in acts of support from large-scale online training to more local, high-impact interventions. One significant online ministry (a third of our biblical training acts of support) was passed onto a partner, freeing up funding for new activities in future.

In nations such as Israel, Egypt, Yemen and Jordan, you provided at least 40% more acts of support to persecuted Christians.



SYRIA

Sudden regime change caused deep uncertainty for the Christian community, and your support provided trauma counselling, starting with women and children, and livelihood training. Through 248 microloan projects, we have seen meaningful and lasting change among Christian families as they rebuild their lives and regain a sense of dignity and stability.



PERSIAN-SPEAKING WORLD

With a totalitarian regime tightening its grip, your generosity helped run 15 leadership seminars in 2025. Through these, 347 people received training on biblical leadership, discipleship and how to remain resilient amid persecution. Surveys suggested 90% of participants put their training into use within weeks.



**"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfil
the law of Christ."**

GALATIANS 6:2

After Rikfatu* was kidnapped and violently raped by Fulani militants, she lost all hope. But, thanks to your compassion and care, this young Christian is beginning to heal.

*Name changed for her safety

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

SOMAYEH'S STORY

Secret believer Somayeh endured extreme persecution in Iran. Your acts of support give her strength to minister to other Christian women.

Somayeh* glanced at the table in panic as her husband entered the kitchen. But it was too late. He'd seen the Bible...

"My husband took the baby from my arms, then he began beating me with his belt," remembers Somayeh, her voice strong despite the horrific memory. "All I could think about was stopping myself from screaming, hoping the baby wouldn't sense what was happening."

FEARLESS FAITH

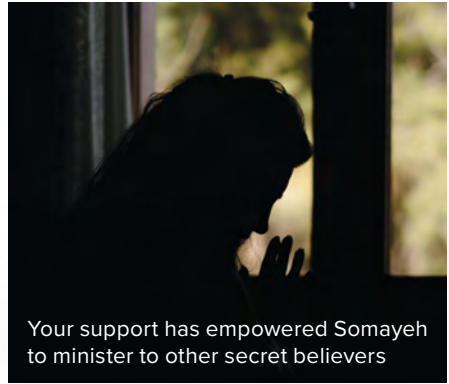
This is just one of the terrifying ordeals Somayeh endured after coming to faith in Jesus.

She'd been a devout Muslim growing up in Iran, praying for hours on end. But it wasn't until Somayeh stepped foot inside a secret church that God touched her heart.

"The presence of God was overwhelming," she said. "It was everything I had longed to feel in my prayers but never did. When I walked out of that church, I felt like a bird released from a cage."

Despite the enormous risk, Somayeh gave her life to Christ. She started an underground house church, and it filled with 50 people. But in a place as dangerous as Iran, persecution was just around the corner...

"I received a call from the intelligence



Your support has empowered Somayeh to minister to other secret believers

service," says Somayeh. "I was terrified, not only of the authorities, but also my husband. I had to flee."

YOUR ACTS OF SUPPORT

Somayeh escaped Iran with her daughter. When she arrived safe in a new country, Somayeh began to receive acts of support, provided by you. She attended Open Doors' leadership training and was encouraged by our partners.

"I'm blessed to pass on what I've received."

Your acts of support strengthened Somayeh so much, she's now ministering to other secret believers – and can't help but share her faith.

"I'm blessed to pass on what I've received, to bless others in return," smiles Somayeh. "It's like being sick and finding a great doctor. Or discovering treasure that gives your life meaning... I can't keep Jesus to myself."

She added, "I am truly grateful from the bottom of my heart to you, who make all this possible. Thank you."

*name changed for her protection

**THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY
SUPPORTING YOUR
PERSECUTED FAMILY.**

**“Strengthen what
remains and is
about to die.”**

REVELATION 3:2



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