

# May continued

**May 21 | LAOS** When their faith is discovered, Laotian Christians receive mounting threats from local officials. Pray for the Christians in these villages to find courage and wisdom as they respond to such pressures. *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* (1 Cor. 15:58)

**May 22 | MALDIVES** Pray for Maldivian believers to persevere despite challenges they face daily and to find rest in the Lord whenever they feel discouraged or frustrated. *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?* (Ps. 42:2)

**May 23 | MYANMAR** Please pray for God's presence to comfort and strengthen the Christians in conflict-ridden Kachin State. *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.* (1 Chron. 16:27)

**May 24 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES** Recently two house churches of MBBs in Sulu received threats. These two MBB house churches are no longer meeting on Sundays due to fear and they have fled to other areas. Please pray for the Christians in Sulu. *"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."* (Ex. 33:14)

**May 25-26 | SRI LANKA** In 2012, Open Doors supported Christian teacher Priyadhashani who taught religion at a public school in Kakirawa. Now, the Christian students in her class have a better chance of getting good grades and advancing to secondary education. Praise God for this outcome! Please continue praying for the 30 Christian teachers that Open Doors supports this year. *... whatever they do prospers.* (Ps. 1:3)

**May 27 | VIETNAM** In May, the house churches begin their preparations for summer children's camps. Please pray for God's favor and protection for the organizers, more so as they approach local officials who issue permits for religious activities. *You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.* (Job 10:12)

**May 28 | INDIA** Please pray for Rev. C.M. Khanna, a pastor in Srinagar (Kashmir Valley) who was falsely accused by radical Islamists and put in jail. A 'fatwa' (death sentence)

was issued against him. Open Doors helped secure his release from jail on bail; however, he and his wife cannot go back to Srinagar. Please pray for him and his wife and for his case in the court. *Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation.* (Ps. 43:1)

**May 29 | NORTH KOREA** Please pray for Christians who live in remote areas and have to do forced labor because they belong to the hostile class. Many are at the risk of losing their faith. *My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.* (Ps. 7:10)

**May 30 | EGYPT** Pray for more opportunities to work with Egyptian churches. *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* (Eph. 4:3)

**May 31 | ERITREA** Pray for the women who are forced to become bread-winners when their husbands are arrested for their faith. May God give them wisdom, strength and provide innovative opportunities for them to take care of their families. *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.* (Phil. 4:19)



Pray for more opportunities for Open Doors to work with the churches in Egypt.

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(Ps. 34:7)

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**May 1 | NORTH KOREA** Continue to pray for Christians who suffer in prisons and labor camps. Some have been tortured so severely that they are deformed and handicapped for life. *May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. (Ps. 72:4)*

**May 2 | EGYPT** Pray that God will provide for the increasing poverty due to the collapsing economy. *"Give us today our daily bread." (Matt. 6:11)*

**May 3 | CHINA** Open Doors is collaborating with ministry partners to launch new Socio-Economic Development (SED) projects for Chinese-speaking Muslim Background Believers (MBBs), with the hope of creating a safe environment for training and discipleship. Pray that the projects would be launched smoothly. *The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD. (Prov. 21:31)*

**May 4-5 | NIGERIA** Boko Haram, an extreme-Islam group, has been behind attacks on Christianity in Northern Nigeria. Pray for Christians who have been bearing the brunt of these attacks. Pray that through Open Doors' work in Nigeria, Christians would be equipped and prepared to respond wisely when they are persecuted.



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**May 6 | NIGER** Pray for the missionaries in remote villages who run small-scale businesses in their private homes as a means to evangelize non-believers. Pray that the Lord will bless their efforts and they will be encouraged to continue and press on with His work. *Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (Eph. 6:10)*

**May 7 | MALI** Pray for the Christians in Mali who have been traumatized by all they have experienced. Pray that the Lord would minister to them through His Holy Spirit as they face their very difficult circumstances there. *Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. (Ps. 62:2)*

**May 8 | ERITREA** The political situation in Eritrea remains uncertain and tense. Please pray for the believers as the resulting increased surveillance directly affects them. Pray that the government will stop suspecting them of cooperating with "external enemies" of the state.



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*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Pet. 2:12)*

**May 9 | NORTH SUDAN** Over the past few months Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) have ordered more than 100 expatriate workers, suspected of being involved in Christian activities, to leave the country or face deportation. Pray that the body of Christ will be able to withstand this onslaught. *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. (Ps. 37:5-6)*

**May 10 | KENYA** Pray for the newly elected government officials. Pray for a smooth transition and more effective governance. Pray that the new system will lead the country into greater prosperity and peace. *In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him. (Prov. 21:1)*

**May 11-12 | TANZANIA** The nation of Tanzania is about to start a constitution review. Pray with the Christians that the Lord will intervene on this matter. *The Lord will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies. (Isa. 42:13)*

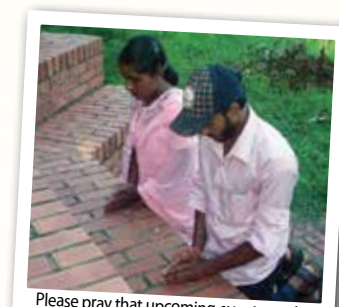
**May 13 | UGANDA** Pray for believers, especially in Muslim-dominated areas, as they continue to spread the gospel despite many challenges and threats to their lives. *Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. (Eph. 6:19)*

**May 14 | COMOROS** Continue to pray for the believers in the islands, that their testimony will draw many to the saving knowledge of Christ. Praise God that He has graced them to stand despite all the opposition they have faced for His name's sake. *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of*

*righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:10)*

**May 15 | BRUNEI** It is almost impossible for new believers to find opportunities for spiritual growth. They risk their freedom and personal security when they try to meet with other Christians for fellowship and discipleship. Please pray for the Lord to lead them to Christian friends who will be committed to help them grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Pet. 1:3)*

**May 16 | INDONESIA** This month Open Doors will hold a persecution-preparedness seminar and a discipleship class for MBBs in Java. Please pray that these events truly help Indonesian believers who face pressure for their faith and that the training materials strengthen them in the months that follow. *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. (Ps. 127:1)*



Please pray that upcoming events made possible through your support will truly help Indonesian believers who face pressure for their faith.

**May 17 | MALAYSIA** The country's constitution defines 'Malay' as someone born to Malaysian citizens, speaks the Malay language, professes to be Muslim, and adheres to Malay customs and traditions. Those who convert to another religion, like Christianity, are subject to punitive action. Please pray for the followers of Christ among the Malay Muslims. *For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. (Ps. 61:3)*

**May 18-19 | BANGLADESH** Recently Muslims in North Bangladesh abducted Badsha, a 36-year-old MBB and pastor. Badsha had been drawing people to Christ prior to his abduction. Bearing multiple injuries, indicating that he had been tortured, Badsha was released. Traumatized, he discontinued his ministry. Please pray for the Lord to heal Badsha physically, emotionally and spiritually. *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)*

**May 20 | BHUTAN** Pray for Christian mothers in Bhutan, who come from a Buddhist background, and whose husbands and family prohibit them from sharing their faith with their children. Please pray as they continue to look for ways to expose their children to God's truth and ways.