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DELIVERER

SET FREE IN  
YEMEN



"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them." Heb 13:3



# A Church READY TO DIE

**A pastor in the Middle East prepares his congregation to make the ultimate sacrifice as followers of Christ.**

**P**astor Jon was standing behind the pulpit of his small church in the Middle East on Sunday morning, 2 December, 2012, when about 20 heavily armed al-Qaida fighters stormed through the front door screaming, "Jihad!" The Islamists began pulling the nearly 40 terrified worshipers from their seats, beating them and shoving them to one side of the building.

Then, the group's leader ordered his men to aim their automatic rifles toward the congregation. He shoved his handgun against a church member's head and threatened to start shooting everyone in the church, one at a time. Some of the church members cried out in terror, and young girls standing near the pastor's wife grabbed her legs in such desperation that they tore her clothes.

Jon said he was about to run toward his congregation when, amid the chaos, God gave him a vision of heaven. "I saw heaven open and heard angels singing," he said. Compelled by the heavenly vision, he yelled, "God is welcoming us! Be at peace! We are going to heaven!" His unexpected response to an imminent threat of death caused a reverent hush to fall over the congregation. "All the people stopped crying and readied to meet their Savior," Jon explained. "They could feel the presence of God. If you read the Bible, when Stephen is dying, he is not crying, though the stones are painful. He saw heaven open; that was ... happening to us."

Sensing the change in atmosphere, the Islamists seemed unsettled by this group of Christians who no longer feared death. "This land belongs to Muslims!" the al-Qaida leader yelled almost defensively. He and the other militants then started ransacking the church, taking the sound system, tables, chairs, a generator, cellphones, a minibus and even some Bibles.

Before leaving, the extremists vandalized what remained in the church and warned the congregation that they would kill

them if they ever returned to the church building. But the next day, even more church members arrived to worship God.

"We all came," Jon said, "around 50 people ready to die." The al-Qaida fighters did not return.

## **The Gospel Anytime, Anywhere**

Years before the 2012 attack on his church, Jon had moved to the Middle East looking for work. Upon noticing a great need for the

Gospel in the region, he invited some evangelists from other countries to speak at openly publicized meetings.

The events, however, offended many people in the community, especially Muslims. False allegations were filed against Jon, and eventually local authorities arrested him. "I was blamed, accused as a thief or a robber," he said. "So they put me inside a jail."

Jon was locked in a cell with about 25 other prisoners, nearly half of whom were Islamic extremists. Despite being surrounded by dangerous men, he read his Bible regularly, preparing himself to share

the Gospel if the opportunity arose. "My mind is to preach the Gospel anytime, anywhere," he said.

And he also remained faithful in prayer. When one of the guards developed a severe eye condition that required travelling to another country for treatment, Jon offered to pray for the man. A few days after praying for him, the guard's vision was completely restored.

Eventually, the Islamists in Jon's cell decided they could no longer tolerate having a Christian among them. "One night around 11pm," Jon said, "this person sleeping beside me jumped on me and started cursing me and made everybody in the room shout 'Allahu Akbar!' (Allah is great)."

The Islamist also started screaming an Islamic oath called the *Shahada*. "When he did that, it means he is going to kill me," Jon said. As if to confirm his fears, another prisoner then pulled out a knife. "I thought I was finished," Jon recalled. "I said, 'Thank you, Lord. I am coming to You.'"



▲ Though he was wrongfully detained, Pastor Jon, whose face is not shown for security reasons, said the Lord used that experience to confirm his calling to preach and teach the Good News of Christ in the Middle East.

**"For people who want to die for Christ, there is no fear."**



A Church  
**READY TO DIE**



Since childhood, Jon had understood that some must pay a high price for following Christ. His grandfather, a Christian evangelist, had taught him that dying for following Christ is the highest blessing from the Lord.

"To die as a martyr, Jesus will stand and welcome me like Stephen," Jon said. "So during the jail attack I was thinking, 'I am going to heaven, and this is a good day.'"

But Jon was not martyred that day.

Before the man with the knife could hurt Jon, a guard ran in and pulled the men off of him. "Leave him alone!" the

guard shouted. "His God is for him, your god is for you!" It was the same jailer that Jon had prayed for earlier.

When Jon was first arrested, his wife, Grace, thought her work connections — she worked for an influential international company — might help get him released quickly. Her efforts were unsuccessful; the authorities

demanded the equivalent of more than \$30,000 to free her husband. After a week in jail and the attempt on Jon's life, the couple decided to pay the money. They sold personal possessions for years to pay off the fee for his release.



◀ Pastor Jon knows he could face more persecution in the future, but he remains committed to God's call.

## A Family Under Pressure

The Christian gatherings Jon organized eventually grew into a small church, and a group of international workers asked him to become their pastor. Grace's job, however, began to suffer as complaints about Jon's Christian activities found their way to her employer.

Eventually, Grace's supervisors gave her an ultimatum: She could move to a Western country and receive a significant pay raise or stay and lose her job. "You can practice your religion, but you cannot be involved in ministry," a company official told her.

Jon and Grace were determined to continue their ministry work, and Grace agreed to give up her job, but it was a significant sacrifice.

"When I lost my job, I lost everything," Grace said. "I was expecting God to do a big miracle because I gave up the job for the church." Compounding her frustration were the taunts she received from Muslim neighbours when a new source of income failed to materialize. "Where is the God you served?" they asked. "How will you pay your bills? Who will protect you now?"

The couple struggled financially for the next few years, and Grace became discouraged about their situation, even considering treatment for her depression. But at about that time, Jon urged her to join him in a time of focused prayer and fasting.

After seven days of prayer, Grace began to sense the Lord encouraging her, helping her to see that their ministry is not a burden but a blessing and that suffering for God also brings joy. "I understood that if we are standing for God, He is standing for us," she said.

Shortly after Jon and Grace's time of focused prayer, Front-Line Workers learned of their needs and connected them with Christians who are helping them with living expenses.

Today, Grace responds differently to pressure and danger. "God made me to be very patient and calm," she said. "So when somebody is threatening to

arrest or shoot someone, I am not like before, shouting and running and panicking."

And Grace has been repeatedly tested as threats against her husband have continued. Recently, a man assaulted Jon on the street, grabbing him and shoving him to the ground. "He brought a knife to my neck and put his leg on my chest," Jon recalled. People started yelling "Kill him! Kill him!" But then, Jon said, his assailant inexplicably released him.

Another time, Jon suddenly felt compelled to pray for a man who had entered the church and sat in the front row. "He was sitting in front of me," Jon said, "and God told me, 'He has a bomb. He is going to blast it very soon.'"

Jon prayed, "Lord, you care for this person; touch him," and the man started to cry. After opening his jacket to reveal the explosives, the man said, "See, I have all these things; I want to blast. But I feel the love of Christ. I want to receive it." The bomber claimed he had been sent by al-Qaida, but instead of blowing up the church, he placed his faith in Christ and was baptized that day.

While such miraculous escapes have been a regular part of Jon and Grace's life together, they and other Christians in their country know that a violent death is always a possibility.

## Ongoing Preparation

Jon continues to prepare his congregation for the possibility of martyrdom, reminding them of Christ's admonition to take up their cross daily. "Whoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it" he said, referencing Luke 17:33, "but whoever shall lose his life, shall



▲ After Pastor Jon prayed for him, a suicide bomber repented and placed his trust in Christ instead of blowing up the church.

preserve it.

"We are preparing people for Golgotha, not the beach!" he continued. "For people who want to die for Christ, there is no fear."

Jon thinks all Christians should be prepared to die for the name of Jesus Christ.

"Everywhere the problem is the same," he said. "Everywhere people will be persecuted for the name of Christ. Everywhere the Holy Spirit is raising a new generation, full of faith." Quoting from Revelation 12:11, he described them as loving "not their lives even unto death."

"God is going to do this for his sake," Jon added. "People are going to be ready to take the persecutions happily and as the highest blessing." ■





# The TRUTH DELIVERER

**From a Christian bookstore in the Middle East, Youssef helps people find the Author of life.**

**Y**oussef wasn't always interested in the things of God. Though born into a traditional Christian family in the Middle East, he had little interest in the Christian faith.

"When I finished high school," he said, "I was the pusher for all kinds of drugs."

Youssef soon got a job that required him to travel to places like Pakistan, where he could easily get narcotics for personal use and to sell. Then a Christian missionary came knocking on his family's door.

"I didn't like him at all and wanted him out of our life," Youssef recalled. He decided that the next time the missionary visited, he would hit him in the face to show him how unwelcome he was.

Youssef was ready when the foreigner arrived. He wondered why the man remained in his car for several minutes before getting out, not realizing the

missionary was praying. Then, moments later, Youssef couldn't believe his own behaviour.

"I am putting my hand on the door to beat him," Youssef explained, "but instead I find myself opening the door and welcoming him in. I couldn't believe what was happening."

Youssef decided the quickest way to get rid of the missionary was to pray to receive Christ, so that's what he did. As he had expected, the missionary left afterward. What he hadn't expected, however, was the guilt he suddenly felt. Though his prayer had been insincere, he felt genuinely convicted of his sinful lifestyle.

"Everything that used to make me content, happy and strong became the reason for me to become miserable and weak," he said. "I hated myself."

After six months of internal conflict, Youssef decided to end his life. "While I

was actually doing it," he said, "I heard a voice very clearly say, 'Stop! If you want out of this life, I can help you. I have risen from the dead, and it is much easier getting you out of this way of life than raising the dead.'"

That night, Youssef placed his faith in Christ. "I just dropped on my knees," he said, "and this time the prayer was real." While breaking his drug addictions was difficult and painful, he said he believes it helped affirm his faith. And he emerged with a desire for others to know the Lord.

"I knew right away this is what God wants me to do," he said, "to evangelize and go to my people and share with them the beauty of the love of God and His plan."

Youssef soon began leading Bible studies and helping distribute Bibles and Christian literature, which resulted in his arrest on several occasions. And over

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time he felt the Lord leading him to open a Christian bookstore.

When he started the process, a government official told him, "You will never open a Christian bookstore." But two years later that official was imprisoned for corruption, and Youssef received a permit to open his Christian bookstore.

Providing God's Word to the hungry and curious drives Youssef's passion for operating the Christian bookstore. "There are lots of stories, beautiful stories of the way God ... uses this ministry," he said.

One of those stories involves a man named Samir, whose search for truth began after he witnessed a beheading. When the harsh justice of Islamic law disturbed his soul, Samir began questioning his Muslim beliefs. One day while sitting at a friend's house, he noticed an Arabic Bible in a stack of books and became curious about what Christians believed.

Samir asked his friend, who had received the Bible as a gift while visiting another country, if he could borrow the book. The man handed the Bible to Samir and said, "I've never even opened it."

Samir took the Bible home and began reading it. He later noticed a hand-printed phone number on the inside back cover and, after months of deliberation, decided to call the number.

Youssef distinctly remembers that first call he received from Samir. "He had many questions," Youssef said. "He said he was so desperate that he had to call the number."

After their phone conversation, the two men arranged to meet in Samir's country, where it is dangerous for Muslims to convert to Christianity. "I tried to explain the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Gospels," Youssef said of their first visit. "He was like a sponge."

Finally, after several meetings, Samir told Youssef he wanted to become a Christian. "I believe that Jesus is God and that what is written in the Bible is true," Samir told him.

Youssef didn't hear from Samir for a while, but then one day Samir visited the bookstore with good news. "Samir told me he had been sharing his faith with the friend who gave him the Bible," Youssef said. Samir's friend also became a follower of Christ.

Youssef often meets privately with people who have questions about the Bible and Christianity. Muslims are wary

of meeting in public, afraid of being harassed for even seeking information about the Christian faith. And Christian converts from Islam can lose their jobs, social status and families for abandoning Islam to follow Christ.

Though evangelism is risky, Youssef's life mission is drawing people to God through the spread of His Word. "Nothing can beat seeing a person, whatever their background is, sincerely realizing that Jesus is God and asking Jesus to come into their heart," Youssef said. "That is the most beautiful thing your eyes can see."

Youssef said he intends to continue spreading God's Word among those searching for the truth. "I want to always be out there in the public because the Bible is the number-one book that goes out from our bookshop," he said. "I will never shut down — even if I had to do it from a pushcart." ■

► In some parts of the Middle East, access to Bibles and other Christian literature is extremely limited. Front-Line Workers like Youssef help provide God's Word, regardless of the opposition they face.







**Through the turmoil and tragedy of his early life, a former weapons smuggler has found hope in Christ and now shares the Gospel with Yemeni Muslims.**

## Ready to BEAR HIS CROSS

In the 1990s, Zamir's life started spiraling out of control.

After losing his parents at a young age, he married in his early 20s only to see his wife die while giving birth to their first child, a baby boy, who also died.

Depressed, struggling with alcoholism and angry at Allah, Zamir had reached a low point and needed income to support himself. Around that time, he was recruited to smuggle weapons for fighters on one side of Yemen's 1994 civil war, which lasted two months. Desperate

for money, he took a job transporting guns between his hometown and the large port city of Aden, on Yemen's southern coast.

On one of their trips to pick up a shipment of weapons, 25-year-old Zamir and his colleagues were arrested for smuggling, for which they each received 8-month prison sentences. When Zamir's siblings learned of his crimes, they refused to talk to him.

"I felt sad and alone," he said. While in prison, Zamir reached new depths of despair.



## A Light in the Darkness

The prison guards brutally beat Zamir and his friends, leaving them with scars and injuries that caused lasting pain. In addition, the hard floor Zamir slept on aggravated a back injury he had suffered years earlier in a car accident.

Authorities offered Zamir an early release if he could pay bail, but he had no family support and could not come up with the funds on his own. Eventually, however, he received hope in the most unexpected way — through the ongoing torture.

As the guards continued to beat him regularly, Zamir's wounds required medical care. And authorities allowed doctors and nurses connected with a local church to provide care to inmates once a week under watch of the guards, who made sure their own abusive treatment was never revealed.

During one of these visits, a nurse named Eva treated Zamir's back pain. Although she was from Europe, she spoke fluent Arabic as a result of living in Yemen for several years.

While working with Zamir, Eva cautiously asked questions about his health. She also asked for his family's address, explaining that she wanted to persuade them to provide Zamir's bail.

A month later, when Eva brought Zamir a brace for his back, she told him that his siblings still wanted nothing to do with him. "Don't worry," Eva reassured him. "I will try to help you."

## Ready to Party

One morning, the prison warden called Zamir to his office. When he walked into the room, Zamir was surprised to find Eva waiting for him ... and even more surprised to learn that his bail had been paid. After several months in prison, he was suddenly free.

Eva arranged for Zamir to attend her church that evening. And although he didn't know what to expect from the church service, he looked forward to it. Based on what he had heard of Christian worship as a Muslim, he expected it to be a party with an abundance of alcohol and promiscuous women.

He showered, ate lunch and eagerly awaited the church service, which started at 7pm. As he arrived at the church, Zamir could hear loud music. He couldn't wait to party after spending months behind bars.

"I felt like, 'Here is my night!' you

know?" Zamir recalled. "Then a man opened the door, and there is this old lady on the keyboard and really old people inside. There was no whiskey or any other drinks. Nothing."

He became even more disappointed when an elderly man began to pray and teach from the Bible in English. Zamir couldn't understand a word he was saying. "I was shocked," he said. "I didn't know what happened at a church. I felt like church was a night club or something."

Eva introduced Zamir to the pastor, and after Zamir shared his story with him the pastor offered him help. "You can stay here," the pastor said. "We have a clinic with a pharmacy here; you can help in the pharmacy."

As they worked in the pharmacy together, Zamir and Eva discussed faith and the differences between the Bible and the Quran. When Zamir admitted that he had never read the Bible, Eva

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gave him one.

"I was excited to get the Bible because it is illegal in Yemen," Zamir said. Although he eagerly received his copy of the Bible, Zamir put it on a bookshelf and forgot about it.

## Learning to Trust

One day, Zamir accompanied Eva as she visited one of her patients. As he waited in the car, he noticed an Arabic New Testament beneath his seat. He opened it and read a passage from the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus teaches His followers to love their enemies.

"My head became heavy when I read that because it was like I saw a movie in front of me," Zamir recalled. "All the people in my life were in front of me, and this book said, 'Love them.' That was not easy to read."

When Eva returned to the car, Zamir didn't say anything about what he had

just read. But when he got home, he went straight to his bookshelf and grabbed the Bible Eva had given him. "I read it from that afternoon until the next morning," Zamir said.

After encountering Jesus Christ through God's Word, Zamir felt conflicted about the teachings of Islam. "I had never seen such an image of God in all my life," he said. "Before, I was afraid of God. He killed people and He put people in hell. I never saw this part of God. He is love. If I am guilty, He accepts me. Before that time, I felt very guilty, but I felt nobody would accept me."

The next morning, Zamir rushed to find Eva and tell her he wanted to become a Christian. "I love Jesus," he told her. "I love His character. I can't explain it to you more than that, but His character is amazing."

After Eva explained more deeply what it means to become a Christian, Zamir placed his faith in Christ. As they continued discussing the Christian faith, Eva responded to his questions about Jesus and the Bible by having him read particular passages of Scripture.

Soon, Zamir started attending church regularly, despite the risk of his Christian faith becoming known. In Yemen, leaving Islam for another religion is considered apostasy, which is punishable by death.

One day, Zamir asked Eva why she took the risk of giving him a Bible and telling him about Christ. "I felt inside my heart to trust you," Eva replied.

## Forced Out

While walking to the clinic one day, Zamir noticed a car following him. Thinking it was probably the police, he started running and was able to get away from the car.

The next day, he learned that authorities had revoked Eva's visa and expelled her and other foreigners from the country. Assuming that the authorities had been watching him and would pursue him for becoming a Christian, Zamir fled to Aden. He didn't stay long, however, soon moving back home to take possession of property inherited from his parents.

When he arrived at his childhood home, he put his luggage in his old room and left the house. While Zamir was away, his oldest brother opened his suitcase and found his Bible. When Zamir's brother later confronted him about the Bible, Zamir explained that he had become a follower of Christ. Angered at Zamir's



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shocking admission, his brother told Zamir he would kill him if he wouldn’t return to Islam.

Unsure about what he should do, Zamir called Eva for advice and she gave him the number of a man who could help him flee the country. Zamir then fled to Jordan, where he hoped to begin a new life.

He enrolled in a local Bible school in order to learn more about God’s Word, but after a few months he moved to another country in the region, where he met and married a Christian Arab woman. When Zamir’s wife became pregnant, the couple moved to yet another country to receive better healthcare; Zamir didn’t want to risk losing another wife and child during labour.

### Gaining an Audience

In the new country, Zamir met some Believers working for a Christian radio

ministry. After telling Zamir about their plans to start a Yemeni radio station using the Yemeni dialect, they offered Zamir a job on the spot.

He took the job and began hosting a radio show in which he reads Scripture and takes questions about the Bible. The radio broadcasts make God’s Word more accessible inside Yemen and also help Believers like Zamir who have fled Yemen and now live in nearby countries.

Some of the Muslims who call Zamir’s show are critical and even aggressive. He uses those calls as an opportunity to share the love of Christ over the airwaves. “Then they start to become more relaxed,” he said.

Whenever he speaks with a new Believer through the radio programme, he makes sure they understand that they will likely face persecution. “I don’t want anyone to make this decision before they

understand the cost, as Jesus did with the rich man,” he explained. “Jesus told them, ‘If you want to follow me, go and sell everything.’ You don’t come to Jesus and your life is beautiful. It’s nothing like that. When you come to Jesus, you have to be ready. There is a cross on your shoulder; there is a cost you have to take. Sometimes it’s your life, sometimes it’s your country, sometimes it’s your family.”

In recent years, Zamir has reconnected with Eva. She stumbled across a Christian radio station broadcasting in the Yemeni dialect while on vacation and sought information about the programme’s producer. To her surprise, she learned that it was Zamir.

When Zamir and Eva met again for the first time in several years, they celebrated how God brought Zamir to Christ and has been using him for more than a decade to help spread the Gospel in Yemen. ■



◀ Today, Zamir produces a Yemeni-dialect Christian radio programme encouraging those curious about Christianity by talking about his own journey to faith in Christ.





## FROM THE FIELD

### IRAN: Christian Released in General Pardon

Youcef Nadarkhani was released from prison on 26 February, 2023, as part of a general pardon issued by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Youcef had been sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2018 after he and three other members of the Church of Iran were arrested on false charges of "acting against national security" and "promoting Zionist Christianity."

Youcef and his wife converted from Islam to Christianity, which is illegal in Iran, and he has been imprisoned multiple times because of his Christian faith. He was sentenced to death for apostasy in 2010 but acquitted in 2012. Christians like him and his wife face constant threat of imprisonment in Iran, which has one of the most oppressive regimes in the world, and many Christians remain in prison or under house arrest awaiting sentencing.



Youcef celebrated with loved ones after his 2012 acquittal of an apostasy conviction and subsequent release from prison. He was rearrested in 2018 because of his Christian activities and released earlier this year.

### BURKINA FASO: Christians Receive Training in Trauma Care

Islamist activity has increased sharply in Burkina Faso since 2016, and Christians have been the primary targets since April 2019. Hundreds of churches have been closed, as many as 10,000 Christians have fled their homes because of threats and



Christians in Burkina Faso have endured great suffering at the hands of Islamists. Through Christian trauma training, they are healing and learning how to minister to others who have experienced similar trauma.

violent attacks, and many more have suffered by living in this hostile environment. Front-Line Workers are responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso by providing trauma-care workshops that help them not only heal from their own painful experiences but also minister to others in their communities.

After participants complete the trauma workshop, they receive an audio Bible that includes resources used at the workshop. The Believers are then encouraged to return to their homes and share their experience with others who have suffered in order to increase the potential for healing in these communities.

One pastor wept as he explained how the training has affected him and the church he leads. "Everybody in my church has been traumatized," he said. "Because I am carrying all this burden, I have been traumatized. I did not know how to listen to somebody and help them express their feelings and get healed before this week. This training gave me a lot of joy and courage."



# Prayer Diary<sup>®</sup>

September/October 2023

## SEPTEMBER 2023

S	17	TANZANIA	Pray for pastors on Zanzibar island whose homes were destroyed by Muslim neighbours.
M	18	BHUTAN	Pray that Christians in Bhutan will be strong and courageous when proclaiming Christ.
T	19	PHILIPPINES	Pray for the peace of Christ among Believers facing sporadic attacks.
W	20	PAKISTAN	Pray that Christians will be secure in their identity in Christ amid societal rejection.
T	21	CAR*	Pray that displaced Christians will be able to return home, rebuild their houses and develop farmland.
F	22	SOMALIA	Pray for the courage and boldness of Christians who evangelize and disciple Somalis.
S	23	TURKEY	Pray that Iranian refugees will be reached for Christ.
S	24	AFGHANISTAN	Pray for new Christian leaders, as many were forced to flee the country recently.
M	25	ERITREA	Pray for the perseverance of Christian prisoners, some of whom have been detained for nearly 20 years.
T	26	OMAN	Pray that Christians serving in Oman will maintain a bold witness.
W	27	ALGERIA	Pray for Christian youth attending a summer camp.
T	28	LAOS	Pray that every persecuted Christian will receive a Bible in his or her own language this year.
F	29	MALAYSIA	Pray that new Believers will stand strong as they face persecution for the first time.
S	30	COLOMBIA	Pray for the protection of Christian children targeted by guerrilla groups.

## OCTOBER 2023

S	1	ERITREA	Pray for the families of Christian prisoners who have fled to other countries.
M	2	KYRGYZSTAN	Pray that churches will minister to those unable to find jobs.
T	3	TANZANIA	Pray for Mama G., the widow of a martyred pastor, using Psalm 23 as a guide.
W	4	MALI	Pray that Believers will encourage and support one another amid pressure from Islamists.
T	5	ALGERIA	Pray for Berber Christians who are sharing the Gospel with the Arab Muslim majority.
F	6	MYANMAR (BURMA)	Pray for continued church growth despite persecution.
S	7	COLOMBIA	Pray that God will supply the needs of Christian workers in dangerous "red zones."
S	8	UGANDA	Pray for effective print and audio Bible distribution in rural areas and areas of persecution.
M	9	COMOROS	Pray that those receiving audio Bibles will come to faith in Christ.
T	10	NEPAL	Pray that Bibles will remain legal in the country.
W	11	LAOS	Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower evangelists as they proclaim the Gospel of Christ.
T	12	QATAR	Pray for Qatar's few Christians, who must use caution when gathering for worship.
F	13	MALAYSIA	Pray that ethnic Malays will receive a copy of the Bible in their language this year.
S	14	KAZAKHSTAN	Pray that ethnic Kazakh Christians will be established in their faith.

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