

Open Doors Hong Kong

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR

** Names changed for security purposes*



Photo: Women preparing for road work in Pyongyang, North Korea

NORTH KOREA

1 North Korea

We recently received messages from North Korean Christians. One believer shared: "Our ministry is difficult, but God has given us this task." Pray for God's strength in their lives.

2 North Korea

Pray with Yun Hee*, leader of an Open Doors safe house which minister to refugees from North Korea. Pray that God would protect her in this critical role and our ministry to the underground church in North Korea.

3 North Korea

Pray that God would lead refugees, Christians and non-Christians, to Yun Hee. Pray for guidance for them and bold discernment for her as she cares for them and shows them the love of Jesus.

4 North Korea

Ask God to bless her kindness. "Some guests confessed they were sent to report on me for their secret service," she says. "But they were so grateful for me, they promised to write only good things."

5 North Korea

Yun Hee admits that sometimes the work "wears me out." Today, pray for rejuvenation and encouragement for our sister. And pray for stamina among all those who run our safe houses.

CAMEROON

6 Cameroon

Pray with us for the Christian village of Lambram. Boko Haram militants attacked the village, for a second time this year. Pray that God would bring hope to a seemingly hopeless situation.

7 Cameroon

Pray for the family of 45-yearold Mogoza Tehawa, the one Christian killed in the attack. Pray with his wife and five children as they grieve and face life without him.

8 Cameroon

Fear continues to loom across this designated "red zone" in Cameroon's Far North region—a frequent target of Boko Haram fighters. Pray that God would intervene in mighty ways.

9 Cameroon

"The people seem not to have many options," a local pastor shared. "Their farms cannot be moved. So, they return, hoping that God keeps them safe." Ask God to surround their fields with his angels.

10 Cameroon

Pray for the local church leaders serving in these communities. God, we ask You to pour out Your presence and power over their fear. Give them persistence to push Your work forward.

VIETNAM

11 Vietnam

Pray for churches in Vietnam's remote areas. In recent months, authorities have controlled and persecuted churches, prohibiting church activities and not allowing pastors to visit and preach.

12 Vietnam

Pastor Chien Thang* in north Vietnam says, "Some villagers shared that authorities wanted to get rid of the church and evict the Christians from the village. Pray for reconciliation."

13 Vietnam

Pray for Pastor Chien Thang and his family's safety and protection. Pray that through them, God's Word and His gospel would spread like wildfire ... and we would see revival in this region.

NIGERIA

14 Nigeria

Praise God! Another Chibok girl has regained her freedom! Thank God for Lydia Simon's long-awaited return to her family. It has been 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school.

15 Nigeria

Lydia is a mother of three and five months pregnant. Pray that her community would accept her back and that God would strengthen her and her family as Lydia prepares for her baby's birth.

16 Nigeria

Pray with the estimated 106 girls who are still missing. Ask God to hold them close and that they would keep their eyes on Him as they look toward the hope of Heaven.

17 Nigeria

Pray that more captives throughout sub-Saharan Africa would be freed and reunited with their families. A Chibok mother shared: "Prayer is our only solution. We trust that as God released some, He will release all."

BANGLADESH

18 Bangladesh

Pray with us for brother Alam who received an anonymous note on his doorstep threatening his life. He is worried for his and his family's safety and is asking us to pray.

19 Bangladesh

The note read: "You do not have much time ... If you want to survive, then renounce your faith and turn back to your previous faith (Islam)." Pray that Alam can stand strong in his faith in Christ.

20 Bangladesh

Brother Alam is a strong believer who openly shares the gospel and leads a house church where 11 people have trusted Christ. Pray for his ministry and that God would increase his impact.

21 Bangladesh

Pray for the person(s) who are threatening Brother Alam. Pray that God would soften and transform their hearts to be champions of the gospel, bringing others to Him.

EGYPT

22 Egypt

Pray for Raef and his wife Sawsan who were forced to flee their home and village when Raef's father, a Muslim imam, discovered the couple had left Islam to follow Jesus.

23 Egypt

The couple was also forced to leave their house church and the community of believers they loved. Pray that they would find a new community of believers they can confide in and trust.

24 Egypt

At one point after Raef lost his job, he and Sawsan felt so lost that they questioned if their decision to follow Jesus was correct. Pray for assurance for these believers and all who doubt their decision.

25 Egypt

Praise God that Raef and Sawsan connected with Open Doors' partners who provided practical relief, counseling sessions and a discipleship group. Pray with our partners as they continue to walk with them.

26 Egypt

Pray that the couple would grow in their faith without fear and hesitation. Ask God to guide and empower them to face their daily struggles.

27 Egypt

Pray that God would give Raef and Sawsan strength—and that they would know they belong to a global family who is listening to their story and praying with them.

MEXICO

28 Mexico

Pray with us for our family in Chiapas state where the increasing violence of organized crime is taking over their lives. Pray for peace that passes all human understanding.

29 Mexico

The region is an important trafficking corridor for drug cartels who war with each other over the territory. Last year, cartel members said, "From now on, we take control of the region." Ask God to confuse their schemes.

30 Mexico

The cartels have created an environment rife with kidnappings, massacres, forced displacements and forced payments to gangs. Pray against these atrocities.

31 Mexico

As unsafe roads and blockades make it increasingly difficult to deliver aid, pray our team can establish strategic relationships with pastors to help them train leaders and distribute packages.



Photo: Biblical training in Guerrero, Mexico

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

1 PETER 2:23