

Stand!

"And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

Are you a fisher of man?



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One Twenty

Raising a powerful last days company of prophetic people who knows their God and does great exploits for Him (Acts 2 : 17-18).

Goshen Events in September/October 2018

Date / Day / Time	Venue	Event
Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (Every week except the 5 th Thursday)	170 Upper Bukit Timah Road #19-01 Bukit Timah Shopping Centre, Singapore 588179	ONE TWENTY@GOSHEN Ministering in Word and praying for the needs of the body of Christ.
Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (13 th Sept & 11 th Oct)	170 Upper Bukit Timah Road #19-01 Bukit Timah Shopping Centre, Singapore 588179	GOSHEN PRAYER MEETING for the persecuted and afflicted brethren.

For other events which may be launched after distribution of this issue, kindly look out for updates on Goshen's Facebook page



Why STAND? By the power of His strength, we aspire to stand firmly through the storms that are sweeping through Asia and the world.

In the 5th issue of our magazine, we want to encourage you to take that leap of faith to trust Him and boldly share the gospel and the love of Christ to all who will listen.

"And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Mark 1 : 17 (ESV)



Dear Valued Supporter

We are pleased to enclose our magazine STAND! for your reading.

We pray that the leading of the Holy Spirit will speak to your heart. We trust that you will support us through prayer, partnership and financial giving for the persecuted and afflicted church.

Stand!

Standing for The Afflicted church – Nurturing and Developing it!

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Blessings!

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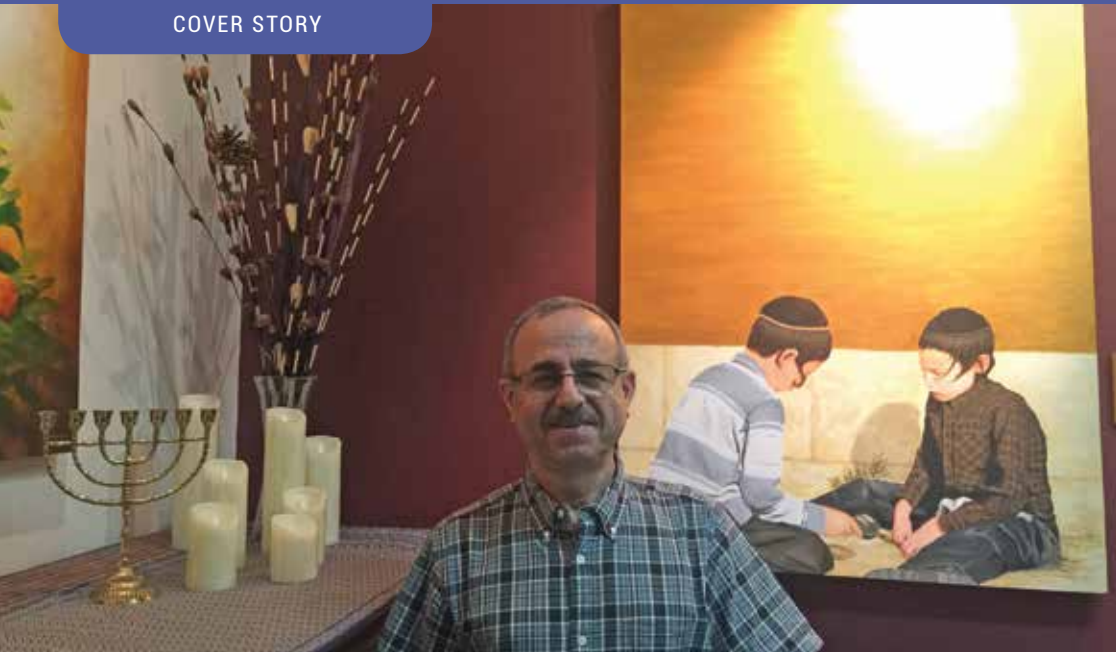
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EXODUS FROM DARKNESS

His parents were not exceptionally religious but they sent him for religious courses since he was young. By the age of 9, Daniel had memorized the sacred book of his parents' faith and by doing so, gained prominence in his hometown for his ability to recite entire texts flawlessly. He was also dutiful in performing the rites and rituals of his faith, which was a rarity for someone so young.

There was one problem though. Although he was able to recite those texts from memory, he did not understand the meaning of what he had memorized or what he was reciting because the language used in those texts were not his mother tongue.

Because he lacked exposure to doctrines and philosophies of other faiths when he was young, growing up, Daniel embraced his

parents' faith as his own. He was in fact more devoted to his faith than his parents were.

Though he was a scholar and teacher in religion and philosophy, he had no answers to some thought-provoking questions that was going through his mind.

Questions like: *"Are you saved?"* and *"Do you know where you are going after death?"* and *"How can you tell the difference between one true God and a false god?"* and many more.

In his quest for answers, Daniel started studying other religious doctrines and philosophies. He met with atheists and many people belonging to different faith groups. For an entire year, he even joined discussion groups that debated and discussed matters about truth, reality, meaning and life.

He slowly came around to the conclusion that there can only be one God and one Creator. But who was He?

That was when he began his search for the one true God and Creator of this world.

During his time in a Middle Eastern country, Daniel experienced a particularly sour episode in his life over a failed business venture. It was around that time when Daniel decided to go to a church to search for a friend of his. It was his first time in a church.

He did not find his friend there. Instead, he met a group of Christians who warmly welcomed him into their midst. They sympathized with his predicament and even offered to help him, a total stranger, find his friend. Daniel was deeply touched by their love and kindness. He was also enthralled by the peace and joy he saw in these Christians when they worshipped God. Never had he experienced such peace and joy before.

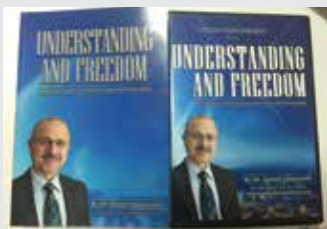
The Christians shared the love of Jesus with him and gave him a copy of the New Testament Bible. He started reading the Bible and fell in love with it and with the God of the Bible. It was a liberating moment of his life as he found answers to all the questions he had about life and death.

This was the beginning of his personal exodus from a meaningless life to a life of freedom and fulfilment.

Since he turned to Christ, Daniel was subjected to constant persecution for his faith. He even received numerous death threats from extremist groups. He even lost his job because he chose to speak about how Christ had transformed his life. But in spite of the hardships that was inflicted upon him, not once did he cower in fear or consider renouncing his faith in the Lord. Why? Because he had resolved to lay down his life for Christ come what may and the Lord backed up his resolution by imparting boldness and strength to endure what he went through.

Are you saved? Where are you going after death?

These are profound and weighty questions that weighed upon the mind of an earnest and sincere young man who was seeking after truth. All of us have to grapple with these fundamentally existential questions as this young man did. Hopefully, we will settle upon the right answers to these questions before we meet our Creator on the other side of eternity. 🙏



Footnote

Daniel's latest book "Understanding and Freedom" is also in DVD. He is working on translating this book & DVD into different languages so that other people can also find the freedom that he found in Christ. Would you join us to support him in prayer and help fund this translation project? If you are also able to help with translation into different languages, you may contact us at admin@goshenininternational.org or 6456 0042.

2 Corinthians 9:6

"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH IN IRAN

Four Christians in Iran have reportedly been sentenced to 10 years of jail time for promoting Christianity. Two of them, Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani and Mr Mohammedreza Omidi, received an additional 2 years each to be served in remote and inhospitable locations. This was not Pastor Nadarkhani's first brush with the law. In 2009, he was convicted of sharing the gospel and had to serve a 3-year jail term.

Human rights campaigners argue that the charges that has recently been levelled against these Christians are questionable and that the sentences are excessive. Appeals for their acquittal and release have repeatedly been rejected.

Observers have noted that recently there has been an increase in the arrests of Christians who worship in house churches, many of which have been disbanded. To make matters worse, those who have turned to Christ for salvation have been deemed by local authorities to pose a threat to national security.

Notwithstanding these difficulties and challenges, God is still at work in the country and the church in Iran continues to grow exponentially, at a rate far higher than in other nations.

According to Open Doors' 2018 World Watch List, Iran ranks in 10th position out of the 50 countries where people face immense obstacles and difficulties in becoming a Christian. 🌍

(Source : CSW)



Pray:-

- ❶ Pray that God will watch over these 4 Christians and their families. Pray for a successful appeal for their acquittal and subsequent release from prison.
- ❷ Pray for others who have suffered for their faith. Pray that the Lord and His angels will minister to them daily. Pray that God will manifest His tangible presence to them so that they can feel that He is real and that He has not abandoned or forgotten them.
- ❸ Pray that God will protect, provide, and comfort the family members of all those who have been persecuted.
- ❹ For those who have been discriminated against at the workplace or at school. Some of the brethren have not been able to secure jobs or places at school for their children simply because they are Christians. Pray that God will come through for them and provide for them. Pray that these believers' faith will be renewed and strengthened when they see the Lord make a way for them where none seems naturally possible.
- ❺ Pray for a fresh, powerful and unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit in Iran. Pray that the light of the Lord's love and grace will cause many to turn to Christ and to experience His abundant goodness.
- ❻ Pray for a greater anointing of the Holy Spirit on Iranian believers as they continue to share the love of Christ with their friends, neighbours, even strangers. Pray that the Lord manifest His signs, wonders and miracles as these faithful believers share the gospel, pray for the sick, comfort the afflicted, help the needy, and bring encouragement to the downhearted.



FALL THROUGH THE NET

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

In the last issue of Stand!, I shared about the Great Commission and what is entailed in sharing of the Good News of the Lord Jesus to all.

When a person decides to accept the Lord Jesus into his/her heart, he/she is taking the critical first step in the journey of one's walk with one's Creator and Redeemer. Being

born-again should not be viewed as the end of a fairy tale story, but is really the beginning of a new season in one's life.

For some, the decision to become a Christian is a relatively hassle-free one in that they face little by way of objections from family members and significant others. Such Christians are free to go to church and persecution is not an issue that they have to struggle with. Praise the Lord for this. We pray for this group of Christians to learn all about God and to practise godly ways in good times.

But there are many others whose decision for Christ comes at the cost of being persecuted. Some of them may even be expelled by their own families, and they have had to leave home and seek shelter

elsewhere. For others, their employers may discriminate against them for their faith and colleagues may make things difficult for them. Quite a number of such Christians have to make do with a lack of financial resources. They may also have to deal with the emotional and spiritual wounds that come with being rejected and reviled. These are people who **"fall through the net"**. They are afflicted because of their faith.

True Story: A foreign domestic helper came to Singapore to work for a Christian family. For months, she observed the kindness of this family. Never once did they preach the gospel to her. At the dinner table, she heard them talking about Jesus to their children and teaching them the important value of loving others. She was treated as part of the family. They ate together at the dining table at every meal time. On Sundays she went to church with the family and accompanied their kids to Sunday School. She heard about Jesus and its story.

"ONE DAY, TO THE MADAM'S SURPRISE, THIS DOMESTIC HELPER SAID SHE WANTED TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN."

She even wrote letters to her aunt to ask them to pray to Jesus if they needed any help. This Madam was concerned and sat her down to explain the consequences of leaving her own religion to follow Jesus. After considering what her Madam said, she insisted that she was still going to follow Jesus. Upon hearing of her decision, the

Madam led her into the sinners' prayer. Soon after, she was baptised in water. Her joy and happiness was written all over her face as she basked in the glory of her Saviour. She was indeed a very happy person.

When she wrote to inform her father that she had become a Christian, her world collapsed. The father wrote back to disown her immediately. She cried for days with a broken heart. For 2 years, she continued to write to her father to seek forgiveness and to accept her choice of belief. Her faith was tested, but she clung onto Jesus.

Over three years later, her father relented and wrote to tell her that he will forgive her and accept her back into the family. Praise the Lord! He is good! She went back to her country to face the reality of persecution but she has been standing firm until this very day.

There are many of such true stories of brothers and sisters who are currently being afflicted for their faith.

*One of the main thrust of Goshen's outreaches is to minister to those who have been afflicted for their faith – to those who **fall through the net** and who need attention.*

We ask for your partnership with Goshen to reach and help them. Many need financial help for their family, help to be given to start a new survivor lifestyle because they are unable to go back to their previous jobs either because these jobs involve living a sinful life or because these brethren/sisters have been told that they cannot continue to be employed by virtue of their having decided to become a Christian. 🙏



Title: **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Target Funds Needed: SGD \$6,500

Since JJ and his family became Christians, they have been persecuted, harassed and intimidated repeatedly by extremist groups over a prolonged period of time, but by the Lord's grace, JJ managed to flee the country safely.

To bait him into coming back to his home town, his persecutors kidnapped his 7-year old son. By resorting to such a sinister plot, they had hoped to pressurize him to return and surrender himself to them.

Without a second thought, JJ returned home and exchanged his life for his son's release. JJ is now home with the Lord.

All 3 of JJ's children aged 11, 9 and 7 are still living in extremely uncertain conditions in the Middle East. They are currently staying in one of the houses belonging to JJ's friends.

Although JJ gave guardianship of his children to his relatives residing in the UK, the children are unable to join them

there because they are unable to leave their Middle Eastern country. This is because the children's identities have to be verified by a local Court of law before they are allowed to leave. Approval was granted only at the 4th court hearing, after which, JJ's last Will & Testament had to be validated by a local Court before the British courts can approve the immigration. In spite of going through 3 hearings, no favorable outcome was forthcoming.

Funds are urgently needed to pay the children's mounting legal fees as well as their applications for citizenship, international passports & visas and to purchase air tickets to UK.

Goshen is helping to raise funds to rescue the children and safely reunite them with their relatives in UK.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us to play a part in rescuing these innocent children. 🙏

Contributions can be made payable to:

GOSHEN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES LIMITED

OCBC Bank Code : 7339

Account : 508-308962-001 (for Fund Transfer)

PayNow: UEN No. 198204059M

(For a direct deposit into our bank account or payment made via PayNow, please inform us via email to admin@gosheninternational.org or call 6456 0042 to facilitate our accountability to you.)

Alternatively you may mail your cheque to our address :

My Mail Box (Business) No. 880228, Singapore 919191

God Bless You for your generous contributions.

**In the event that the target fund is reached, any excess will be channelled to the general fund.*



POWER & LOVE

SCHOOL OF POWER AND LOVE

Venue : GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD (TANGLIN)

Date : 5-8 DECEMBER 2018

This 3½ day training program is meant to activate people to live a lifestyle of love on a daily basis – outside the four walls of the Church. So many people have a desire to feel better equipped to reach those around them each day. Power & Love does just that. Many who have attended this event say it is, without question, the most life transformative event they have ever attended. This program is unlike any other because it combines teaching with doing!

Knowing who you are in relationship to Jesus and what He has done for you is KEY in walking out the Christian life in supernatural power!

At Power and Love, you will see how God will use you in healing, miracles and the prophetic to impact people everywhere you go as you allow Jesus to live through you! Don't just sit on the side lines of the Christian life! Join thousands of others who have caught the vision for living out each day filled with the power, love and the sound mind of Jesus! 🙌

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Todd White



Tom Ruotolo



Robby Dawkins

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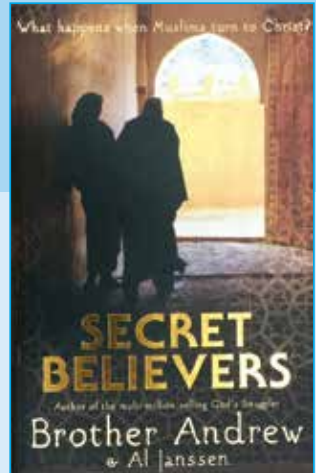
To register or for more information, visit LifestyleChristianity.com/si2018.

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SECRET BELIEVERS

Authors: Brother Andrew & Al Janssen

Book Review Rating: **Highly Recommended** ★★★★★



In this riveting true story of the Church in countries struggling to come to grips with hostile governments, terrorists acts, and an influx of people coming to Christ, you will meet a group of men and women you never knew existed.

The names and places mentioned in this book have been changed to protect the real people in the real places. But the stories are true.

In his most eye-opening book to date, Brother Andrew invites you to meet :

- Butros, Brother Andrew's protégé
- Ahmed, a young man terrified by nightmares until he is introduced to Jesus
- Mustafa, a former leader in a fundamentalist movement that persecuted Christians
- Salima, a privileged young woman who is held captive by her family when they find a Bible in her possession
- and many more ...

Secret Believers not only gives you a glimpse of the lives of these courageous believers, it also proposes four practical initiatives for Christians in the West to take in order to help our persecuted brothers and sisters.

It calls us to leave vengeance behind in favour of **forgiveness, radical love and unyielding prayer.** 🌍

For those who are interested to purchase this book, you may send us an email at admin@gosheninternational.org or contact us at 64560042.