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Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

(2 Cor 9:10)

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Dear Friends,

Biblical hospitality disarms opponents,
turning hostility into kinship.

True hospitality—a warm welcome or a spontaneous act of generosity—feels like a harbour in the middle of a storm, and a random act of kindness like a sudden ray of light breaking through heavy and dark clouds.

Answering God's call to open their hearts and home to strangers,
a Christian couple made a strategic move to a town in the mountainous region of northwest Nepal so that Tibetans can encounter
the living God.

Enduring seasons of loneliness and rejection, their hospitality became a sanctuary — opening the door to many heartfelt and healing conversations that gave these strangers a true taste of God's goodness.

Read more on page four of this issue of Stand! magazine.
May their story inspire you to share Christ through your own hospitality.

Ephesians 5:30
For we are members of His body

Blessings!

How we can serve you:

We will love the opportunity to visit your church or small group to raise awareness of Persecuted Christians among those in your circle of influence. We can share in your services or meetings, run mission booths and conduct interesting activities for people of all ages. By inviting us, you may be playing an important part to support our persecuted brethren.

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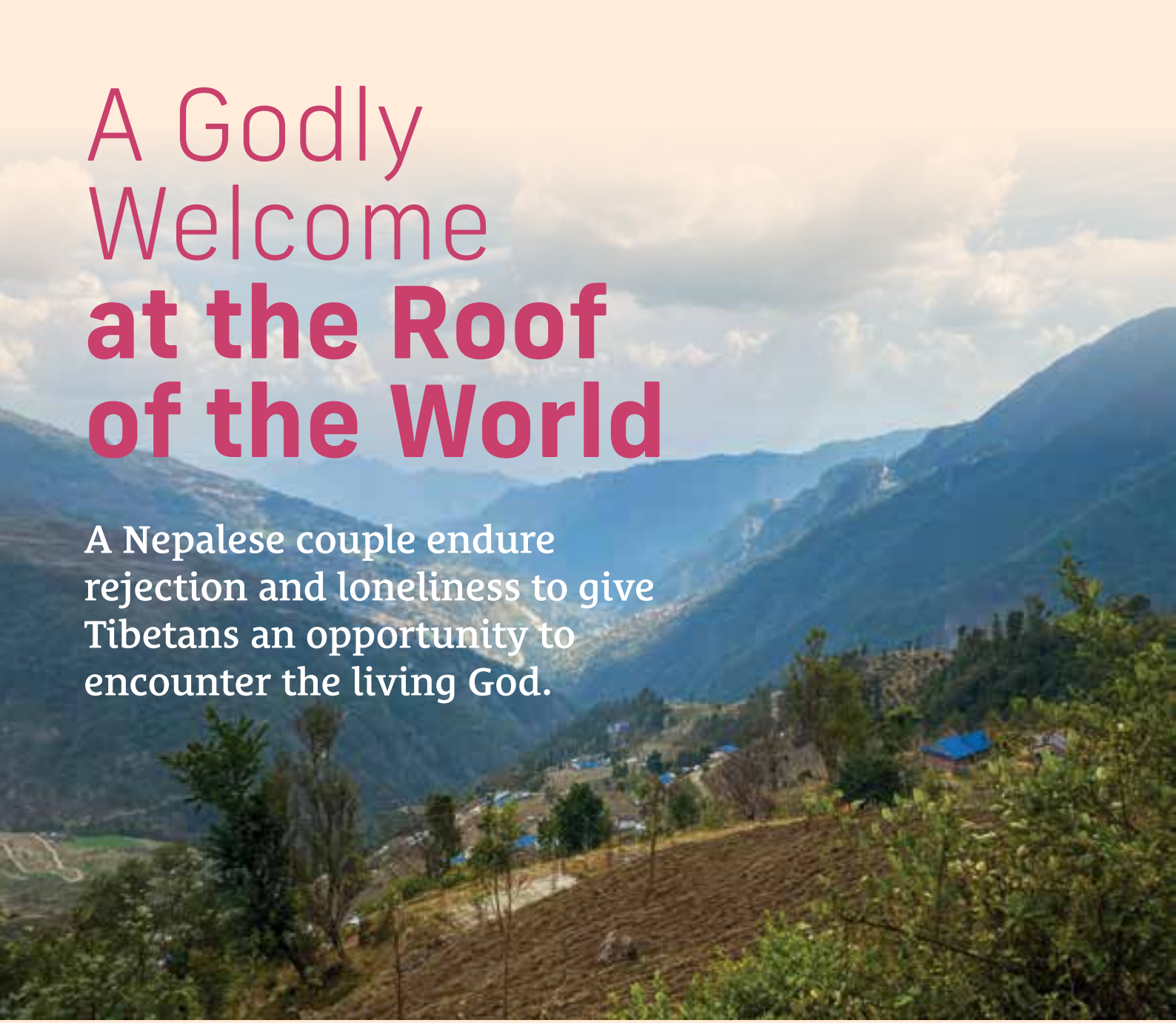
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A Godly Welcome **at the Roof of the World**



A Nepalese couple endure rejection and loneliness to give Tibetans an opportunity to encounter the living God.

Boasting breathtakingly tall mountains, stunning scenery and an area four times the size of Texas, the Tibetan Plateau draws die-hard mountaineers and wealthy thrill-seekers along with their massive entourages of expert guides, support staff and porters. Catering to these outsiders is a huge part of the economy of the region.

But it is not this crowd that comes to the guesthouse of Jampa Lama and his wife, Dronma, in their village in northwest Nepal. Jampa and Dronma extend their hospitality to less glamourous guests, not to earn a living but to save souls.

In 2021, they rented a house up the street from the little regional hospital and made space there to welcome those who came down from the higher altitudes for medical care. When Jampa spent time at the hospital praying for people, he noticed something disturbing – the people who came down from the remote areas for medical care were befuddled, not sure where to get medicine or even find a bathroom, and the staff did not seem interested in helping them. Distance and rough terrain also made it impractical for the sick, who are sometimes carried on stretchers by half a dozen family members, to receive medical treatment before returning home on the same day.

As he watched how the sick were treated, he felt a burden to house them while they received treatment. Jampa and Dronma prayed for the Lord's direction and soon they began inviting families to stay in their home during their medical treatments.

God blessed this couples' initiative. Their warm hospitality opened many doors for the couple to share the gospel with ease.

An Unexpected Path

Jampa was not born to be an innkeeper. His parents gave him and his brother a choice – to study at a Buddhist monastery in Kathmandu or attend a Christian boarding school. His brother chose the monastery while Jampa chose the school.

At eight years old, Jampa could not read or write and spoke only his tribal language. He spent one year at the boarding school where a Christian man, who ran the school, helped the children learn the fundamentals of the Nepali language and recognise the alphabet and other basics.

At the school, Jampa developed a growing interest in the worship and prayer modeled by his Christian teachers and caregivers. Whilst many non-Christian families eventually took their children out of the school for fear that the children would convert to Christianity, Jampa defied his parents and stayed on to finish his education.

By fifth grade, Jampa was troubled by many unanswered questions - "What were the other families afraid of? Why did he get an opportunity to study and improve himself when others didn't? Why did God allow four of his five siblings to have disabilities? Jampa took these questions to God in prayer. Over time, he learned more about God and eventually placed his trust in Christ.

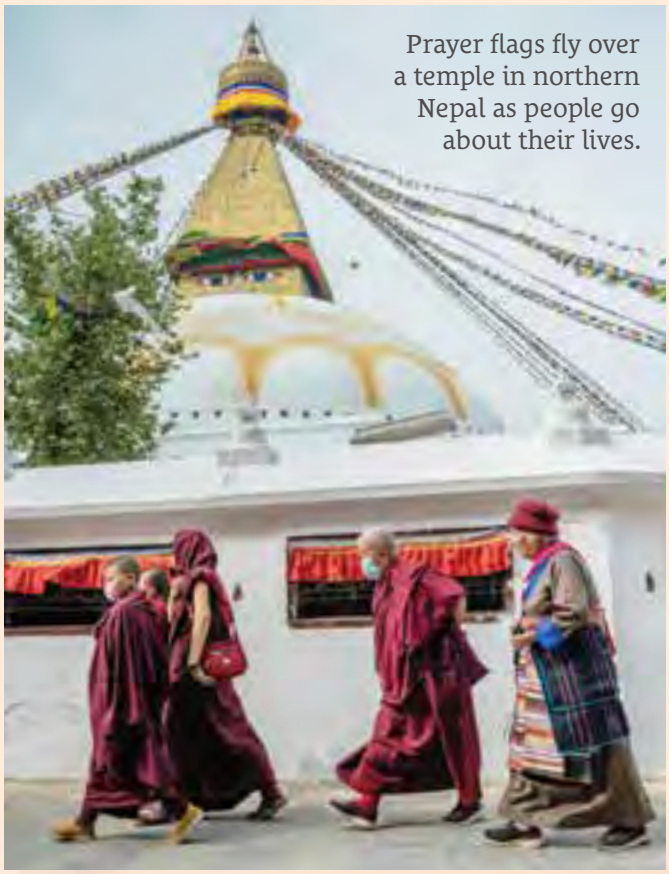
As Jampa's faith grew, so did the pressure from his family. His life took a sharp turn in eleventh grade with the death of his father. He had to make a decision whether to return home and get a job to support his family in place of his father or to remain and complete his education.

Jampa carried a deep sense of regret that his father had died without knowing Christ. "If I stay here in school for so many years, many people will die without hearing the Good News," he thought to himself.

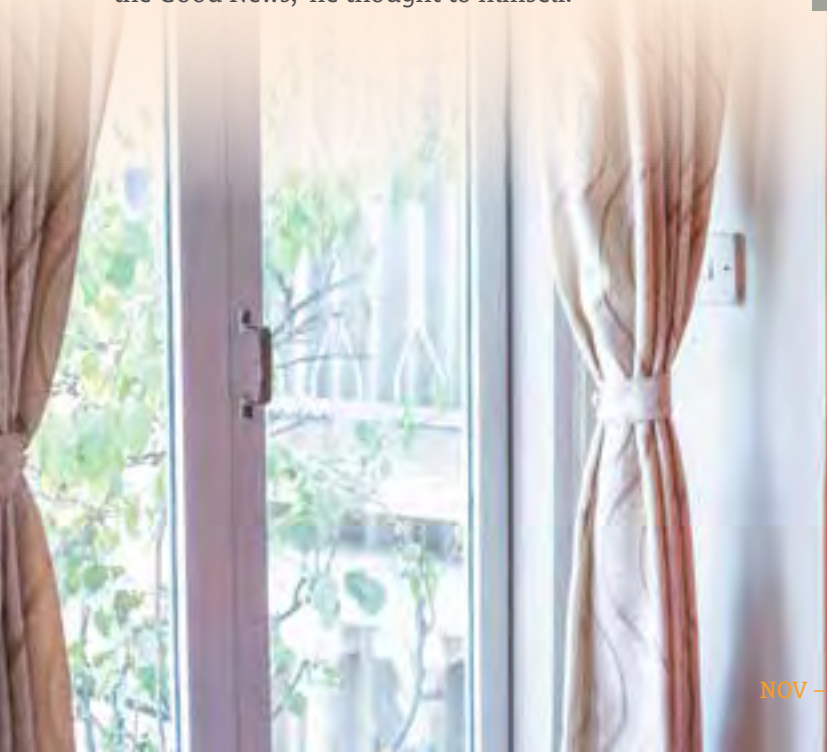
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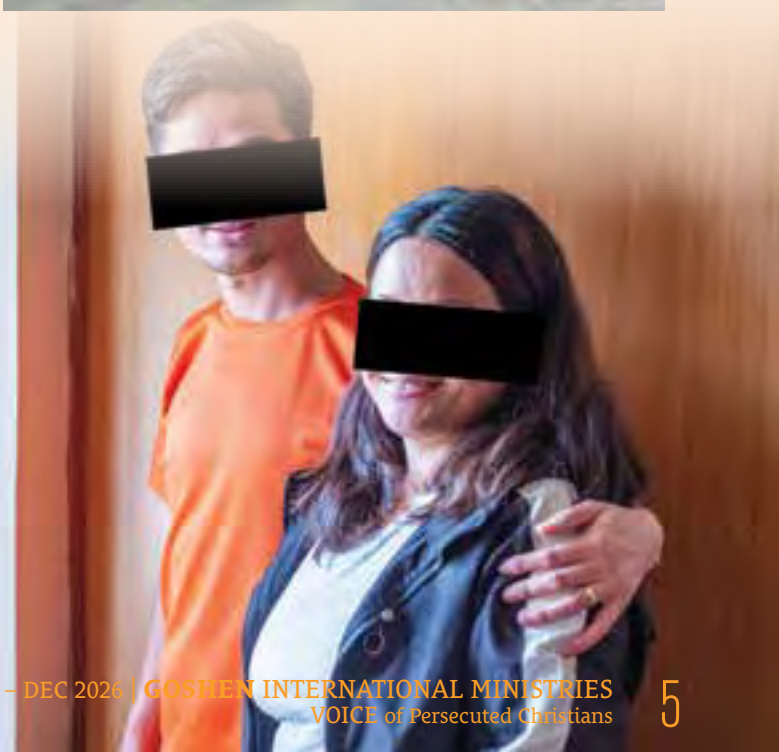
Determined that no one else should pass away without knowing Christ, Jampa decided to return home to the mountains. He knew God had called him into ministry. He was confident that his knowledge of the tribal language and culture was a bridge that no outsider could build.

Many of Jampa's Christian friends cautioned him against entering full-time ministry without prior theological education and pastoral internship experience. Feeling that some were mocking his naivete, he grew discouraged and began to doubt God's calling.



Prayer flags fly over a temple in northern Nepal as people go about their lives.





However, one week before his scheduled move back home, Jampa shared his concerns with an old friend who called to see how he was doing. Then, a few days later, he received a financial gift from this friend to begin his ministry. He saw this as confirmation that he was doing the right thing.

The early days of his ministry was devoted to praying over villages and asking the Lord to provide opportunities to share the gospel. Jampa knew that many Tibetans were steadfastly resistant to Christianity because they regarded their tribal religion as an essential element of their cultural identity. This made winning people to Christ in this region a slow and challenging process. But Jampa did not give up.

He and two other believers rented a house as a base for their evangelistic work - open-air dance programs, sharing the gospel and handing out tracts and New Testaments in the different villages. Sometimes, they would have a small but interested audience and at other times, they were assaulted and chased away by angry villagers. They trusted the Lord for provision of daily essentials and rental, and the Lord did not disappoint. Whenever the money ran out, another gift would arrive to fund the work.

Jampa met Dronma in 2018, early in his ministry. She was the leader of a Christian ministry bringing evangelism teams into the district. Dronma felt that Jampa, a native of the region, would be a great candidate to do long-term follow-up with the people her teams reached out to.

Both Jampa and Dronma understood the hardships of life in a ministry where Christianity is rejected and opposed. Every ministry trip involved trekking hours or even days, finding places to rest and sleep along the way. Without inns and hotels in the remote mountain villages, travellers relied solely on the warm hospitality of residents; but when people learned that Christian evangelists were on the trail, goodwill would vanish.

Jampa explained that hospitality is central to his culture. Villagers would treat every guest with deep respect and welcome them with tea, but Christians were often shunned. Such exclusion from an otherwise warm and welcoming culture has been painful for Jampa and Dronma, adding to their sense of loneliness and isolation. Fellowship with other Christians often comes only in the form of visiting ministry teams.

Jampa and Dronma got married in 2021 and moved to a house in a town that was near a small regional hospital. Jampa was drawn to the hospital to pray and that was when the Lord opened his eyes to a new calling.



Jampa and Dronma welcome hospital patients and their families into their home and lovingly serve them in the name of Jesus Christ.

A Warm Welcome

When Jampa told Dronma that God had called him to serve the hospital's patients and their families, she embraced this calling with enthusiasm.

They opened their home to people from different tribes and backgrounds, and treated them with grace and kindness. Their hospitality towards strangers in need, especially women, led to many meaningful and deep heartfelt conversations. These strangers' curiosity about the couple's motivations for showing love to strangers created opportunities for the couple to share the gospel.

Mamata was a young woman whose husband and family were strongly opposed to her Christian faith. Pregnant at age 20, she came with her husband to stay at the guesthouse for two weeks before her expected delivery date. Jampa and Dronma took every opportunity to serve Mamata and show the love of Christ to her husband, Krishna. Later, when Mamata needed follow-up treatment, no family members would help them with a loan, so she asked Jampa and Dronma, who gladly contributed. Because of the trust built with this family, Krishna and his mother both began following Christ.

Another woman who was abandoned in her illness by her adult children was very grateful for Jampa and Dronma's loving care during her two-week stay with them.

Jampa is not discouraged even though most of his guests did not come to faith in Christ because he knows



As a young man and a new Christian, Jampa returned to his home region in the Himalayas as an evangelist, distributing Christian literature in villages throughout the area.

that seeds of the gospel have been planted. Deeply moved by their warm conversations with Jampa and Dronma, a father and son, who were both monks, grew interested in the gospel and accepted Bibles from the Christian couple. Jampa continues to pray for the son's healing and for the family's salvation.

One of the happiest fruits of their hospitality, though, was within their own family. Jampa's nephew lived with them for four years. He initially showed no interest in the Christian faith and they didn't pressure him, but Jampa would occasionally and good-naturedly joke that it was his turn to pray over their meal.

Jampa and Dronma could tell at some point that their nephew was struggling with something, but he wouldn't talk to them about it. Then Dronma had a dream and shared it with him.

"I dreamed about you last night," she said. "God is calling you, but you are running from him. You want to be strong by yourself, but God is calling you and he has a special plan for you."

Their nephew didn't respond immediately, but the next Saturday, as they prepared to attend a weekly worship service, he asked to join them. After church, he shared how the Lord had been at work in his heart. "When I look at you and your wife - your character and behaviour, I feel I have to accept the Lord," he told Jampa. "From today, I will accept the Lord and never reject God in my life."

Jampa counts his nephew as first fruits of his ministry among Tibetans, who are deeply resistant to the gospel. He prays that many more will come to faith in Christ.

In the meantime, Jampa and Dronma faithfully work and wait for a strong fellowship of Christians among Tibetans in Nepal. While Jampa had expressed the profound loneliness of serving the Lord in these remote areas, he and Dronma have been moved to know they truly are not alone. As a front-line worker shared some prayers that were written for them by members of the global body of Christ, Jampa wept, overwhelmed to know that the body of Christ stood with them in this way.

"Pray that God can use us and our ministry in a powerful way," Jampa requested. "Pray for me to have ideas and wisdom to do ministry with my own tribal people, for me to show peace and generosity. Pray for our tribal people who are still living in darkness. Pray that God will do miracles in their lives and they will come to Christ. For this reason, we share the gospel."

(Article by The Voice of the Martyrs as adapted by Goshen)



Jampa and Dronma, pictured with their daughter, expressed the loneliness of doing gospel work in this remote region. They were deeply moved to know the global body of Christ is standing with them.

Current **Projects**



Project Relief for Victims of Anti-Christian Acts of Violence in Burkina Faso

To provide educational opportunities for about 1,138 Christian children who have been displaced and deprived of opportunities to continue their education because of acts of violence perpetrated against Christians in Burkina Faso.



Sponsor a Pastor (Trauma Recovery Workshop)

Aim: To host 12 overseas pastors, missionaries and field workers for a Trauma Recovery Workshop in Singapore to help them process hardship and find healing so that they can return to their ministries whole.

The cost for each pastor is about SGD $980.00.



Project : Iran Persecution Fund

Aim: To provide a vital lifeline to 5 Iranian Christian families located in Tehran, Gilan province, and other cities in Iran, who are enduring social and economic hardships due to systemic persecution.

If you feel led by the Lord to support these persecuted believers, details of how you can give may be found below.

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(In your e-mail to us, please indicate your name and contact number and the specific project you wish to give to. In the event the target fund is reached, any excess will be channelled to the general fund which goes towards assisting persecuted Christians.)

Will you leave a legacy of **enduring faith and love?**

A legacy gift to Goshen International Ministries can be a natural continuation of your commitment to sharing God's love and compassion with persecuted Christians around the world.



Your support enables us to provide prayerful, pastoral and practical help to persecuted Christians in many countries around the world.
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Volunteer With Us



We would like to call upon brothers and sisters to help us at our events and activities as and when we need help. For example, on occasions we need volunteers to help us man our book tables at special events or things of that nature.

We are also looking for champions to help us do research, organise things, distribute Goshen's bi-monthly magazines to different churches and to share with others about what Goshen is about.

If you are able and willing to help us as and when we need help or if you feel called to serve as Goshen's champions, WhatsApp us at **9788 0457** or email us at **admin@gosheninternational.org** for more details. We would love to meet up with you and discuss further how you may be deployed to help us!



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have been persecuted - mistreated, victimised, oppressed, discriminated against or harassed - because of your faith in Christ, we would like to feature your story in our bi-monthly magazine so that we can encourage others in the same situation not to give up hope.

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Scan this QR code and complete the Google registration form if you wish to volunteer with us.



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OUR PURPOSE

Small Gifts. Simple Prayers. Limitless Impact.

God does not need our abundance; He just needs a willing heart to give and pray for those who are persecuted and suffering because they chose to follow Jesus.

"There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"
(John 6:9)

God multiplies whatever you surrender to Him.

If you wish to know how you can support and stand with persecuted believers, come join our Goshen Fellowship Night.

DATE / DAY / TIME	VENUE	EVENT
Tuesday 10th Nov 7.30pm to 9.30pm	**Church of Our Saviour** 130 Margaret Drive Singapore 149300	**Goshen Fellowship Night**

(Look out for more details and updates on Goshen's Facebook page.)

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