

# My Response

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  - ☐ Project – Farsi Bibles for Iran
- (In the event that the target fund is reached, any excess will be channelled to the general fund for persecuted Christians)*

## MY PARTICULARS

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## January 1st to 5th

LAOS

Khamphone was a fortune-teller who helped villagers, including village elders and police officers, by consulting spirits. For this, he was rewarded with a piece of land to farm. He hired 20 workers to help prepare the land for the rice season. Then in December 2022, Khamphone became a Christian. When he turned to Christ, the village leader asked him to recant his faith on pain of losing his land. Although Khamphone invested a great deal of money and effort into the land, he does not want to renounce Christ. He testified that he has “put this burden into God’s hands.” Pray that Khamphone will find favour with both God and man. Pray that God will make a way for him to keep the land.

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will overflow with the love of God, grow in knowledge and understanding, and live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return (Phil 1:9-10).

Nation : Pray that the many unreached people groups in this nation will have the opportunity to hear the gospel and turn to Christ. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send His laborers to reach out to these unreached groups with the gospel.

## January 6th to 12th

NEPAL

Keshav, pastor of the Abundant Harvest Church in Pokhara, was convicted in November 2021 for proselytising and sentenced to two years in prison. Proselytization is the act of trying to win lost people over to Christ. His sentence was reduced to one year upon appeal. However, Pastor Keshav’s subsequent appeal to the Supreme Court against this reduced sentence was denied. Pray that God will strengthen Pastor Keshav as he serves his one-year prison term. Pray that he will be a powerful witness for Christ and that many fellow prisoners and prison guards will come to faith in Christ. Pray that his wife, Junu, and church members will remain strong in the Lord during this time.

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will be strengthened with the Lord’s power and filled with His joy so that they will have all the endurance and patience they need during these hard times (Col 1:11).

Nation : Pray that Christian workers will be able to share the gospel freely without any hindrance or harassment. Pray that the Lord will open ways for them to minister to unreached people groups who live in remote and difficult-to-access areas in this hilly country.

## January 13th to 19th

NORTH KOREA

Since 2005, The Voice of the Martyrs Korea has been using large balloons to carry Bibles and Scripture pamphlets into the restricted nation of North Korea. However, in 2020, the South Korean government passed a law criminalising the use of such balloons. But on 24th September 2023, the country’s Constitutional Court struck down this law, calling it an excessive restriction on free speech. We praise God that this effective method of sharing the Gospel message has once again been made legally possible. Pray that many North Koreans will find hope, comfort and peace in God’s Word through these balloon launches, and that many will turn to Christ.

## January 13th to 19th (Cont'd)

NORTH KOREA

Believers/Church: Pray that the underground church in North Korea will flourish and multiply at an unprecedented speed by leaning on the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God will bless the North Korean Church and shield Christians in this closed land with His favour (Ps 5:12).

Nation : Pray that many will seek the Lord while He may be found and call on him while He is near (Isa 55:6).

## January 20th to 26th

UKRAINE

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, opposition against Christians has increased and numerous churches have been forced to close in areas controlled by the invading army. In recent months, the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, the Baptist Union Church and a Roman Catholic Church, St Therese of the Child Jesus, were invaded by Russian forces and forced to close. Pray for the restoration of peace in Ukraine. Pray for the safety and protection of believers still living in Ukraine.

Believers/Church: Pray that believers will receive courage, strength, wisdom and guidance from the Lord as they seek to spread the hope of the gospel in their community. Pray that they will obtain mercy and grace to help them in their time of need (Heb 4:16). Pray that they will find healing & closure so that they can carry the light of the gospel forward in this very needy and hurting land.

Nation : Pray that the Lord will turn around for good whatever harm was intended against the church in Ukraine and that He will use His church mightily to accomplish the spread of the gospel by which Ukrainians can come to know the true and living God (Gen 50:20).

## January 27th to 31st

CHINA

Liu Cui is a member of the Lishi Christian Church in China, which operates a co-op school group for children. On 11th October, Liu went to the school to help tutor six students. Liu’s husband, who is not a believer, reported her to various government agencies whereupon the authorities rushed to the church, confiscated school supplies and Bibles, and proceeded to record information on the students’ parents who were present at the time as if they are criminals. Liu was taken in to custody and sentenced to ten days of administrative detention. Pray for wisdom and divine guidance for Liu and the Lishi Christian Church as they seek to raise children in the ways of the Lord. Pray for the grace of the Lord to rest mightily upon the Liu Cui and the Lishi Christian Church.

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will remain strong and resilient even in the midst of great trials. Pray that God will turn every challenging situation into opportunities for believers to shine for Jesus and bring honour and glory to His matchless Name.

Nation : Pray that the Lord will shine His light into the hearts of those who are opposed to the gospel, so that they too can truly understand the truth of the gospel message and receive salvation in Christ (2 Cor 4:4-6).

February 1st to 2nd

**INDONESIA**

On 16th September, a mob of about 50 people gathered and caused a disturbance at the front gate of the Maranatha Chapel in Depok City. The church had just rented the facility and held its first worship service the weekend before this incident. Although the requirements for permits have been met, some local community members were opposed to the opening of this new place of worship. As the members of the congregation were unsettled by the incident, the church decided to hold its worship service online for two weeks after that. Pray that the local community will come to an amicable agreement with the church and allow them to gather for worship in the rented facility without causing any further disturbance.

Believers/Church : Pray that believers in this nation will not be fearful even when they face the fiery trials of persecution. Pray that the Lord of hosts will defend their cause and give them victory (Deut 20:4).

Nation : Pray that God will turn the hearts of those who are opposed to the gospel so that they too will recognise their own sinful state, acknowledge their need for a Saviour and come to faith in Christ.

February 3rd to 9th

**INDIA**

On 26 December 2021, Pastor Jawahar was having a meeting with members of his church in his home in Madhya Pradesh state when a group of thugs and police officers entered his home and accused the believers of converting people to Christianity by fraud. Pastor Jawahar and two elders were charged with coerced conversion. Pastor Jawahar was jailed for 45 days without due legal process. On 9th July this year, all three believers were found guilty in court and sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined 50,000 rupees each. This is the first successful case brought against Christians under the nation's anti-conversion law. Pray for strength for these believers. Pray that their appeals against their sentence will be successful and that they will be acquitted.

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will preach the gospel with boldness. Pray that the Lord will confirm the truth of the gospel message by giving them the power to do miraculous signs and wonders (Acts 14:3). Pray that through these signs and wonders, many will be added into the Lamb's Book of Life.

Nation : Pray that God will raise up and position righteous men and women into offices that will enable them to disallow unjust and fraudulent accusations to be brought against innocent victims.

February 10th to 16th

**BHUTAN**

Believers/Church : Pray that the favour of the Lord will rest upon every believer and establish the work of their hands (Ps 90:17) so that they can practise their faith, share the gospel and minister to the community without any threat of harassment or opposition.

February 10th to 16th (Cont'd)

**BHUTAN**

Church : Pray that God will pour out His abundant provisions on the church so that she can serve the community and minister to the needy. Pray that whenever the gospel message is preached, those who hear it will hold fast to His Word with an honest and good heart, and bear much fruit for the Lord with patience (Luke 8:15).

Nation : Pray that whenever the gospel message is preached, many will be overcome with godly sorrow that will lead them to repentance and salvation in Christ (2 Cor 7:10).

February 17th to 23rd

**MALAYSIA**

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will fear the Lord, walk in obedience to Him, and love and serve Him with all their heart and soul (Deut 10:12). For the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him and hope in His unfailing love (Ps 33:18).

New Converts : Pray that God will guide the steps of the believers in this nation with His Word and protect them from the oppression of evil people so that they will not be overcome by evil. Pray that they will walk in the ways of the Lord and be obedient to Him (Ps 119:133-134).

Nation : Pray for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this nation that will lead to a spiritual awakening and revival where many will turn from their sinful ways and come to faith in Christ.

February 24th to 29th

**SINGAPORE**

Believers/Church : Pray that believers will be sober-minded and watchful at all times, for the enemy prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Pray that believers will stand firm against him and be strong in their faith (1 Pet 5:8-9).

Youths/Children : Pray that the young people and children in this nation will stay on the path of purity by living according to God's Word. Pray that they will seek Him and hide His Word in their heart so that they will not stray from His commandments or sin against Him (Ps 119:9-11).

Nation : Pray that the leaders of this nation will be endowed with wisdom and integrity to maintain sound governance so that there will be peace and stability. Pray that believers will continue to be able to freely live out our faith without fear of being persecuted by those who do not see eye to eye with us on matters of spiritual beliefs and values.

*"The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving"*

Ps 28:7



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