

Stand!

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong. (1 Cor 16:13)

Singapore: Goshen of Asia

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Goshen Events in January/February 2018

Month of January and February 2018

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Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (Every Thursday)	170 Upper Bukit Timah Road #19-01 Bukit Timah Shopping Centre, Singapore 588179	ONE TWENTY@ TALK ABOUT THURSDAY Ministering in Word and praying for the needs of the body of Christ.
Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm (Every 2nd Thursday)	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 our Goshen's Facebook



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 inaugural issue of our magazine, we chose to showcase this painting by a Singaporean artist to highlight Goshen's desire to be a tree of lush abundance and refuge for those in need, especially in Asia – rooted soundly in His soil while reaching for unknown heights. Will you stand with us today?

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February 1st to 7th

SINGAPORE

Goshen : Pray for the Goshen team and leadership as we serve the persecuted and afflicted church and the Body of Christ in Asia and beyond.

Church : Pray for wisdom and grace to be granted to Christian organisation and ministries serving the persecuted and afflicted church.

Believers : Pray for believers in Singapore to know their role in supporting the persecuted and afflicted church.

For the nation : Pray for good health for the leaders of Singapore

Missionaries : Pray for God to call, equip and send forth labourers from Singapore to serve in nations.

February 8th to 14th

LAOS

Mission : Pray for the Lord's perfect love to cast out all fear from orphaned hearts, that they will find their way back into the Father's embrace.

For the nation : Pray for moral conviction to strike the hearts of those who oppress others for profit via the sex trade.

Pray for Five Laotian Christians convicted of "performance of the medical profession without a license" after praying for a Christian convert. These five Christians will appeal the decision. Pray for non-conviction and release. They are Pastor Kaithong, Puphet, Muk, Hasadee and Tiang

February 15th to 21st

BURMA

For the nation : Pray for peace and justice to prevail

Salvation : Pray for effective evangelism that will penetrate orphaned hearts with the knowledge of the Father.

The ethnic Kachin Christians, Dumdaw Nawng Lat, 67, and Langjaw Gam Seng, 35, were sentenced to prison on 27 October although they uncover a bomb around a catholic church. Pray for freedom and be released soonest.

Believers : Pray for the emancipation of those believers who have faced harassment and persecution for their Christian faith.

February 22nd to 28th

VIETNAM

Pray for Brother Nguyen Van Dai : Arrested and held with no trial date. Pray for early release and information on his well being.

Pray for sister Le Thu Ha who has been arrested together with brother Nguyen. Pray for her safety and health

Church : Pray for unity among Christians and Christian organizations who are seeing an increase in new believers.

For the nation : Pray for that the unregistered house churches will experience the freedom to practice the faith. Pray that sound Biblical doctrine prevail in the churches.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

- Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)



Jan/Feb 2018

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PRAYER CALENDAR



My Response

Here is my gift of \$ for this month.

You are encouraged to keep your gift general so your funds are free to flow to different projects and areas where needed. If you prefer to focus on a specific area, please indicate below:

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- Sponsor a Pastor (Pastor's name:)

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Church:

* Please circle accordingly.

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January 1st to 7th

SINGAPORE

Believers : Pray for believers to realise their true identity as sons and daughters of the Father, and be inspired to guide others along their God-given destinies.

Intercessors : Pray for God to raise up more intercessors to lift up the persecuted and afflicted church before Him.

Missionaries : Pray for God to call and send more Christians to bless the persecuted and afflicted church through mission trips in 2018.

Current Issue : Pray that God grant knowledge and skill to the MRT staff to quickly resolve the various technical issues

For this nation : Pray that God will grant wisdom to the Singapore Government to rule the country with righteousness and integrity.

January 8th to 14th

MALAYSIA

Still Missing : Pray for missing Ps Raymond Koh to be safely found and returned to his family. Pray for comfort and strength for the family.

For this nation: Pray that the Lord will grant more religious freedom in Malaysia. That the government that will uphold the cause of religious freedom

For this nation : Pray for the government to rule with righteousness and justice

For believers : Pray for deep roots in Christ and not wavier in days of persecution and affliction.

Salvations: Pray for more people to experience the salvation of the Lord

January 15th to 21st

INDIA

Freedom : Pray for deeply-rooted social practices that are unjust be replaced by the transforming power of God's love

For this nation : Pray for justice and hope where there is oppression, poverty, and disease.

Freedom : Pray that the cause of religious freedom to be upheld in this nation

Salvations: Pray for the nation to experience the grace and mercy of the living God.

Strength : Pray for dedicated brethren in the nation to be further empowered by the Spirit as they navigate territory to bring souls to the Lord

NEPAL

Protection : In previous case whereby Nepali Christians were accused of converting others after handing out comics about the story of Jesus, pray for the vindication of believers facing persecution.

January 22nd to 28th

BANGLADESH

Church : Pray for God to raise up spiritually mature leaders in the church who are committed to authentic discipleship.

Pray for the Christians : Doripara village, near Dhaka. On 24 March a Christian woman, Mina Does's home was raided. Pray that justice and righteousness be the order of the day

Revival : Pray for an outpouring of servants willing to reach out in love to those in crisis.

Salvations: Pray for the nation to experience the grace and mercy of the living God.

For believers : Pray for deep roots in Christ and not wavier in days of persecution and affliction.

For this nation : Pray for long-term transformation in the battle against extreme poverty.

January 29th to 31st

CHINA

Church : Pray for continued Church growth and pure biblical teaching amidst persecution.

Freedom : Pray for sound Biblical teaching to prevail in churches

Pray for Pastor Zhang Shaojie : In jail for his faith. Pray for release and freedom from all forms of torture or starvation.





Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for your faithful support of the persecuted church through your prayers and donations over the years. We greatly appreciate your love for God's people, especially our suffering brethren.

More importantly, we know that the Lord takes joy at seeing how members of His own family in the relatively safer parts of the world are showing love and kindness toward those who are undergoing the trials of persecution. To those of us who have been faithfully showing love and support for the persecuted church down through the years, King Jesus says, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40, ESV)

Many of you have shown your love for the persecuted church through your generous support of Open Doors International (ODI) through the agency of Open Doors Singapore (ODS).

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you that as of 1st Dec 2016, Open Doors Singapore (ODS) ceased its partnership with Open Doors International (ODI).

The leadership of ODS made the decision in order to widen our partnership network to include more ministry initiatives in Singapore and around the world. In pursuit of this enlarged vision and the broadening of the scope of the ministry, ODS has been reconstituted as Goshen International Ministries.

Why did ODS change its name to Goshen International Ministries?

When Singapore celebrated its jubilee in 2015 and moved into the next lap of its development, the ODS Board decided that it was apropos to do a review of the effectiveness of the ministry to see how it may become more relevant to the needs and challenges of the hour and to sense the direction that the Lord would like to take the ministry toward.

Toward this end, three key aspects of the ministry came into focus:

1. There was a felt need to support the Body of Christ in coping with new challenges.
2. Support the emergent needs of the afflicted church. While the popular imagination associates the concept of "persecution" with the severe and wholesale oppression of a people group, adopting such a definition as an operational concept is way too narrow in relation to what needs to be done to extend help to the afflicted church. While the needs of the church suffering open and severe persecution are obviously of great importance and concern, there is a growing recognition that the church in Singapore must also minister to fellow Christians who are suffering persecution at a level that falls below the threshold of what is commonly thought of as persecution but whose sufferings are nevertheless just as real. In this connection, we strive to meet this need by means of standing with them in prayer, and where possible, extend financial and moral support for Christians elsewhere who are suffering persecution, including those who are helping the afflicted communities elsewhere in the world.
3. Respond to God's call for Singapore to be a Goshen where safety and security prevails.

In light of this refreshed vision, Open Doors Singapore has been renamed Goshen International Ministries to better reflect our expanding ministry.

What is the significance of the name 'Goshen'?

"But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. (Exodus 8:22, ESV) In biblical times, Goshen was a tiny land of refuge for its residents, and a blessing to its neighbours.

Similarly, Singapore is a tiny land of refuge sheltered from natural disasters due to its location. In 1965, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew envisioned

the country as a "first world oasis in a third world region". Over the last 50 years, Singapore has evolved to become an economic powerhouse and one of the world's richest nations. According to the Pinkerton Risk Index Report published in July 2016, Singapore is the safest nation in the world to do business. Another report by the Economist Intelligence Unit that looked into digital security, health security, infrastructure safety and personal safety ranked Singapore as the world's second safest city in 2015.

Moreover, a land of refuge usually extends its strength to help others in weaker positions. Singapore has consistently offered aid to others during times of crises. Singapore's recent contribution of US\$100,000 towards relief and recovery for cyclone-hit Fuji, and sending of medical personnel to strengthen relief efforts in Nepal after its 7.8-magnitude earthquake in 2015 are some examples of her humanitarian efforts.

Moving forward in a Holy Spirit reinvention

As we move forward in sync with Singapore's destiny and call, we will be working with Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), other Christian organisations and committed missionaries from Singapore and beyond to enhance our ministry to the persecuted and afflicted church. In short, we will continue to do what we have been doing for the past 34 years, and more!

Meanwhile, we value your faithful support and partnership. For love gifts through internet transfers, our bank account number remains the same: OCBC 508 308962 001. Please address cheques to Goshen International Ministries Limited.

Feel free to contact Betsy at 65-6456 0042 / 65-9788 0457 with questions. Thanks again for partnering with us on this faith journey! 🙏

Blessings,

Rev Pat Owyang
Chair, Board of Directors

GOSHEN: WHO ARE WE?



Just who is Goshen International Ministries? What is our mission? What is our role in Singapore? Here, we invite our donors, supporters and board members to lay out the hopes and aspirations of Goshen as they see it.

Over the past few years, some godly brothers and sisters felt the call of the Lord upon Singapore to rise up to its destiny as a Goshen, a place where safety and security in Singapore prevails for all communities in our land and where the light of the Lord's glory shines brightly through His people. Inspired by this vision, we have been prayerfully seeking the Lord about how He wants us to begin the journey of fulfilling this call to our nation.

For us to build a Goshen-type community among the churches, each of us needs to individually build a Goshen around ourselves. It is when we walk in the glory and atmosphere of what Goshen is like in our individual lives that we can extend that vision into our environment. When we walk in the glory and atmosphere of Goshen, our needs are met, our directions become clear, our lives are protected, and our hearts are marked by rejoicing.

We hope that you will join us in the journey of realizing this vision!

- Alan Koh

When I first heard about the vision that was released for Goshen International, I was excited because I knew it was of the Lord. Then I felt an assurance that the Lord had not forgotten our call to be the Antioch of Asia, and He has called a group of His servants who are committed to carry out what is upon His Heart – to support, train, equip, and send forth disciples to the nations.

- HL

It is true that Asia is experiencing higher levels of persecution at this hour, and it is timely that Goshen will be serving the persecuted and afflicted church. Thank God for Goshen's heart to touch Asia.

- Elise Ang

We are aware that Christian converts in neighbouring countries are facing increasing persecution for their faith, and are glad that Goshen will be serving in this area as part of Asia. May the Lord bring help to those in need through Goshen!

- Joyce Song

For years, we have asked this question: 'Who and where are the supporters for the persecuted and afflicted churches in Asia?'

This appropriate move of establishing 'Goshen International Ministries' to serve Asian churches is very timely because as some of us are aware, churches outside Asia are well-supported, but not as much within Asia. I strongly support Goshen International Ministries' move.

- David Ho

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

As believers in Singapore, we rarely experience persecution and affliction for our faith. As members of the Lord's body, we suffer when another member suffers. How then can we bear the burdens of our brethren in nations where persecution and affliction is so rampant? Let's pray fervently and give generously to support them in their tremendous needs!

- Ivy Quah

RELENTLESS: A MISSIONARY'S STORY

At first glance, Beth* appears to hide the true depths of her character with her petite frame and self-effacing demeanour. Yet, the fact that this courageous Singaporean lady has dedicated almost her entire adult life to serve the destitute in the regions of a war-torn country attests to her tenacity and grit. Her story is a true testament of what the Lord can do when a person says to Him, "Your will, not mine."

Beth first gave her life to the Lord in secondary school. As she grew in her faith, she was stirred by a desire to share the Gospel with the world. After coming into contact with some missionaries, she felt that she needed to equip herself with a skill to take to the mission field and nursing seemed to present itself as a logical choice. However, her application to be a general nurse fell through due to the surplus of nurses in Singapore, but then an opportunity in dental nursing came knocking on her door and launched her into a career of treating both adults and children in the dentist chair.

Following her resignation as a school dental nurse in 1983 at the age of 27, she pursued a two-year Christian discipleship programme on board the Doulos, a ship that sailed to different parts of the world with an evangelistic mission. She worked as a volunteer on the ship, which was populated by about three hundred people from over thirty countries, made up of families and single people alike. When the ship docked at a different port every month, volunteers from the

ship would flood the street with the proclamation of the good news.

With four to a room on the ship, the tight quarters were akin to a pressure cooker that brought to the surface the areas in one's life that needed the Lord's healing touch. In hindsight, Beth recognized the need to be completely displaced from a familiar environment for her vulnerabilities to be exposed and yielded to Him. "By taking away all your props, your friends, your support system, your comfort zone, (He) plunges (you) somewhere where you have to depend fully on Him," shared Beth. It was on board the ship that Beth was broken open by the Lord and given an understanding of her true identity and worth in Him. The Lord also steadily began to restore her self-esteem which had been ravaged by years of rejection.

Besides the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual rigour Beth was made to undergo on the Doulos, the experience also exposed her to various cultures through the ship's multinational inhabitants. Having to rotate rooms every few months meant the social environment was kept fresh and Beth got to work on her adaptability and negotiating skills in a diverse environment. Indeed, those two years saw an exponential growth in her understanding of the Father's love through His healing of her broken spirit and provision for her material needs, grounding her deeply in the faith.



It was then that she uncovered her desire to serve in full-time ministry for the long haul.

In her 34 years of serving the Lord, Beth never once actively appealed to people for funds. Instead, she was always faithfully provided for to the exact cent while in pursuit of her destiny. She shared a notable testimony about the Lord's provision in 1985, when she felt called to a missionary training college in the UK. A Norwegian couple Beth had met on board the Doulos offered to support her for the two-year duration of her studies without her prompting, much to the astonishment of her church leaders, who had doubted Beth could actually obtain the means to conduct her studies overseas. The Norwegian family was not an affluent family – the father was a humble schoolteacher with four children – but the support letter they wrote to Beth's church stated they would be willing to support Beth's studies at all costs, including selling their house. This greatly moved the leaders at Beth's church and introduced to them a whole new level of faith for God's provision, and they gave Beth the blessings she had desired to proceed with her studies.

While studying in the UK, a burden for the Uyghurs, which Beth first experienced during her days on board the Doulos, was given a chance to grow. When she volunteered at an international missions agency, she learnt that there was a need for dental personnel among the refugees of a war-torn part of the world. Despite entertaining initial reservations, she visited that country after graduating from missionary training college in 1989 and discovered a sense of familiarity about the refugees there. Beth herself blended in quite well among them because she too had facial features in common with them.

She worked tirelessly for two years among the refugees in that country challenged by tasks outside her job scope that only wisdom from the Lord could have endowed her to do.

In that country, gender discrimination and falling bombs were just a few of the challenges

Beth experienced. When she first entered there, civil unrest had caused much destruction in the city and all the embassies had closed down. She had Numbers 13 from the Lord to strengthen her faith as she felt herself move against the outward current of people who were escaping the country. If Caleb said they could enter the Promised Land despite the giants that inhabited it back then, she too could enter the land the Lord had led her into to share the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus with a needy and hurting people that she has grown to love and care for.

Beth was initially assigned to go to the northern region of a war-devastated country, where the situation was relatively peaceful. At the last minute however, Beth was reposted to the capital city where the horrendous effects of the war were everywhere visible.

The re-assignment confirmed a vision of Nehemiah she had gotten in prayer, who had wept over the broken walls of Jerusalem and interceded for an entire nation. Before entering the field, she, along with the small group of expatriates serving the Lord there felt in their spirits that they have an assignment to influence the destiny of the nation through intercessory prayer.

Beth strongly believed that the presence of the Lord's workers in was instrumental in helping to push back the darkness that had engulfed the country and to prevent it from gaining ascending in the land.

She recalled an incident in which the mere physical presence of a team member in a situation actually helped saved a life. The executive director of her team had a group of coworkers in the car with him when he drove by a zoo. Without warning, they were stopped by the zoo authorities who singled them to be thrown into the lions' den as food for the lions. However, the executive director stood by them and refused to leave until they were freed. By the mercy of God, lives were spared due to the director's relentless petition for their release.

Working in a patriarchal society where the sexual predation of women was rampant, Beth experienced many encounters with men who threatened her with rape. Being raped was a commonplace experience for many women in that society whose bore a deep sense of shame and low self-esteem throughout their lives. Yet, imbued with a sense of fearlessness that could only have come from the Lord, on many occasions Beth found herself staring down the men who tried to intimidate her into submission. Not used to being confronted by a woman in this manner, they would leave her alone.

In the face of the severe malnourishment in the children she came across, Beth's original assignment to start a dental clinic in the capital quickly became secondary. Despite zero knowledge about nutrition, Beth proceeded to set up a nutrition department in the health clinic where she worked at serving women and children. She learnt on the job, reading whatever materials she could get her hands on that had to do with nutrition. She did cooking demonstrations for the women, during which they got to sample the dishes with their children. It turned out that the time Beth had previously spent sharing meals with families in helped her to glean knowledge about cuisine from a nutritional point of view. She was able to improvise on and enhance the nutritional value of dishes familiar to the women, showing them practical ways to maximize dietary resources that were available to them. Moreover, Beth capitalized on those moments in the kitchen to initiate conversation with them about Jesus and His love for them.

Prior to Beth's presence at the clinic, food supplies that were meant for those in need were poorly managed. More often than not, the resources given to heads of the villages for dissemination by humanitarian organizations were distributed to friends and family instead of those actually suffering lack. To prevent this from happening, Beth started a system that profiled family backgrounds, ensuring that certain

minimum criteria was met before families were entitled to receive aid. She took before-and-after photos of the children who were part of her food scheme, documenting any progress that were made. She also rewarded mothers with certificates and clothing upon completion of the nutrition program, and if their children continued to gain weight six months after that, they would be further rewarded. This positive affirmation of their effort built the women's self-esteem and contrasted sharply with the system in place before that, which they felt imprisoned by because of their need, often allowing their children to fall back into malnutrition in order to be granted help again.

Besides the food donations coming in from external charities, Beth helped manufacture a high-protein flour using produce that are locally sourced. She reasoned that this helped to support the local economy and also made the food scheme reproducible anywhere within the country and its surrounding regions. In fact, Beth worked hard to keep her nutritional project sustainable.

When she had to leave the country after four years due to reasons of emotional fatigue, she was able to hand over her duties to a local coworker whom she had trained thoroughly by then. Years later, Beth would travel to various cities in that country to train cooks and, sharing with them the precious experience she had accumulated during her time at the clinic.

Today, Beth speaks of her years of service with a sense of absolute awe and reverence for the Lord. She marvels at how much Jesus really cares for people who are suffering the turmoil and devastation of a war-wrecked country. In the wistful reminisces of her time in some of the world's biggest warzones, she radiates a faith and hope that far surpasses human understanding. Indeed, Beth's story echoes the spirit of Joshua and Caleb beautifully, a story of raw and persistent faith in spite of circumstances, a story that will no doubt inspire many to greater intimacy in their walk with God and to lay hold of and to believe God to lead us into His high calling for our lives. 🌍

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PROJECT FOR THE PERSECUTED AND
AFFLICTED CHURCH

Target Project Funds

SGD \$8,250.00 only

(S\$150 per pastor)

Deadline for the collection of funds

1st February 2018

Would you consider sponsoring a pastor or pastors residing in Palawan Philippines for training in God's Word?

These pastors lead churches faithfully despite being persecuted and afflicted for their faith. Goshen is partnering The Oikos Fellowship to reach out to them.

Besides suffering persecution and affliction, they are also impoverished and uneducated, with very little to go by in terms of meeting their own personal and family needs.

In spite of their situation, they are hungry for the word of God.

However, given their impoverished condition, they are not able to afford buy a Bible for themselves, let alone pay their way to attend solid, Bible-based training programs.

From the interactions that Goshen's partner Oikos has had with these pastors, their testimony of persecution and affliction has been heart-wrenching.

We would like to ask you to prayerfully consider giving a generous offering to help sponsor these pastors for an upcoming Pastor's Training Conference that will be co-hosted by Goshen and The Oikos Fellowship.



A donation of just \$150 cover the cost of sponsoring a pastor to attend this 3-day Pastor's Training Conference that will be held from 26-28th Feb 2018.

The conference is designed to strengthen their faith through the teaching of God's Word and to equip them to teach and encourage their congregations to stand strong in the face of persecution and affliction. The conference will also seek to impart some practical skills to enable them to seek more stable sources of income.

Your one-time love gift of S\$150 will enable at least one pastor to attend the conference. This S\$150 will go toward paying for their accommodation near the conference venue, ferry tickets, meals and logistics for the event.

However, if you feel led by the Lord to give more than \$150 toward this project, please feel free to do so. We will designate to any pastor(s) unsponsored at time of receipt of your giving.

The names of the 55 pastors are listed and you can designate your sponsorship to any pastor(s). If you can, we also would like you to write a letter or a card of encouragement to him/her. We are very sure they will be touched to be loved by your words of encouragement. We understand that they will also want to write their personalised "Thank You" card to you when they have received your letter or cards of encouragement. 

How to sponsor: -

1. Cheques to be issued in favour of "Goshen International Ministries Limited".

At the back of the cheque kindly write the name/s of the pastor(s) you are sponsoring.

We will also need your name/address and telephone number. This is to facilitate our accountability to you.

Mail cheque to:

Goshen International Ministries Limited
My SingPost Box 880228
Singapore 919191

2. Bank Transfer OCBC Bank Code 7339 Account No. 508-308962-001.

Kindly run an email to admin@goshenInternational.org with the name/s of the pastors you are sponsoring. We will also need your name/address and telephone number. This is to facilitate our accountability to you.

3. Letter or Card of encouragement.

Please address your letter or card to the pastor(s) you are writing to and sign off as your name. Kindly also provide your name/address and telephone number to facilitate their personalised "Thank You" card to you when they have received your letter or cards of encouragement. Kindly mail them to our office when they are ready.

Mailing Address:

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Singapore 919191

We hope to receive from you soonest and on behalf of these 55 pastors, we thank you for reaching out.

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Criselda	Partially sponsored \$30
Danilo	
Caren	Fully sponsored
Besie	Fully sponsored
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Rogelio	Fully sponsored
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FORMER MAOIST REBEL TURNED MODERN DAY APOSTLE

My name is Florencia (for reasons of security, a pseudonym is used to provide anonymity to the writer)

I was a persecutor of Christians back in the mountain province near Napuca.

Before I came to Christ, I used to cut off the fingers of pastors. My sinful, violent ways were committed because I followed in the ways of someone who gave me arms and training as a rebel. I used to string up ministers of the gospel upside down on poles, and beat them to try to get them to renounce their faith.

As they were dying, they prayed calmly that Christ would forgive me and that one day I would become a believer in Jesus. Their dying words used to ring in my ears.

On one occasion, during a cross-fire with government troops, I was wounded and knocked unconscious in a hole for 3 days. I awoke in the middle of the night, and I began to feel fear grip my heart. I ran to a nearby building for help. It was a bible school where I was nursed back to health and was brought into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Today I have planted 7 churches and have helped junior ministers find strength to do the hard work in the remote mountains range of the Philippines. I am thankful for what the Lord has done in my life and I thank Him for allowing me to share my testimony.

I would also like to thank in advance any brother or sister who may feel led by the Lord to sponsor my participation at the pastor's conference. 🙏

LETTER WRITING

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER OR CARD TO ENCOURAGE THE PERSECUTED AND AFFLICTED BRETHREN.



We've made it easy for you! Here are some guidelines.

- Select one or more Pastors from the "Sponsor A Pastor" list whom you want to write a letter or card of encouragement.
- Just write a little bit about yourself – where you live, what the area is like, your family, your hobbies, and so on.
- Pray and ask the Lord for a word of encouragement for them.
- As these Pastors are all Christian, you can use an encouraging bible verse and some Christian greetings such as 'God bless you' and 'May the Lord be with you'.
- Even if the person who gets your letter or card can't read English, the very act of having received your letter will encourage them by reminding them that they're not forgotten.
- If you're happy to receive a reply, it's safe to provide us with your name and address. Many people have developed rewarding relationships in this way, hearing from people who suffer because of their faith.

HAPPY WRITING!