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– A prayer based on Psalm 46:5



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ONE BODY. ONE VOICE.

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By Floyd A. Brobbel
CEO for Voice of the Martyrs Canada

*“Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.”*

Proverbs 31:25 ESV



After travelling to several regions around the world visiting persecuted Christians, I have witnessed firsthand many of the difficult realities faced by our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. One particularly urgent – and often overlooked – issue is the significant challenges encountered by women and girls because of their Christian faith. It is essential to clarify that this does not mean their experiences are more critical or severe than those of men. Rather, it highlights the unique burdens women and girls carry when living amid hostile and restrictive environments.

For example, while travelling in Southeast Asia with colleagues from VOM Australia, we met a group of women whose husbands were imprisoned for their pastoral work. These women experienced increased pressures as they suddenly became the sole providers for their families,

all the while having to navigate the local authorities' harsh restrictions. This included having to receive special permission every time they needed to deliver food, clothing and medicine to their husbands. Tragically, these trying circumstances revealed the cruel intentions of their persecutors.

One by one, the pastors were released from prison and placed under house arrest. While, at first glance, this may appear to be an answer to prayer, it soon became apparent that the men were suffering from severe abdominal issues caused by the ground glass and/or poison that prison guards had deliberately added to their food. Now at home, and restricted from going outside, these pastors were consequently physically ill, traumatized, depressed and feeling useless as their wives continued to shoulder the family's burdens. In their frustration and pain, the men lashed out at their wives and children. One pastor's wife, with tears of heartache and guilt, confessed: "I was better off when my husband was in prison."

In the majority of VOMC's publications, we emphasize the harrowing experiences faced by persecuted pastors, whose suffering is often both visible and pronounced. These courageous individuals bear the brunt of severe reprisals, making their stories compelling to share. However, this focus can inadvertently overshadow the silent anguish of women and children affected by the same persecution. Their struggles frequently remain hidden, bearing the weight of suffering in ways that rarely make headlines. As we strive to expand our ministry, we recognize the urgent need to shine a light on our vulnerable sisters in Christ, ensuring that their voices and experiences are not overlooked in our mission to provide support and advocacy for all who suffer.

Proverbs 31:25 is part of a passage describing a virtuous woman. It is interesting to note that the qualities listed in this passage mirror those attributed to the Bride of Christ – His

church. *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible* explains it this way: "This passage is to be applied to individuals, but may it not also be applied to the church of God, which is described as a virtuous spouse? God by His grace has formed from among sinful men [human beings] a church of true believers, to possess all the excellences here described."

The comparison presented here is intriguing, for the assault on Christian women often occurs in the shadows, concealed from public view. At the heart of this insidious strategy lies their purity, a treasure deeply valued and fiercely protected. Consider the true objective of persecution: it is not merely to inflict physical pain, but rather to employ any means necessary to undermine a Christian's witness and diminish their testimony of faith. Thus, the quiet yet relentless attack on the virtue of our sisters in Christ unfolds as a sinister plot, with Satan – the adversary of the church – seeking to tarnish the reputation and effectiveness of God's Bride through acts of slander and shame. In this battle, the unseen suffering endured by women who remain devoted to the Lord becomes a crucial facet of a larger spiritual war.

This month's issue of *One Voice* provides a heartfelt look at the tremendous sacrifices that Christian women living in regions hostile to the Gospel make for their steadfast love and service to Christ. While we may never fully capture the complexities of these believers' hardships, their stories of enduring faith inspire us to celebrate their victories as they rise above the damaging impacts of shame and dishonour. To God be the glory!

Grace and peace,



Bringing Dry Bones *Back to Life!*



More than 15 years have passed since Susan Ithungu was rescued from a dark, cramped closet where her father had confined her after his beatings failed to extinguish her faith in Christ. The abuse began at age 11, shortly after the newly converted child made a confession of her faith through water baptism during a local church service. In addition to being severely beaten and threatened by her enraged father, she was locked away to die in the darkness. Susan's brother secretly gave her roasted bananas and a little water occasionally, but it was nearly six months before authorities

learned of the abuse and rescued her. Susan was freed in September 2010 after being held captive within her own home.

Although 85 percent of Uganda's population is Christian, Islamic extremism has been on the rise, and those who leave Islam for Christianity often suffer physical abuse from their family members. Covered with open wounds, suffering from untreated malaria, and weighing only 45 pounds, Susan was so weak at the time of her rescue that her bones had become brittle and stopped growing. The child not only spent the first year of her freedom in the hospital, but she has endured 13 operations in attempts to repair the damages done to her body.

Today, the young Christian woman still uses crutches to get around, but her outlook on life is far brighter than when she first left her father's house. "I feel so happy," Susan says. "I didn't know if I would ever heal or go back to school. But...I can look back and see how God was always there for me, and that I was never alone."

One of the ways the Lord has helped her was through the compassionate response of a Christian woman named Dreda Birra (or "Mama Dreda," as Susan affectionately calls her). When Dreda heard of the abused girl's dire situation, she knew the Lord was calling her to act. Despite having to tend to the needs of her own children, this surrogate mother committed herself to care for Susan – to the point of taking the recovering child into their home as part of the family. And soon, local believers rallied around them by contributing

food and giving towards the expenses of the child's extensive hospital treatments. The global family of Christ also helped pay for Susan's school fees and other daily necessities.

At times, Susan wondered if she would ever get to experience a "normal" life. "There have been times when I was sick or recovering from surgeries, where I was missing years of school," she says. Although she briefly considered quitting school, Susan's love of learning drove her to persevere. Finding nice friends in a good school has also tremendously encouraged her. She has now completed grade 12 and dreams of becoming a journalist.

Besides the provision of medical care, kind Christian friends, and practical support for daily living, Susan has seen the Lord's faithfulness in an unexpected place – her relationship with her father. Although he remains unrepentant and blames Susan's suffering on her conversion, she has found the strength to face him and ultimately extend forgiveness.

"There are times when I just look at [my father] and get angry," she admits. "But then I stop and remember that I have to forgive him." The forgiving process has not been easy for Susan, especially during times of intense pain. Yet, through

her willingness to forgive and honour her father despite the past abuse, she has experienced a different kind of freedom. "I find encouragement to keep the relationship. I can't finish one day without thinking about my father, and I pray for him all the time."

Susan enjoys studying the Bible with her friends, and feels a special connection to Ezekiel 37. In this passage of Scripture, the prophet envisions a valley full of dry bones. "It talks about the dry bones coming back to life," she adds. "That is what I pray the Lord does for me physically, and what He has already done for me spiritually."

Susan will have to undergo one more surgery, and she hopes it will be her last. Recently, she and Dreda were joyfully surprised when they heard that a small house will be provided for them, thanks to the compassionate response of the global family of Christ. "When I heard a home was going to be built for us, I was overwhelmed," Dreda states. Quoting the sentiments of her family, she adds: "'God is good....' Everything that we have prayed for, God has done. I have joy in my heart; I can hardly speak because of this joy!"

PAUSE & PRAY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Susan's life and the incredible testimony of Your faithfulness throughout her years of recovery and restoration. As she now prepares for one more surgery, we ask You to continue strengthening and encouraging her, while also providing guidance to the medical team overseeing her care. Please continue to bless Susan, Mama Dreda, and all who have lovingly supported them, allowing their lives to overflow with joy and blessings. May You also continue to work within the heart of Susan's father, drawing him closer to You, so that he would likewise experience Your transforming love and forgiveness. Thank You for bringing the 'dry bones back to life' in Susan's story. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Life Devoted to the Lord

Khoi lives alone in a tiny house not far from her church. At 96 years old, she still cooks and cleans for herself, enjoying visits from her children and grandchildren in her humble Vietnamese home. The source of her contentment becomes most evident, though, when she recites her favourite verse of Scripture. While quoting Matthew 22:37, she gently taps her fingers on the table for emphasis: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

Although this dear elderly woman is thankful to still be sufficiently healthy and strong enough to live on her own, she regrets no longer being able to travel to other areas of the country to share the ‘Good News of the Gospel’; the very message that won her heart to the Lord. Instead, she now devotes herself to intercessory prayer – whether it’s on behalf of her family, the church, or those who are now continuing the six-decade legacy of evangelism that she and her husband had initially begun among their people group.

Many residents living in the highlands of Vietnam are by tradition animists, those who sacrifice to nature spirits and practise ancestral worship. In 1924, Christian missionaries in the coastal city of Da Nang began training Vietnamese pastors and evangelists for the work of proclaiming the Gospel among the country’s geographically isolated ethnic

groups. This evangelistic work slowly progressed among the more populous tribes. Yet, it was more than 30 years before the Gospel reached Khoi’s people group.

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with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.”*

Khoi was born during 1929, a tumultuous era of heightened Vietnamese nationalism and radicalized socialistic ideology, in what was then called French Indochina. She was still an infant when Ho Chi Minh founded the Indochinese Communist Party (later referred to as the Communist Party of Vietnam) and began organizing Communist committees throughout the country.

After the French colonial rule of Vietnam ended in 1954, the ensuing struggle between Communist and anti-Communist forces tore the Southeast Asian country apart. Yet, life went on as usual in the village where Khoi resided with her family. While there, she eventually met a man named Nhat, whom she married in the early 1950s. Several years later, in 1957, an evangelist arrived with a message that transformed their lives.

"[The evangelist] came here to share about Jesus," Khoi recalls. "After a few times of [meeting together with the evangelist], my husband and I accepted Jesus." In fact, Khoi and Nhat were the first two people in their village to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. While the couple's families and neighbours didn't hinder or forbid their newfound faith, the unconverted villagers saw no reason to follow the same path. However, they did happen to notice changes in Khoi and Nhat's lives.

"Before I became a believer, I just lived my normal life," Khoi says, explaining that "normal" meant a life of gruelling work, insecurity and bondage to capricious spirits. "After becoming a believer, I lived a very joyful life. I had joy in my heart [when I] committed my life to the Lord!"

In 1959, the couple sensed that Nhat was being called into ministry. Their first step was to enroll at a Bible school in the much larger city of Da Nang. "I was just so happy to be with my husband and to be trained to serve the Lord that I didn't find any difficulties in moving from the village to the city," Khoi further explains. "I enjoyed living there because I had the opportunity to study the Word of God."

As their family gradually grew from two children (when they first moved to Da Nang) to six children in all, the ministering couple moved from place to place, planting new churches and establishing other ministries – including various orphanages. By 1975, an estimated 3,000 members of their people group had come to faith in Christ. "It was a miracle of God," Khoi remarks. "We don't understand how God touched their hearts. We just loved the Lord and served [Him] with all our hearts, and we loved our people. As we shared the Gospel...and showed our love to them, they opened their hearts and accepted Jesus."

Khoi and Nhat knew that hardships were a part of life, but being persecuted for their faith had never occurred to them – especially as they witnessed so many family members and neighbours placing their faith in Christ. Yet, as Vietnam's ethnic groups were being changed by the Gospel, Communist leaders who were unable to deliver on their promises of a better life were taking note....

By 1975, Khoi and Nhat had two grandchildren, giving them a joyful but more crowded extended family home. In the spring of that year, Communist forces from northern Vietnam



The gift of an old bike enabled Khoi to return to worship services and renewed her passion for evangelism.



overran the anti-Communist south, reuniting Vietnam under Communist rule. Claiming that Christianity was a tool of the CIA to infiltrate Vietnam, the Communists targeted Christian pastors like Nhat – treating them as foreign agents and enemies of the regime.

One day, Nhat left the house, never to return again. Khoi heard rumours that he had been arrested and moved from prison to prison for a while. To this day, she still doesn't know what finally became of him. Following her husband's disappearance, government officials questioned Khoi repeatedly about his Christian activities. Eventually, they confiscated the Christian family's home and property, leaving Khoi and her eight dependants homeless and desperately poor.

Unable to support themselves, the struggling family lived with neighbours and friends, supplementing Khoi's meagre earnings by gathering food from the jungle surrounding their village. "I was so discouraged and disappointed at the time," she says. "But the Lord put love in my heart and I just relied on [Him]."

In between her visits to government offices in search of information about Nhat, Khoi worked as a labourer in neighbours' fields. She was also frequently summoned to the district police station for interrogation, requiring a

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walk of more than 19 kilometres in worn-out slippers – and eventually barefoot – because she couldn't afford shoes. The interrogations, which were scheduled for early in the morning, lasted for several hours. Throughout that time, officials focussed on the couple's Christian activities and associates. The time spent travelling for those gruelling interrogations greatly interfered with her ability to earn a living.

Still, Khoi remained thankful for small blessings. When someone gave her eldest son an old bicycle, she rejoiced that they now had the means to enjoy the fellowship and ministry of a church. Every Sunday, Khoi and her son biked over 30 kilometres to attend the service. However, each church visit brought about a new interrogation, as the authorities wanted to know where she went and with whom she met. Even so, returning to church reawakened Khoi's calling of evangelism. Upon this realization, she thought to herself: "I don't have a husband anymore, so now my life is for the Lord only. That kept me faithfully following Jesus."

Khoi soon started travelling from house to house, teaching the Bible to anyone who would listen. Then, while she was



in church one Sunday morning, police raided the service. In addition to confiscating the believers' Bibles, they ordered Khoi to come in for questioning yet again. "Who are you, that you stand up and teach the Bible?" they demanded. "No one told me to do that," Khoi replied. "It is what I should do. It is the right thing to do."

Khoi has remained a faithful servant of God for 67 years, despite Communist rule in Vietnam, where today an estimated 15,000 members of her people group are Christians. She is thankful that her children have followed the path of faith that she and Nhat began so many years ago. Having regained a home and the daily necessities that she was denied for 37 years, Khoi continues to trust in God's constant presence and loving provision. "[The Lord] is my Shepherd," she says. "He takes care of me and protects me."

As a result of God's never-failing love, Khoi joyfully teaches others the hard-earned lessons she has learned through persecution and perseverance. "For those who are facing difficulties," Khoi concludes, "I spend time visiting and encouraging them – and what I have, I give to them. I tell them that our God knows everything, so we can commit our lives to [Him]."

SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Khoi has remained a faithful servant of God for 67 years, despite Communist rule in Vietnam, where today you can help support women like Khoi and remind them that they are not forgotten.

PRAY: Ask God to strengthen our Christian sisters in the midst of hardship, protecting them and their families, and filling their hearts with peace.

GIVE: Through VOMC's *Women's Ministry Fund*, you can provide practical aid, spiritual resources, and life-changing support to women and girls who are suffering for their faith: www.vomcanada.com/donate

ADVOCATE: By sharing their stories of persecution in your church, on social media, and within your community, you can help raise awareness and encourage others to get involved.

Stones of Remembrance

An Adaptation of Sabina Wurmbrand's Message



God works miracles every day. It is miraculous to hear the Word of God, to arise in the morning to see the sun, and to see your dear ones. But we take many of these things for granted. We forget that every minute of our lives is a miracle – a gift from God – and that He wants us to see miracles.

As the children of Israel were about to enter the land of promise after their 40-year wilderness journey, which was filled with God's miraculous provisions, the Lord said to Joshua, "Take 12 stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan [River]...and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight" (Joshua 4:3 ESV). Likewise, God wants us to see stones of remembrance and remember His miracles (4:6-7).

I once met a Christian lady who was exiled to Siberia with her five children for 12 years. Siberia is cold, and it was very hard for her to find bread for her children. One morning, when there was nothing for them to eat, she sat near her children and told them about the prophet Elijah who was fed by ravens (1 Kings 17:1-7). Then she announced: "Now I go. I don't know where, but I go. Pray that God may give us something to eat today." She left in the cold to look for some bread.

In the meantime, the children talked more about the prophet Elijah. "There were some birds who brought bread...", they said. "Let us open the door. Perhaps God will send some birds to bring us a little bit of bread today."

*“We are not called to be safe –
but faithful.” – Sabina Wurmbrand*

Despite the cold, the children opened the door, waiting for the birds. When a passerby saw the door open to the cold, he entered and asked the children: “Where is your mother? Why do you have the door open when it is so cold?” Crying, the children told him: “We didn’t eat yesterday, and we have nothing today. Mommy told us about the birds, so we opened the door, waiting for God to send in the birds.”

Hearing about the miracle that God had done for Elijah, the passerby (who was not a Christian) stated: “Children, I am the bird sent by God. I will take care of you.” He cared for this family every day. The stones of remembrance (in the story of Elijah) that the children had heard from their mother ultimately saved their lives, as well as the soul of this man who later became a Christian.

Stones of remembrance are declarations of God’s miracles that should prompt us and others to give Him praise. Standing before you as a “living stone,” I witness before heaven and earth that in the darkest days of my imprisonment, Jesus was there as a faithful Friend, a great Helper, a Light in the darkness, and a most wonderful Lord.

Don’t be afraid of your problems. Don’t be afraid of the world, because our Lord is greater. Bring your problems before Him, and you will see His mighty arm [move on your behalf]. Trust in Him, love Him, give Him praise, and tell those who are near you about His wonderful miracles in the lives of those who love Him.

Together, Sabina Wurmbrand (1913 - 2000) and her husband Richard (1909 – 2001) founded the international ministry of Voice of the Martyrs. Her inspiring story is told in the film, “Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years,” which is available at VOMC’s online store: www.vomcanada.com/store.

REFLECT

When life feels overwhelming, it’s easy to forget that every breath, every sunrise, and every answered prayer is a miracle from God. Through her story about the exiled mother in Siberia, Sabina reminds us that faith often begins with simple trust – knowing that God sees us and will provide for our needs. The innocent expectation of the woman’s children opened the door for Him to work through an unexpected passerby.

Just like the stones of remembrance in Joshua’s day, being mindful of such stories anchors our hearts in God’s faithfulness. Whatever challenges you might be facing, remember this truth: the same God who fed Elijah – and cared for the exiled woman’s family – is still working miracles today!

- *In times of need, do you find it easy or difficult to trust in God’s provision?*
- *What “stones of remembrance” (moments in which the Lord clearly provided or answered prayer) can you identify with in your own life?*

Perpetua: The Witness of a Young Mother



The year was AD 203, and an edict issued a year earlier by the Roman Emperor Septimius Severus had been clear: converting to Christianity was forbidden and punishable by death. In the ancient trading city of Carthage, North Africa (this part of the continent is now known as Tunisia), a growing number of Roman citizens were renouncing their pagan gods and instead turning to Christ. City officials considered anyone who refused to worship the culture's pagan deities, or the reigning emperor, as a threat to Roman civil order.

In the midst of this prevailing volatility, a 22-year-old nursing mother named Perpetua and her pregnant servant Felicitas were among a small fellowship of newly converted Christians who were determined to follow Jesus Christ. Because

of their resolute commitment, Perpetua and the other believers, including a deacon named Saturus, were arrested and detained in a Roman jail.

Perpetua, who was well educated and from a prosperous family, kept a diary during her imprisonment. In the diary, the young mother wrote about a conversation she had with her father who urged her to renounce Christ. "Father, do you see this vessel lying here to be a little pitcher, or something else?" she asked him. "Can it be called by any other name than what it is?" When he replied, "No," Perpetua affirmed, "Neither can I call myself anything else than what I am – a Christian."

This resolute response angered her father, who threatened to tear her eyes out. Though his angry reaction grieved her, Perpetua remained steadfast, and she and Felicitas were baptized to reaffirm their commitment to Christ. And although she was convinced that the Lord was with her, being separated from her baby caused her great distress. This burden was somewhat relieved after friends bribed the prison guards to allow them a short visit with Perpetua. These devoted friends brought food, family members and Perpetua's child, whom the young woman then committed into her mother's care.

Eventually, the imprisoned Christians were ordered to appear before a Roman procurator. As they approached the

high official, Perpetua's father suddenly appeared holding her infant. "Have pity on your babe!" he pleaded Perpetua. The procurator then stated to her: "Spare the gray hairs of your father and spare the infancy of your boy. Offer [a pagan] sacrifice for the well-being of the emperors." Yet, Perpetua remained unmoved. When the procurator rendered his final judgement, condemning the followers of Jesus to die in the arena, Perpetua wrote that they "went cheerfully to the dungeon."

On March 7th, AD 203, Perpetua, Felicitas, Saturus, and the other condemned Christians were led to Carthage's coliseum to face wild beasts in front of a blood-lusting crowd of spectators. Before Saturus entered the arena, he stopped for a last word with the prison warden, a man named Pudens. (That warden later became a Christian, and he carefully preserved Perpetua's diary.) The crowd eagerly anticipated the day's barbaric entertainment. Feral beasts – thought to include a bear, a leopard and a boar – were turned loose against Saturus. As blood began to stain his tunic, scoffers yelled, "He is well baptized!"

When Saturus' suffering had ended, Perpetua and Felicitas entered the arena to face a wild bull. The animal killed Felicitas, who had given birth while in prison. (Her child was placed in the care of other Christians.) But when the bull had failed to kill Perpetua, a gladiator was sent to complete her execution. As the gladiator approached, Perpetua asked for a moment to adjust her hair, which had fallen onto her shoulders – a sign of mourning in that culture. Perpetua told the warrior that she did not want to meet her Lord as one who was grieving, but as one rejoicing. "Stand fast in the faith and love one another!" she said as the gladiator approached with the blade that would finally end her life. When he hesitated, Perpetua grabbed the blade and directed it towards her body.

The killing of Perpetua and her friends – along with numerous other early believers – was intended to stop the spread of the Christian faith. Instead, their witness inspired the church to thrive in the shadow of Carthage's coliseum. Subsequently, Christian leaders such as Tertullian, Cyprian and Augustine also left legacies of Christian faithfulness – at any cost – throughout the region.

HEART CHECK

The witness of faithful Christians who obeyed Christ – even to the point of death – inspires people of every generation. Such unwavering testimonies throughout church history serve as reminders that we too are called to be a part of the unbroken chain of witnesses. How does Perpetua's courage challenge the way you live out your faith today?



VOM Global Reports

SRI LANKA: Schoolteacher Transforms Young Lives



Subashini, a volunteer teacher in a Sri Lankan village.

Subashini is a volunteer teacher in a Sri Lankan village where most students are from Hindu families. When the Christian woman began teaching, she encountered strong opposition from many of the students, who questioned her right to speak openly about her faith. Despite financial struggles and an economic crisis that made even travelling to school difficult, Subashini firmly believes that God has placed her there for a purpose.

Through the support of VOMC's international ministry partners, Subashini's burdens slowly began to ease, and today she teaches about 55 children from grades six to eleven. Her students have not only improved academically, but they are also opening their hearts to God. A few have even accepted Christ, and their faith is now influencing others.

Subashini looks back on her teaching ministry with gratitude, testifying that every trial has presented an opportunity for God to reveal His glory. This persevering

believer also gratefully acknowledges the financial support she was provided, which has played a vital role in sustaining her mission – making it possible for many young lives to be transformed for eternity.

NIGERIA: Mara's House Brings Strength and Healing



Lami and her two children, Musa and Martha.

In November 2021, Lami lost her husband in a brutal attack perpetrated by Fulani militants. The widowed mother and her two children, Musa and Martha, were forced to flee the village after militants burned their home and destroyed their crops. To survive, Lami borrowed some land for irrigation farming and relied on small trading. Unfortunately, it was never enough to feed her family. Through local pastors, the widow was introduced to Mara's House – a trauma centre run by VOMC's in-country ministry partners. There, as Lami began Bible studies and vocational training, her family slowly regained their strength and received a sense of belonging.

In December 2025, Lami completed her Bible college diploma and began serving in Christian ministry. Musa and

Martha recently moved to a ministry-based children's home, where they continue to receive education and care. By July 2026, Lami plans to launch a small business from her parents' home while maintaining close contact with her children.

UGANDA: "School of Hope" for Teen Mothers



Zion now shares the Gospel with everyone she meets.

Zainab grew up in a broken home in Uganda. After her parents divorced, the young girl was deeply neglected while living with her Muslim father. At 13 years of age, desperate for food and schooling, Zainab met a man who promised to help her. Tragically, he failed to fulfill his promises, leaving the teenaged girl pregnant, hungry and alone.

Four months into her pregnancy, Zainab was brought to the School of Hope – the first educational facility for teenage mothers in Uganda. At the centre, which is run by VOMC's trusted ministry partners, Zainab not only excelled academically, but she also came to know Christ as her personal Saviour. The young mother, who has since changed her name to Zion, now shares the Gospel with everyone she meets.

Sadly, just before graduation, Zion's father forced her to return home – furious that she had given her life to Christ. Please join us in praying that God will protect this young

believer, strengthen her faith, and powerfully work within the heart of her father.

PAKISTAN: Sewing Centre Helps Weave a New Chapter

Parveen, a 55-year-old Christian woman in Pakistan, lives in a small village where life is simple but difficult – especially for women who were never given the opportunity to study or work outside the home. Married at 17, she spent decades raising her children and managing the household on her husband's small income. "There were times we had to choose between buying groceries and buying clothes for my kids," she recalls.

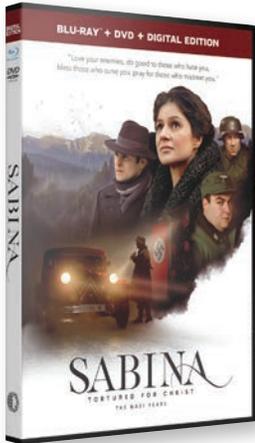
Longing to learn a skill that would help support her family, Parveen decided to enroll when a VOMC-supported sewing centre opened in her area. When one year of training, she received her own sewing machine and now earns an income by stitching clothes. "More than money, what I've gained is respect from my family, from my neighbours – and, most importantly, from myself," Parveen says. "I now believe that it's never too late to start a new chapter!"

THAILAND: Food Aid Supports Burmese Refugee Family

Thandar fled Myanmar nine years ago after soldiers repeatedly threatened her village. The 33-year-old Christian woman escaped the country and eventually settled within a village located in Thailand. Simply wanting to worship the Lord or attend church often brought about accusations and pressure, leaving Thandar deeply discouraged. Her husband could only find temporary labour, and her small weaving income barely fed their family. When VOMC's ministry partners delivered food boxes to Thandar and prayed with her family, the meals brought more than just physical nourishment. "They strengthened our spirits and reminded us that, through God's love, we are not forgotten," she says.

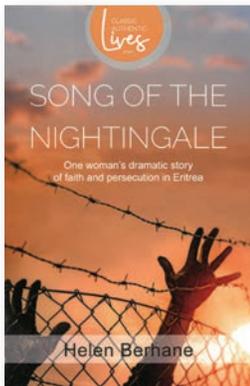
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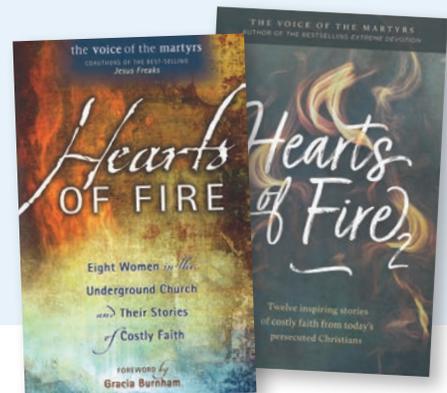
conditions in her native country of Eritrea. What was Helen's crime? Sharing her faith in Jesus, and refusing – even though horrendously tortured – to deny Him. This Christian woman's heart-rending account of true faith in the face of evil reminds all who live in the free world to not take our religious freedoms for granted. Helen challenges us by saying, "If I could sing in prison, imagine what you can do for God's glory with your freedom."

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“She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: ‘You are the God who sees me,’ for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who sees me.’” – Genesis 16:13 NIVUK

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 IRAN Praise God for Iranian Christians who discretely worship despite threats of harassment and arrest.	2 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Dinara, who was beaten by her family after becoming a believer and nearly forcibly married.	3 MEXICO Ask the Lord to comfort and provide for followers of Christ who have been driven from their homes.	4 SUDAN Pray that displaced Sudanese Muslims living in refugee camps will be receptive to the Gospel message.	5 NIGER Pray for encouragement on behalf of Christian communities that have been uprooted by violence.	6 KUWAIT Pray that Kuwaiti Muslims will develop a deep hunger for the spiritual truths contained in the Bible.	7 CHINA Pray that believers will gain access to God’s Word and other spiritual resources despite restrictions.
8 BHUTAN Pray for the removal of governmental prohibitions on Christian worship activities.	9 SYRIA Pray that many Syrians will turn to faith in Christ through the faithful witness of evangelists.	10 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that those seeking truth regarding God’s plan of salvation will have access to His Word.	11 LIBYA Pray that converts from Islam will find supportive Christian fellowship so they can grow in their faith.	12 KENYA Thank God for the distribution of 14,000 Bibles in an area consisting of a strong Muslim influence.	13 INDIA Pray that Buddhist monks who seek to suppress Christianity will discover the reality of the Living Christ.	14 BRUNEI Praise God for Bruneians who have come to faith in Christ despite harsh religious restrictions.
15 QATAR Pray for Christian expatriates who are sharing the Gospel in authentic ways with Qataris.	16 COMOROS Pray for freedom of worship in Comoros, where conversions to Christianity are presently illegal.	17 DJIBOUTI Pray for the growth of Djiboutian churches, despite governmental bans on public gatherings.	18 HONDURAS Pray that Christians will boldly share the hope they have in Christ among rural communities.	19 MYANMAR (BURMA) Pray the words of Matthew 10:16 over those who are ministering amid a complicated civil war.	20 MALI May the Bibles that have been distributed in local languages bring joy and spiritual growth to believers.	21 RUSSIA (AND ITS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) Pray that Christians labelled as “extremists” will respond to their opposers with the love of Jesus.
22 PHILIPPINES Pray for those sharing the Gospel message in Muslim-majority communities on the island of Mindanao.	23 YEMEN Pray for believers who are facing harassment, broken relationships, potential job loss, and even death.	24 ALGERIA Pray for the many churches that have been forcibly closed by the government since 2018.	25 TÜRKIYE Pray that churches throughout the country will have increased favour with authorities.	26 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Christian women who have been pressured by their Muslim families to renounce Jesus.	27 MOZAMBIQUE Pray for those ministering to the 700,000 people who have been displaced by militant Islamic violence.	28 IRAN Pray that Iranians who have become disillusioned with Islam will discover the truth of Christ’s deity.
29 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for the safety of Christians delivering lifesaving supplies to displaced victims of war.	30 GUINEA Pray for believers who have been harmed or rejected by their families because of their faith in Christ.	31 AFGHANISTAN Pray for remaining Christians who are serving as the Lord’s witnesses despite great dangers.				



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