



ALONG THE WAY

"Lufti" was introduced to Christ in elementary school and secretly became a believer. His father learned of his son's new-found faith and called a family meeting, inviting several Muslim religious leaders to join. Lufti received an ultimatum: Serve Christ and leave school; or remain in Islam and continue his education.

Lufti stood firm and refused to exchange serving Christ for the promise of schooling. "Whether or not you abandon me, whether you pay my school fees or not, I am for Christ and will not go back to Islam," he answered. His family told him to leave the house immediately. For a young Sudanese boy, this could have been devastating. However, Lufti, now 18, clung to his faith in Christ and, with the help of donations, continues to attend school.

VOM supports believers like Lufti in the Nuba Mountains where the largest population of Sudanese Christians remains. While VOM provides medicine, blankets, Bibles and other necessary practical items, a partnering organization, Lift Up the Vulnerable, works to defend the especially helpless from human trafficking. Together, the ministries help protect those in Sudan and South Sudan who have been left defenseless through war and oppression, suffered persecution and are at high risk of exploitation.

"I pray that the Lord will help me to practise what is written here in my Bible," says Lufti of the edition he received in his language. "And I trust that one day my family will come to know the Christ whom I serve.

JANUARY

HIS WAY

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." John 3:16-18 ESV

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NIGER Pray that many in need of salvation will hear the Gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ.	2 CAMEROON Pray for Christian ministry workers who risk their lives to advance the Gospel in remote areas.	3 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that those who have lived in refugee camps for years will continue to hope in Christ.	4 LIBYA Pray that God will raise up indigenous church leaders who are willing to serve at any cost.	5 ETHIOPIA Pray that God will provide for Christians who have been displaced by the civil war.	6 BRUNEI Pray that all Malay Christians will have their own copy of God's Word.	7 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that many new Kyrgyz believers will be added to God's Kingdom.
8 MALAYSIA Pray that more Malaysian Christians will share the Gospel with fellow Malays.	9 BAHRAIN Pray that those visiting Bahrain from other nations in the region will hear the message of the Gospel.	10 INDIA Pray for students of a Christian school in Madhya Pradesh that was attacked by a Hindu mob.	11 COLOMBIA Pray that God will raise up Christian leaders for small group Bible studies.	12 BANGLADESH Pray that Christian videos will be effective evangelistic tools.	13 MAURITANIA Pray that spiritual seekers will find truth in the person of Jesus Christ.	14 NIGERIA Pray that Bibles will reach their destinations safely and touch many hearts.
15 SRI LANKA Pray that the next generation of Christian leaders will grow to reach Biblical maturity.	16 ISRAEL Pray that militant Islamic groups will be thwarted in their efforts to prevent Christian activities.	17 KENYA Pray for village pastors receiving theological training for the first time.	18 MALDIVES Pray for those working on written and audio translations of the Bible in the Divehi language.	19 MEXICO Pray for the success of outreach activities for children in southern Mexico.	20 TAJIKISTAN Praise the Lord for the growing number of Tajik Christians and pastors.	21 IRAQ Pray that church leaders will have opportunities to reach refugees with the Gospel.
22 MALI Pray that the Gospel will be presented to people in unreached areas.	23 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for Christians who have lost their jobs, homes and family relationships because of their faith.	24 TANZANIA Pray that 72 young Christians who have been ostracized by their families will find safe places to reside.	25 DJIBOUTI Pray for the wisdom of Christians who share the Gospel through social media.	26 VIETNAM Pray that every tribe in Vietnam will have Bibles in their language and opportunities to learn of Christ.	27 TUNISIA Pray that local churches will be welcoming and wise as they evangelize among their communities.	28 BHUTAN Pray for Christians as they attend public worship under threat of arrest.
29 YEMEN Pray for the continued strong witness of a church that was raided by armed men.	30 LAOS Pray that the Gospel will continue to spread among minority groups.	31 TÜRKIYE (TURKEY) Pray for foreign missionaries, who face deportation if they are suspected of conducting ministry activities.				