

In the mountains where a team was carrying Bibles, an avalanche killed five people and two froze to death being lost in the blizzard. But God protected the Bible smugglers. All were safe!

#### Dear friend,

I want to start this letter with a very HUGE Thank You!

In my last letter I shared about the overwhelming needs we are facing to bring desperately needed help to persecuted Christians during the COVID-19 lockdowns. It was such a blessing and encouragement to see such selfless response of true Christian love!



Selfless, Christian love from our DOHI supporters provided 60 brick-kiln families under lockdown with emergency food.

We were able to get help quickly to the most destitute families and bring critical aid to the persecuted Christians in Iran.

60 brick-kiln families facing hunger in Pakistan received immediate food packages, hygiene items and basic education on hand washing and safety precautions to stop the spread of the virus.



Children will not go to bed hungry!

"All the families are very grateful and gave prayers to DOHI donors for helping them. We secretly took some pictures as we gave out care packages, to not make people feel bad or inferior," writes Taskeen.

If you could only see the joy and gratitude of those who received help in such a time of crisis you would know how much you are appreciated.

### A new challenge - Bible distribution and the coronavirus

In Iraq, Pastor Daniel (not his real name) and his team have weathered many storms, from the ISIS crisis to Iran's missile attacks that hit very close to the base camp. In January, the American Embassy left and US organizations pulled out their people. Daniel and his team stayed. "It looked like WWIII was about to start with rockets flying over the house, but it hasn't...yet," wrote Pastor Daniel.

# Feeding the Hungry like Joseph in Ancient Egypt

Today, the team faces another "war," a world pandemic. When COVID-19 hit, almost all missionaries left Iraq. Pastor Daniel prayed and felt led by the Lord to again, remain. How could he leave refugee families in great need? How could he stop delivering Bibles?

Pastor Daniel has been on the frontline in Iraq since 2004. He is a dear friend and very experienced to deliver Bibles and witness about Messiah to the Muslim people. With 17 successful deliveries, thousands of Bibles have been smuggled into several Middle Eastern countries from Iraq.

On Mar 26, everything changed. Iraq went into lockdown and all travel was restricted. The largest load of Bibles ever sent was now stuck. The Bible smugglers were on lockdown. And refugee families were now hard hit.

"Lockdown in Iraq and the region has been very hard on the poorest among us, especially the refugees trying to start a new life. We are getting desperate calls for help. Some are suicidal... others have totally run out of food. Yesterday we received special permission to travel for humanitarian reasons to deliver emergency food to destitute families.

At one roadblock, the police gave us a list of families they know of in desperate need of food. It looks like we

will be feeding the hungry like Joseph in ancient Egypt," writes Pastor Daniel.

Ministry teams face the overwhelming needs on a daily basis. But they rejoice seeing all that God is doing in Irag and the region. A persecuted family in Syria rejoiced when the team arrived with food.

### "Yesterday we prayed as we went to sleep hungry. And today you are bringing us food!"

Together, we are lifting high Jesus Christ as we minister to the needs of the persecuted. Many are being drawn to Him as He is lifted up. Muslim leaders have told the team:

A bakery was hired to make 1200 pieces of bread for

the team to deliver every morning.

"We share most of the qualities that Christian leaders have.

But we don't share the same love. Christ's love is stronger! You have proven that."

With travel restrictions lifted, we are hopeful the team can move the load of Bibles that was "quarantined" during the lockdown. Please pray for the Bible smugglers. Pray as pastor Daniel so eloquently said it:

### "God blind the eyes of those who don't need to see our boxes."

Thank you for your compassion. Because of you many children and families will not go to bed hungry tonight!

As you continue following the leading of the Holy Spirit, may you too be blessed! Together in His Ministry,



A Bible is given in each aid package.

PS: A Bible costs \$6.50 and a New Testament \$3.00 to ship to new believers in Iran. To ship all the Bibles currently in storage will cost about \$75,000.

Yes	Paul, I want to feed the hungry like Joseph in ancient Egypt and provide Bibles to persecuted families.
	☐ Here is my gift for where most needed
	☐ Operation Rescue Fund emergency aid and Bible distributi
	I will pray for the Bible smugglers that God will "blind the eyes of those who don't need to see."
	Here is my gift of:
	□\$50 □\$75 □\$150 □\$500 □\$1,000 □Other \$

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Praying for DOHI supporters who gave emergency food

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YES! I want to make a contribution to Door of Hope International to help those in need around the world.



## **LEGACY GIFT PLANNING AND THE CORONAVIRUS**

We have probably felt more vulnerable recently as we have gone through this pandemic. Maybe even had some "what if..." moments.

Maybe the "silver lining" of this pandemic is the motivation to take care of business we sometimes put off indefinitely with, "I'll take care of that one of these days."

Estate planning often falls into that category. Have you made a will, a trust? Is it up to date? Have you made adequate instructions for your wishes to be carried out?

If you would like to make sure the support you've been providing for suffering Christians continues, there are several tax-wise methods for doing so. Let us know if you'd like more information.

	Yes, I would like more information.	
My email:	phone:	