Blind the Eyes of Those Who Don’t Need to See…

On Mar 26, Iraq went into lockdown. All travel was restricted. The largest load of Bibles ever received was now stuck, “quarantined” in storage! Bible smugglers were on lockdown.

When travel restrictions lifted, the Bible smugglers continued their dangerous trek through the Iraq mountains praying that God would “blind the eyes of those who don’t need to see,” as they smuggled His Word into countries hostile to the Gospel.

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**IRAQ**

Bible distribution: “Blind the eyes of those who don’t need to see”

Door of Hope International’s main focus is to be A Voice and a Helping Hand to our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. We continued to lift His name high in a world that wants to remove His name. Not only fighting those who want to remove God or the name of Jesus Christ, but to also reach out to those who still have not heard the Good News!

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Feeding the Hungry like Joseph in Ancient Egypt

Lockdown in Iraq and Syria was very hard for many, especially refugees trying to start a new life after fleeing the horrors of ISIS. Some became suicidal; others totally ran out of food. The situation was so desperate that even police gave lists of families in crisis, opening roadblocks to the teams to deliver emergency food to destitute families and heaters to help survive the upcoming winter cold.

“Yesterday we prayed as we went to sleep hungry. And today you are bringing us food!” cried a Syrian family with joy.

Iran continues to suffer extreme economic difficulties due to international sanctions and corruption. The most affected are Christians suffering tremendous persecution. We continue ministering into Iran through radio and C-Net-TV. New converts receive encouragement and untrained house pastors receive training. Through these 24hr programs calls are received and questions answered. These programs have reached many Iranians who are now are turning to Christ.

A catastrophic explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, flattened the port city of Mar Mikhail, a predominantly Christian area. It was a double blow during a time of Lebanon’s rapidly dropping economy and a world pandemic. Adding to the disaster, several hospitals and clinics were destroyed in the blast. As aid poured into Beirut from many countries, very little reached our Christian brothers and sisters. Hundreds of families were in urgent need. Through our local church contacts these families received emergency packages including Bible verses and Christian literature. Non-Christian families in need were also ministered to.

“I cannot say thank you enough to those who sent help that came just in time. Thank you Door of Hope International!” Marcelle Ibrahim.

Christian arrests continue. Executions are at an all time high, bringing Iran second to China in execution deaths. We must continue to advocate on behalf of the imprisoned Christians. We know that keeping their names in high profile, on the forefront of news, can save lives.

Using Radio and C-Net TV Bringing Revival to Iran
**PAKISTAN**

Brick-kiln families, mostly Christians who no one else will hire, suffered tremendous hardships under lockdown. Without work there is no pay, no government aid…and no food.

Faced with dire hunger, you helped hundreds of families with life saving food packages and basic hygiene items.

**ARMENIA**

Thousands of Armenian Christians living in Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan, fled their homes as Muslim enemies waged war to annihilate them from their homeland. Surrounded by Islamic countries, Azerbaijan, Turkey and Iran, Christians living in Nagorno-Karabakh for more than 2,000 years had little hope. As the men, young and old, stayed to fight, women and children fled into neighboring Armenia.

Winter was soon approaching. Mothers and children desperately needed clothing, shelter, and food.

It is an unjust war. Azerbaijan, a wealthy oil-producing nation, is also supported by Turkey. The first genocide of the 20th century was by the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), which had slaughtered over three million in this region. Today, Turkey’s president wants to re-create the Ottoman Empire. There is a great risk of a second genocide, a holocaust of the Christian Armenian people.

“We have over 400 refugee families in just our town. They are all women and children. Their husbands, fathers, brothers and even the elderly men are on the frontlines defending their homeland,” wrote Pastor Vahan.

“Nobody is helping these poor people. The families are begging for help. They have run short of food. They go to sleep hungry each day,” wrote Taskeen.

Other: Families of forty innocent Christian men unjustly imprisoned for five years were helped upon release. Their families struggled in poverty, borrowing money to survive. Your gifts helped them in multiple ways.

We would love to report more stories like this. If you would like to be part of helping people in need, please send an email to info@omar.org.
In many areas of Bulgaria, during the pandemic, many impoverished Christians already suffering economic hardships had hard choices to make, eat less or miss a meal today... be less hungry today, or tomorrow? When you have to choose that for your children, it’s a tough choice to make. Hunger hurts.

Your gifts helped many families survive.

During Christmas, small teams ministered to “the least of these” such as poverty stricken Roma communities of Bulgaria. Short outdoor “celebrations” brought joy to hundreds of children who received gifts and special treats as they heard how much Jesus loves them and hope to families who received food packages. Hundreds of Bibles were given. The teams received many thanks and asked if they would return. Several Roma had asked for prayer.

As war continues raging in Ukraine, Pastor Gorbachev brings help to families in the war-torn region of Donbass. This Christmas he organized gifts for children and families in great need. He shared about Irina who became bed ridden after breaking her hip. Then one week later was rushed to the hospital with severe Covid-19. For one month she fought for her life. She slowly recovered, but still needed surgery. The illness and expensive surgery placed the family in a very dire financial situation where they had no money for even the simplest food.

“Thanks to donors of Door of Hope International, we were able to stock up Irina’s shelves with food and purchase expensive medicines she needs. Irina thanks everyone who donated these finances and helped her through the most difficult situation in her life,” wrote Pastor Gorbachev.

Sadly, the situation in Eritrea remains desperate as increased Christian imprisonment continues. While many countries released prisoners due to fears of Covid-19 virus rapidly spreading in overcrowded, unsanitary prisons, Eritrea imprisoned 30 additional Christians. President Afwerki used the pandemic to further intensify his power, eliminating all outside help as his citizens face hunger and a humanitarian crisis.

Despite all efforts to bring aid to the persecuted Christians, access into Eritrea remains closed. Please pray that the doors will soon open.
Yes Paul, I’m with you… I will stand in Jesus’ name and help the persecuted for His Name!

Christian persecution, wars, catastrophes and disasters will continue to increase. The Bible tells us so. Whatever changes the world may bring - Jesus remains constant. As we lift up His name, let us continue to help others...IN HIS NAME.

For the Operation Rescue Fund (so that when disaster strikes, we are ready)

☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $300  ☐ Other ______

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THANK YOU!

A glance at some other projects accomplished in 2020:

Bibles, smuggled into Iran, and distributed in many other countries.
The Life of Christ - Bulgarian, 3,000 printed
Children’s Bible - Bulgarian, 500 printed
Tortured for His Faith - English version continuous reprinting as demand is high. Arabic translated, printed.