

2022

A YEAR IN REVIEW

50th ANNIVERSARY



50 Years of Ministry

2022 was a special year for Door of Hope International. It was 50 years ago, in 1972, that my father, Dr. Haralan Popov, opened our first office in the small garage of his humble home in Glendale, CA. On October 23, a special banquet was held in that same city to commemorate our past achievements. As we looked back, we could see God's hand and blessing, how He brought the right staff, at the right times, and provided faithful donors who helped us accomplish so much through all those years - many are still with us today!

A special 50th anniversary edition of *Tortured For His Faith* was released for the event, which includes additional information about DOHI's ministries and family photos never published before. It's not too late to request your copy on the enclosed card.

We prepared a teaser film to show and give a "sneak peek" of our most recent and exciting project - a feature movie based on my father's book, *Tortured For His Faith*. It is one of our largest and most costly endeavors. This true story, based on a historical context of the Cold War, will reach a wide audience, including non-Christians. Communism is on the rise, as is Christian persecution. We believe that the younger generation needs to know the truth about communism and Marxist socialism.

- Paul H. Popov



TOGETHER WE BROUGHT THE LOVE OF JESUS TO HURTING PEOPLE IN 2022

Last year was an incredibly challenging year. It began with what appeared to be insurmountable difficulties - war, a refugee crisis, widespread destruction and deprivation. Yet, God met us with an abundance of His provision, faithfulness, and mercy. The depth of God's love, through YOUR GENEROSITY, provided life-saving help to victims of war and aid to Christian brothers and sisters suffering grave persecution in countries hostile to the Gospel.

You are so vital in all that was accomplished throughout 2022. Thank you for being with us through it all!



UKRAINE

The year began with a blast that shocked the world. Putin invaded Ukraine. City-by-city was bombed, civilians targeted, killed and countless taken captive from besieged cities. The world was threatened with possible nuclear attacks, sending fear of World War III. Inside Ukraine Putin committed war crimes beyond measure. A new Iron Curtain was lowered and Russia shut itself away from the civilized world.

Millions of Ukrainians fled into neighboring countries. **You made it possible** to put Christ's love into immediate action.

- In Poland, Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria refugees were helped with safe transportation, shelter, food, clothing and medical help. One hundred percent of your donations to the UKRAINE CRISIS FUND went directly to help refugees and victims remaining inside war-torn Ukraine.
- We purchased three vehicles which are vital to bringing life-saving aid and medicine to thousands of displaced families, hundreds were rescued from the besieged city of Mariupol and other bombed cities and villages. In the worst hit regions of Donbas, brave men like *Pastor A, who is also a medic, continue to risk their own lives bringing food to families and continue bringing others to safety, as well as providing spiritual and physical care to the suffering.
- In the midst of war, Pastor Tyoma has resumed his evangelistic football ministry, believing it is important to provide hope and joy to Ukrainian youth who might otherwise drift into despair. He continues to encourage, pray and study the Bible with young soldiers, many of them from his sports teams. Praise God that some soldiers gave their lives to Jesus in 2022 while on the front lines!

* name removed for security reasons

CHINA

We created the Haralan Popov Center website in the Chinese language. President Yi is making large strides to resurrect the Mao Zedong era of communist/atheistic control. To have power, there can be only one ruler, one God. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wants to be the God of China and the Chinese people. Religious freedom is rapidly deteriorating. Churches and pastors are being subjected under CCP control. The Bible is being rewritten to incorporate communist values. Our hope in creating this website is to bring truth to the Chinese people, many of whom have fallen for the lies and distortions of those in power.

You can view the website here:

www.hp-center.com



BULGARIA

As bombs dropped on homes in Ukraine, thousands of mothers and children flooded Bulgaria. You enabled our DOHI office in Vidin to give immediate help with food, essential supplies, children's books, medications, transportation and housing. Our staff shared the Gospel with non Christian families. One mother asked "How did you pick ME among all the refugees?" **Ruslana feels chosen.** And indeed she is. Chosen by God. Your gifts also helped the poor Roma communities with special Christmas food packages and gifts for children.

Court Victory: The European Court of Human Rights condemned the Bulgarian government of violating religious freedom to Evangelical Christians. This case brought to the court by DOHI's ministry partner, Victor Kostov, a Bulgarian attorney, will guarantee religious freedom to all 675 million people living in the member states of the council of Europe.





PAKISTAN

Saving children from the harsh reality of child labor.

Every child, dreams of a future filled with happiness and great possibilities. Over 300 children living at seven brick kilns in Lahore have hope for a brighter future. By providing a Christ-centered education, they can be lifted out of poverty and slavery. With the care given by Christian teachers, their Christian character can flourish, allowing them to develop traits of kindness, generosity, honesty, responsibility and respect. The students at our schools are from a nominal Christian or Muslim background.

God's hope and message of salvation was brought to the unreached region of Gilgit-Baltistan, northern Pakistan, where over one million people live in the darkness of Islam's stronghold. With great excitement, people accepted all of the Bibles and TFHF books we brought. We pray that through continued contact and friendship lives will be saved.



ARMENIA

There is no better place for a child to encounter Jesus than in the pages of his or her own Bible. God is using *My First Bible* in miraculous ways to reach the hearts of many hurting kids and their families. One *My First Bible* was read at the hospital bed of a very sick boy. It sparked families of sick children asking for one. That spark grew beyond the hospital into families homes. Families are coming to the Lord by reading this Bible story book with their children.

AFGHANISTAN & IRAN

Through ICNET satellite TV we reached directly into the homes of Muslims in Afghanistan and Iran with God's Word. The spiritual education, training and support provided by the programs and call-in help lines are key to leading many searching Muslims to Christ. Reza, a 4th year medical student from Tehran's University, recently shared:

"I love your programs. Thank you for showing me that the Christian Bible has so many fascinating truths that are in line with science! I think I will change my religion to Christianity!"

These programs also offer a lifeline to the Underground Church believers, especially at this time of government retaliation and grave social unrest in Iran.



IRAQ

Muslim children learn about Jesus.

In Kurdistan, 50 refugee children, ages 6 to 11 years, continue to receive a free education at our Idris School. These little ones, along with their parents and siblings, fled Syria into Northern Iraq to escape Assad's bombings and destruction.

Your generous giving kept these young children off the dangerous streets of Erbil and allowed them to go to school where Christian teachers share the teachings of Jesus and reach out to their Muslim families. Several Muslim parents have given their hearts to Christ and are now studying the Bible!

We appreciate your generous giving and kindness.

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SYRIA

God's love can pierce the darkest situations, bringing His warmth and joy to hurting hearts.

The war in Syria marked its 11-year anniversary in 2022. Currently, a grim year awaits Syrians as they continue to face a collapsing economy, high unemployment and the continued threat of bombings. **This Christmas we purchased warm winter clothing (coats and boots) for 200 needy children.** One father, an internally displaced refugee with four children, cried when he found out that his children would receive a new coat and boots. He was so thankful that, in spite of his poverty, God had not forgotten the needs of his family.

GREECE

Bringing the hope of salvation to refugees fleeing persecution and conflict.

Roughly 16,000 refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Turkey are being housed in camps in Thessaloniki and the surrounding areas. Your financial gifts enable our ministry partners to share the Good News of Jesus' love with Persian-speaking refugees in several different camps. The Gospel message reached the hearts of many Iranians and Afghans who have turned to the Lord Jesus and have been baptized!



2022 RECAP: WITH YOUR HELP, TOGETHER WE...

Distributed humanitarian aid to thousands of Ukrainian refugees and suffering Christians

Reached thousands of Iranians and Afghans with the Good News through satellite-TV broadcasts

Provided a Christ-centered education to over 350 children from poor Christian and Muslim backgrounds

Printed over 10,000 children's Bibles in Armenian and English

Reached the unreached in northern Pakistan with the Gospel and distributed copies of Tortured For His Faith in Urdu

Supplied hundreds of children with food, shelter and clothing and gave them a special Christmas gift with a personalized card that said, "Jesus loves you!"

Your support in 2022 provided help through many crises and support for our ongoing ministries.

YES PAUL,

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