

1st Corinthians 12:26

When one part suffers we all suffer. When one part is honored we are all glad.

OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON



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newsletter

We are honored to report that the Baptist Courier published another article about Operation Orange Ribbon. This is the fourth article they have published. The article appears in this month's edition (August). If you do not receive the Courier, you may access it on the net via E addition.

<https://baptistcourier.com>

The Courier and the president and editor, Dr Rudy Gray, have been very supportive of our mission and we would like to express our immense gratitude. Thank you, Dr. Gray and Sydney Fowler, author of this month's article.

Let me introduce Humphrey, a very bright 3rd year medical doctor student.

Humphrey comes from Kibera, the largest slum in Africa. He was brought to our attention by our incredibly special missionary Angelica. Humphrey is a Christian and leads Bible studies at his university. Julio, Angelica's husband baptized him.

Humphrey's sponsor is no longer able to sponsor him. That is where OOR comes in. We can not allow his education to be disrupted. OOR will fill the gap of his living expenses until the end of 2021 while Angelica is seeking a new sponsor.

Please pray that Humphrey will find a new sponsor and will succeed in his plan to become a medical doctor.





Teen Youth Program update

We now have had 12 Sunday Teen Programs. We started with 38 students and now have 60 students participating. To say the program is a success would be an understatement. A brief reminder of the program:

Primarily geared to reach Muslim students

Held every Sunday starting at 8:30 (Sunday is a regular business day for Muslims)

First hour of scripture study

Second hour school assignments and homework will be given at least an hour

Third- and fourth-hour development of talent (music, arts and crafts, drama, public speaking, and writing. (Under review, gardening and animal husbandry)

Fifth hour Recap and discussion

Small groups of 10 will be divided by age and interest. Lots of one on one mentoring. First Sunday of each month the parents attend to see what the teens have done and to have family discussions.

This program was designed by our lead missionary (name withheld) and presented to me last spring. There is no program like this to reach Muslim teens

anywhere and could be a template for others to follow.

I cannot overstate the impact this program is having on their community already. I would like to share some quotes of the comments made by the program's originator, our principal missionary.

QUOTES:

"I can testify, declare and confess with no fear of contradiction that this is a very special program, exposing Muslims to the gospel in a way that has never happened before. Muslims are coming to my house daily asking for opportunity to have their children in the program."

"Today is the most powerful day. We are still in session. Muslim population has grown very big. Everyone in the community wants to be part of this program"

"I don't think there is a program anywhere that we know of. Helping Muslim gospel this way. We thank God."

"The gospel is effectively communicated to everyone in a non-threatening manner."

There is no doubt that this is the most important program we have ever been involved with. This program is sharing the gospel in a whole Muslim community in a way that has never been done before. We respectfully ask for your prayer support and financial support. If you are led to partner with us, please click on the button below it will take you to our web page. At the bottom of the page is a donate button.





Operation Orange Ribbon Web Site

Each issue we report about one of the 50 countries listed on OpendoorsUSA most persecuted countries for Christians. This issue is about China, listed as number 17 of the top 50, for persecuting Christians. The article is written by Maurice Rice, OOR Vice President of Technology and Web Master.



China is currently experiencing the worst religious persecution in the past 40 years. The current president, Xi Jinping, has begun a religious cleansing of the country, so that the only “church” organization that can exist legally is the state church. Leaders of the state church must sign a document vowing allegiance to the Communist Party to enforce unity and party discipline. Leaders of Christian churches face torture and prison time, during which their families are often tortured and denied basic services.

Voice of the Martyrs Radio (VOM) recently aired an interview with Bob Fu, founder and president of the China Aid Association (CAA). Bob Fu’s organization is dedicated to promoting religious freedom in China. From the CAA’s web site, chinaaid.org, the organization’s mission statement says

“... religious freedom is the first freedom, which lays the foundation for all other basic human rights. By exposing the abuses, encouraging the abused, and spiritually and legally equipping the leaders to defend their faith and freedom, China Aid strives to promote religious freedom for all”.

In VOM’s interview, Dr. Fu tells of Chen Wensheng, a Chinese mafia leader who became a follower of Christ. Again, from the China Aid web site ...

At the first of this year, Brother Chen resolved to spend New Year's Day in sharing the gospel in the public square/in the marketplace. Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials, however, arrested and sentenced him to 10 days administrative detention for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and urging fellow citizens to repent and accept Him as their Savior and Lord. In prison, a person will experience some tough times, perhaps even getting beat up by fellow prisoners. Brother Chen sees being in prison, however, to actually mean real freedom; that there he gets to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who were spiritually chained by sin. As the gospel of John 3:6 recounts, even before we know Jesus, He has already done his part.

All we need is to have a beating heart and by faith accept what Jesus did on the cross.

Another church leader, Pastor Wont Yee, says "you can take me away from my wife and children, torture them and me, but you cannot take away my relationship with God".

In a nation where all school children are forced to sign a document stating their allegiance to the communist way of thought or being denied an education, preaching the Gospel becomes more imperative. Every believer must count the cost of their faith, and to be ready to face the consequences.

Prayer request:

Pray for the safety of the Christians in Afghanistan.

Please pray that someone will sponsor Humphrey in his quest to become a medical doctor. If anyone is interested let me know and I will put you in contact with the appropriate people.

Pray for the continued success of the Teen Program and our ability to financially support it.

Pray for the 4 students we are sponsoring as they start a new school year.

Pray for the missionary team that we are working with that they will continue to share the gospel to the Muslim community.

I personally want to thank all the supporters of OOR for your continued prayer and financial support. Without you and the Lord we could not be where we are today.

Jesse French