

1st Corinthians 12:26

If one part suffers we all suffer, if one part is honored we are all glad.

# **OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON**



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NEWSLETTER**



## Breaking news

OpendoorsUSA has declared Afghanistan the number one worst persecutors of Christians in the world, replacing North Korea. North Korea has been number one for the the past twenty years. It is not because North Korea has improved but that Afghanistan has become even more dangerous since the retreat of the

US military. The Taliban feels free to go door to door searching for converted Christians.

“[Conversion] is considered in the Taliban’s eyes to be apostasy that must be punished with death,” said the former head of the U.S. Commission on Religious Freedom and current director of the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freedom, Nina Shea, in an interview with Christian Today.

Please keep the Afghan Christians in your prayers.

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## Rescued from a forced marriage

It was brought to one of our missionary's attention a situation where a young Muslim teenager was being forced into an arranged marriage to an older man against her will. He arranged to remove her and provide a place to stay where she would be safe. The missionary contacted OOR, and we agreed to assist financially. We provided assistance to get her enrolled back in school and cover some of her personal needs. She now is also participating in our teen program and is very open to learning and studying the Word.

**Please pray for her. We will keep you informed of her progress.**



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## Update on Muslim Teen Program

Program is exceeding expectations. We have come up with a name for our program. It is Amani Acres Academy or AAA for short.

We continue to upgrade and improve. We have added computer training. To do so we have had to start at 7:30 instead of 8:30. Many of the youth don't get breakfast and is difficult for them to concentrate waiting for lunch at 12:00 so we added breakfast.

Because of the finances we have restricted attendance to 55/60. We have a waiting list of 17 or more. Muslim parents continue to request us to add their child.

One of the upgrades, we have added is a social worker. Started just last week. His job is to visit 4 families a day. Two by noon and two in the afternoon. The purpose is to get to know the child, and his family intimately, to be able to minister to them by prayer and action. We also want to help the child to be able to secure local services. Also represent Amani Acres Academy to the community at large.

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The following is a quote from our principle missionary about the early impact of this new program.

"The social worker has been very effective with his visitations. Parents are very positive with AAA. It is answered prayer to their city. They want to see their children fulfill their dreams, kids of character and be able to help themselves."

That is our wish as well. With the right training and influence most of these teens will be capable of lifting themselves out of poverty, be an asset to their community and share the gospel to the next generation.

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Note from Founder Jesse French

I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your support and prayers. The Lord has blessed the OOR mission from the very start. He keeps opening doors for us and we walk through them. What started out as a mission to spread awareness of the persecuted church has multiplied into assisting persecuted Christians as well as sharing the gospel to Muslims and the unreached. Only the Lord knows what lies a head of us. I believe we are just getting started and great thing lies ahead of us and we couldn't do it without your prayers and support. **Thank you!**

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## 2022 Domestic Priority

Before the pandemic only one person from OOR was reaching out to churches and groups to share the information about persecution of our brothers and sisters and request prayer. During the pandemic we couldn't visit pastors and churches because of the virus. Now that things are opening up, we are starting to visit pastors. We now have three people that will be making calls and visiting pastors to spread the word about persecution to Christians. Since we started OOR persecution has multiplied, in 2015 there were 245 million Christian under extreme or severe persecution. Seven years later that number has increased to 345 million people. You hear less today from the media about persecution of Christians than you did in 2015. The media seems to be ignoring the rise in persecution. We have already met with many pastors and have several appointments to share the word about persecution and generate prayer.



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### UPCOMING OOR ENGAGEMENTS

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## **Update on China and 5 Ways to Pray**

In Mid February 2022, the eyes of the world fall on China and the Olympic Winter Games. China's government is surely looking for a propaganda victory in which the world China as promoters of peace and progress. They believe unity and peace come when all people in China bow to the wishes of the Communist Party.

Party leaders see our Christian brothers and sisters as a direct threat. Those with Jesus as Lord cannot possibly place the Party or Xi Jinping first in their lives. In recent years oppressive religious regulations and persecution have increased significantly. The government has installed more than 170 million facial recognition cameras, many in or near churches, in an effort to identify those who attend worship.

Church leaders are under intense pressure to join the state-sanctioned protestant church organization. Authorities pressure Christian parents by refusing their children an education. It is illegal to disciple anyone younger than 18. Christians are often charged with participating in cults or other spurious accusations.

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## 5 Ways to Pray

1. Pray for pastors and church leaders to stand firmly for biblical truth in spite of government pressure to compromise.
2. Pray for the protection and encouragement of Chinese believers.
3. Pray for Christians in prison. Pray for their protection and their health, and that they would have opportunities to witness for Christ to guards and fellow prisoners.
4. Pray for the spread of the gospel among local, provincial, and national Communist Party Leaders.
- 5. Pray for the safe distribution of Bibles in every part of China.**

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*We are extremely fortunate to have Catherine Grace as an occasional contributing writer as well as a prayerful supporter.*

### OOR Reflections

Ephesians 3:20 is a favorite verse.... 'He (God) is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we could ask or think'. As I reflect upon the past year of continued challenge and change in our everyday lives, Operation Orange Ribbon continues to thrive and meet needs that only God could have inspired... and provided for, abundantly.

In missional efforts we have all heard the encouragement to PLAY-PAY-PRAY. Right now, it's not reasonable for most of us to travel to Kenya (play) to minister alongside our lead missionary. So, most of us are engaged through pay – and our financial contributions have extended the work exceeding beyond what we could have expected. And most importantly, the prayers for these persecuted believers are being heard by our heavenly Father.

As I hear periodic updates from our Founder, Jesse, I am amazed at how God has expanded the original vision of this endeavor. From placing three young teens into a learning environment with a Christian influence, to the development of Amani Acres where nearly a hundred teens (and their families) are now being disciplined is nothing short of 'all we ask or think'. Additionally, to support more teens coming into the program, a self-sustaining farming enterprise is a promising endeavor which complements the monetary support we are providing



for this program.

So I'd say that God is TRUE to His Word..... He always gives us so much more than we can imagine. 2022 looks pretty optimistic for Operation Orange Ribbon..... join me in continuing to give and pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters as they continue to learn and grow in the Lord.

***Catherine Grace***

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We all know the last two years have been difficult, but the Lord remained faithful, and we continue to be thankful that your also remained faithful during these difficult times. We ask that you will remain supportive financially and with prayer. Our unique youth program is limited 60/65 due to finances. We have many more youth and parents that want to participate and are on waiting lists.

With your prayers and continual financial support we will be able to share the gospel with many more waiting teens and also help teach them skills that will help them succeed.

The donate button bellow will take you to our webbsite. At the bottom of the page is a donate button. Please use

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Jesse French