

30 DAYS TO PRAY WITH THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

The people named here are SOM International contacts. Their testimonies are real. Laya, Kirtan, Jose, Douje, Martin, and Suman's experiences represent those of other Christian leaders living in restricted and unreached regions of the world. May these stories inspire you to pray daily with our global family.

A GLOBAL VISION

- 1** God commands us to "remember those in bonds." Ask for God's heart, sight, and hearing to feel the need so all believers can pray in unity for Christ's Global Church.
- 2** Laya from Asia walks the alleys of the refugee settlement every day, handing out food. An older woman grabs her hand, and a relationship forms that leads to sharing the love of Christ. Pray for more workers like Laya for God's harvest fields.
- 3** Laya tells Amara the story of Jesus calming the storm. "It's him! The man from my dream!" Amara cries. Pray for God to send dreams and visions to the lost.
- 4** Laya starts weekly meetings to tell Jesus' stories. Men, women, and children with worn-out faces listen. Ask God for an open door for His Word.
- 5** Others in the refugee camp are skeptical and criticize the stories. But angry words cannot defeat the sound of truth. Ask God for the power of the Spirit on His Word.
- 6** The refugee camp doesn't change, but the people do. Jesus is alive, transforming people's hearts. Pray with them to multiply the Gospel.



INDIA

- 7** A state in northern India adds a life sentence to the anti-conversion law. Our Christian family asks us to pray for courage in sharing the Gospel.
- 8** Hindu villagers watch Kirtan's house church and report their meetings and conversations. Pray that believers will trust in God's goodness.
- 9** Christians are denied work. Kirtan asks us to pray that their witness and joy increase under persecution.
- 10** Kirtan receives a bicycle to plant more house churches. Pray for opportunities in other villages.
- 11** Tribal believers ask for more church planting schools. Pray for provision to multiply schools.

MEXICO

- 12** Jose is the only Christian in his mountain village in Mexico. Pray for power on his witness for Christ.
- 13** Jose's tribe is steeped in witchcraft. Pray that the Lord opens their hearts to the truth.
- 14** A villager murders Jose's fourteen-year-old daughter when she refuses to date him. Rape is commonplace. Join God's grieving heart to pray for light to expel the darkness.
- 15** There is no word for love in Jose's language. Pray that missionaries' actions will teach the love of Christ.

AFRICA

- 16** African women like Douje and her friends can't read, yet each has a Bible cradled in their arms like a baby. Pray for oral discipleship for illiterate men and women.
- 17** African leaders teach Douje to listen to Bible passages. She answers questions to discover the truth. Ask God to provide more instructors and tools.
- 18** Douje can also learn to teach others. Join Douje in praying for vision and confidence to teach her family and friends about the Word of God.
- 19** Discipleship teams cross terrorist-controlled roads and dangerous borders to spread the training. Ask the Lord to network courageous Christian leaders throughout Africa.

COLOMBIA / VENEZUELA

- 20** Amid recent political turmoil, believers continue to stand for Christ. Join them in praying for salvation for the lost people of Colombia and Venezuela.
- 21** Police arrest entire congregations after the Venezuelan election; Martin and his team distribute every Bible they have. Ask God for more Bibles.
- 22** Martin has increased radio programming. Pray for protection as they travel in gang-infested areas to update equipment and programming.
- 23** Many tribal people live in isolated jungle areas. Hortimio teaches his people the Bible. Pray for the Word to spread among all tribes.

BANGLADESH

- 24** Suman brings twelve families to Jesus in their jungle home. Pray for Christian maturity for new Christ-followers.
- 25** Muslim neighbors oppose Suman's work; he is arrested and thrown in jail. Pray for leaders to step up in courage during his imprisonment.
- 26** Other house church pastors visit Suman in jail. Ask God to strengthen his witness to his jailors and fellow prisoners.
- 27** Ask the Lord of the Harvest to grant favor to Suman with his jailors.

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

- 28** Jesus said the Gospel would be preached to all nations. Ask for a sense of urgency to fall on Christ's church for persecuted and unreached peoples of the world.
- 29** Jesus said to make disciples of all nations. Join our global family to ask for God's grace that all believers obey this Word and make disciples of every people group.
- 30** We are Christ's witnesses! Lord, show us how to serve Your Global Church. Inspire us with their bold witness; give us courage in our sacrificial service.

