



OpenDoors

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

Canada

2009 QUICK FACTS – OPEN DOORS

- * Open Doors is an international non-profit ministry which supports and strengthens persecuted Christians. Open Doors works in over 45 countries worldwide.
- * A minimum of 100 million Christians worldwide face discrimination and alienation, or suffer interrogation, arrest and even death for their faith in Jesus Christ.
- * Brother Andrew is the founder of Open Doors and the author of the autobiography *"God's Smuggler,"* which has sold over 10 million copies in 36 languages. He was first called "brother" when he began delivering Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. The recipients of God's Word would ask him his name, and he would say, "I am a brother of all those who love and follow Jesus Christ." Brother Andrew's newest book is *"Secret Believers"* (go to www.secretbelievers.org).
- * Open Doors' mission: "Our very mission is called 'Open Doors' because we believe that any door is open, anytime and anywhere....to proclaim Christ (Rev. 3:8)" – Brother Andrew.
- * Open Doors' outreach includes Bible and Christian literature distribution, leadership training and assistance, Christian community development, prayer and presence ministry and advocacy for the persecuted.
- * In 2008, Open Doors delivered over 3.9 million Bibles, study Bibles, children's Bibles, Sunday school materials, adult training materials and other scriptural books and literature to persecuted Christians worldwide. Also, Open Doors trained 114,400 Christian leaders and pastors in the Word and supported 206,500 with skill and vocational training along with emergency relief.
- * Open Doors has served persecuted believers for 54 years, which makes it one of the oldest on-going ministries to suffering Christians.
- * Open Doors Canada is located in Halton Hills, Ontario. Pastor Paul Johnson is the Executive Director of Open Doors Canada.
- * Open Doors Canada is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC), the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), and the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)
- * Open Doors Canada also partners with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, the Voice of the Martyrs Canada, and Intercede International to promote the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) among Christians in Canada, a partnership which aims to raise awareness and encourage prayer for those who are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ (www.idop.ca).
- * Pastor Charles R. Swindoll says: "I have been aware of the ministry of Open Doors since the mid-1970s. It has been my observation that this organization represents a unique and courageous style of ministry, all the while modeling uncompromising integrity, strong vision, and incredible faith. We who are free to worship and serve our Lord must never forget those who are not. Open Doors is a splendid organization that has, for more than five decades, provided unselfish leadership in ministry to those around the world who suffer for their faith in Jesus Christ."
- * To access information on Open Doors Canada programs, prayer helps, breaking news from the field and ways to help persecuted believers, go to our website at www.opendoorsca.org, or call us at 905-636-0944.