and care for the remaining 100 Chibok girls and the estimated 2,000 other abductees that are unaccounted for.

Aug 19 | Eritrea Eritrean Christians ask for continued prayer for their nation. It has been ten years since the Eritrean government placed Orthodox Church Patriarch, Abune Antonios under house arrest and fifteen years since they closed all churches outside of Islam and the Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran churches who failed to obey a registration order in 1997. Christians say, “a dark cloud of persecution” is hanging over them as the government is stepping up an arrest campaign. Pray for those who are facing renewed scrutiny to be wise, and at the same time have the grace to not be ruled by fear.

Aug 20 | Chad Samuel is a Christian from southern Chad where most people are Animists. Recently, when his cousin died of suspected appendicitis, his family blamed Samuel for this. They burned down his house. “All we had were the clothes on our bodies;” he told OD. “Even though I continue to receive threats from them, I have decided to forgive them completely.” With the support of OD, Samuel was able to rebuild his home. “I have hope because I know that nothing is impossible for God. Even if men forsake me, God will never forsake me. He will restore me unto His glory.”

Aug 21 | Somalia Recently, an Open Doors partner asked us to pray for family life in Somalia. “We see the broken families all around us. Pray that hearts will be changed by our Good Father and that he will draw whole families to Himself.”

Aug 22 | Djibouti Islam is deeply embedded in Djibouti’s society even though Christianity has existed for many centuries. Most Djiboutians are conservative Sunni-Muslims with strong family ties in Somalia and Yemen. Christians from Muslim backgrounds face intense pressure from the family, community and religious community leaders, and have to stay underground.

Aug 23 | Iraq Thank God for income-generating projects our local partner has been able to start in Iraq. Several Christians can now support their families through the salary they earn. Pray that the Lord will bless these initiatives.

Aug 24 | Lebanon Pray also for those who did not find hope in their home country; the Iraqis and Syrians are struggling and bringing more and more family members to Lebanon. When they arrive, their children can only get into schools in January. Until then, the children are left at home. Pray for God’s provision for these refugees.

Aug 25 | Syria Praise the Lord for the political discussions to lower the intensity of the terrible war in Syria. The destruction is so complete in some areas that people from there are saying that it will take a hundred years to get back to where the country was six years ago. Please continue to pray for a stop to this terrible war.

Aug 26 | Syria Thank God that through your support we can encourage many Christians in Syria. Pastor Simon* recently said, “God strengthens me through an organization like yours. The Lord has not yet told me to leave. When I meet with people in their pain, I see that my presence makes a big difference. They say, ‘Don’t leave us here.’”

Aug 27 | Algeria Omaira* contacted OD online and expressed her hope and faith in Christ when she wrote, “Amen, the Lord is with me and His Holy Spirit is comforting me.” Omaira has cancer, and is not sure how long she has to live. She added, “I wish everybody would be saved and know the truth especially my family…” Please pray for her faith to stay strong, and may she be comforted by God in a special way.

Aug 28 | Tunisia Pray for believers who are facing daily persecution. Young women are facing a lot of trouble when they live a Christian life. Pray for the physical and mental protection.

Aug 29 | Libya Pray for new emerging fellowships in this North African country despite the circumstances. Pray for these fellowships to be able to meet and take care of each other.

Aug 30 | Mauritania Pray for the children of Sub-Saharan African believers. Many are too poor to return home and are currently counted among the “nationless” as Mauritania does not grant citizenship or even birth certificates to non-Muslim children born in the country.

Aug 31 | Malaysia Amidst celebrations of Independence Day on August 31st, pray for all Malaysians and politicians to understand and embrace the true meaning of independence and freedom. Islamic restrictions are growing and impacting freedom of religion for minorities.

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Aug 1 | CENTRAL ASIA
Pray for Pastor Mirab* who was arrested recently in a Central Asia country. He has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on false charges of ‘extremism and inciting religious hatred.’ Please pray for Mirab to be released. Pray for his family as this is a very difficult period for them. Pray for the church to have opportunity to continue activities under official registration. Pray for all members of the church who are stressed and confused because of these incidents.

Aug 2 | CENTRAL ASIA
Open Doors has a special ministry to reach out to the Christian deaf people in Central Asia. Please pray for a particular family instrumental in leading over a hundred deaf families to Christ. An OD worker shared, “Satan really wants to bring this family down. Please pray for this family to be able to continue to lead the ministry work.” May the works of the enemy not succeed, and may the problems this family is facing help them to grow closer to God.

Aug 3 | CHINA
The Qiang ethnic minority group lives mainly in the northern part of Sichuan in southwestern China. About 1/3 of the people died during the 2008 earthquake. The majority of the Qiang are Buddhists. As of today, we estimate there are less than a hundred Christians living in this region. There are only five small Qiang house churches. Pray for these believers living secluded from the rest of the world, and for the Gospel to reach many more.

Aug 4 | CHINA
Sister Spring is a young believer among the Qiang groups. She has a burden to serve full-time in the church. However, her husband is strongly against this. Sister Spring is not succeeding her life to God. She learned to read the Bible and OD’s literacy classes. Pray that they may reach other people who desire to learn how to read the Bible.

Aug 7 | BURMA / MYANMAR
Praise God for the participants in the Women of Worth training. Pray that through this program the women will be emboldened to share the love of the Lord with their friends and family. Pray that they will stand strong and endure the hardships coming their way.

Aug 8 | SRI LANKA
Unregistered churches in Sri Lanka are under threat of being shut down due to a 2008 circular which calls for only registered churches to be in existence. Pray that the Lord will work miracles and resolve this issue. Pray for the pastors and believers that are currently struggling because of this.

Aug 9 | LAOS
Yeng*, a Laotian church leader, found out that his home was engulfed in flames while he and his family were away. This was ruled as arson and was probably carried out by non-believers. Include Yeng and his family in your prayers. Ask God to provide for their needs to keep them safe from harm.

Aug 10 | LAOS
Six people were killed after following a cult that supposedly teaches about the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the victims and their loved ones. Pray that the Lord will bring the cult leader to justice and for their deception to end. Pray that our brethren will be vigilant in seeking the truth. This incident has created bad publicity for Christians.

Aug 11 | VIETNAM
Please pray for Donh*, a Vietnamese believer who was severely beaten by a local police officer in July 2016. Despite being persecuted, Donh refused to renounce his faith. By the grace of God, Donh was able to share the salvation Jesus offers with his relatives, and they accepted Him as their Lord and Savior. Unfortunately, the families were summoned by the authorities, and when they refused to give up their faith they were beaten as well.

Aug 12 | BANGLADESH
Most of the Muslim background believer house churches are situated in remote areas. It is crucial to develop a strong base of lay leaders to ensure the survival of these house churches. Pray for the Lay Leadership Training program as it is equipping leaders with the necessary biblical knowledge and skills for leading the flock. It is hoped, in the long run, that these churches will be able to thrive despite persecution and bring about change in Bangladesh.

Aug 13, Sun | BRUNEI
Pray for Christian youth, especially from the native groups who are fragile in their faith. Children and youth are forced to study Islam at an early age in schools. Pray for the church to come up with creative discipleship programs and activities so that young ones can grow in their faith.

Aug 14 | INDONESIA
Pray for the majority Muslims to see the contribution of Christians to nation building, especially in the wake of rising Islamic radicalism. Pray that the case of former Jakarta governor Ahok, who is now imprisoned for allegedly blaspheming Islam, will be a wake-up call to the ‘silent majority’ to voice the rights of religious minorities. Pray for Christians to exemplify justice and peace through their everyday life so that unbelievers can experience God’s presence in Indonesia.

Aug 15 | MALAYSIA
Pray for the church to be a voice for the voiceless and continue to stand for justice and righteousness, despite the disappearance of Pastor Raymond Koh and three others. Pray for church leaders to be bold, fear God and not man, and be wise to lead their flock to withstand the coming storm, even willing to lay down their lives for the sake of the gospel.

Aug 16 | MALDIVES
The spiritual warfare in this tiny archipelago, owing to its Islamic stronghold and the vast practice of black magic, is real and intense. The enemy uses fear and sicknesses to hold the people captive and disrupt the efforts of missionaries. Engage in battle through prayer for God to work out His plan that will bring freedom to the prisoners and set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18).

Aug 17 | WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
The Fulani is a nomadic tribe in this region. A majority 99% of them follow Islam. Persecution towards Christians around them is rampant. Pray that the Lord will be at work through His Spirit in their hearts. Pray that the light of God will shine upon the Fulani people.

Aug 18 | NIGERIA
On May 6th Peter Pogu* was a happy man when he learned that his daughter, Grace, one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram in 2014, was among the latest group of released 82 girls. It was only on May 22nd that the girls and the parents saw each other. Now the long road to recovery is ahead of them. Pray for God’s continued protection.

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