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Myanmar's War Zone

The internal wars with ethnic minorities in Buddhist majority Myanmar are among the longest-fought in the world. Conflict and brutal injustice has intensified even more since the military coup that began in February 2021 which forced the democratic government under control of the military. Myanmar's military is one of the largest in Southeast Asia and has a reputation for brutality after years of jungle warfare.

Myanmar is number 12 on Open Doors World Watch List. The merciless attacks and violence from the military, has seen the collapse of Myanmar's civilian rule. Arbitrary arrests, murders, threats, arson and more has seen communities uprooted and fleeing from the violence into the jungle or across borders.

Christianity was brought to Myanmar in 1554 by Catholic missionaries. In the decades following, churches were established in various places. Of note is Adoniram Judson, an American missionary who arrived in 1813 and remained there for nearly 40 years, during which he translated the Bible into the Burmese language. When the Burmese government shut off the country to foreign missionaries, the church was already self-supporting.



Myanmar is now 76.3% Buddhist, 8% Christian and 3.6% Muslim. The Muslims and Christians are mainly ethnic minorities rather than Burmese majority, which gives the majority more reason for suspicion.

Children are some of the most deeply affected by the ongoing oppression of the military. Hundreds if not thousands of children have been killed, maimed, arrested, held hostage, tortured, abused, trafficked and abducted for recruitment to armed forces since the coup began.

Christian leaders and church buildings are constantly being targeted. Though the military seek to gain control by provoking fear, God is writing a different story for Myanmar.

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Myanmar's War Zone

The real war zone is in the heavenly realms, and God's people are taking up their armour in prayer and are declaring Jesus is Lord, Way Maker, Jehovah Jireh, Refuge, Strength, Hope and Prince of Peace. Faith and love are no match for fear.

As we cry out with Holy Spirit in intercession for our brethren and the precious children of Myanmar, God will have His way, sustaining the inner world of each person. Joel 2:25 tells us that God delights to restore, "So I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten..."

Where the situation and the physical body may be pummelled, "we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Cor.4:16 NIV) The strength and the miracle of overcoming is God's work in the inner man.

Each of us fights an internal battle regardless of our circumstances. Those who are found in

him can activate faith to receive strength and help, as Hebrews 4:16 exhorts, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."



As we uphold our persecuted brothers and sisters in prayer, we are encouraged by God's inner work of boldness and faith, in the midst of the severe opposition they face. God can do no less for any believer who will activate their faith. Such is the victory that overcomes the world!

Though the Myanmar military forbids aid, they cannot prevent our intercession before the Throne room on behalf of the vulnerable.

Please pray for Myanmar and help us also give the gift of Bibles to the persecuted church in the nations, so that Christ may equip them to fight the good fight and overcome the world.



Enemies of the State

In Open Doors 2022 World Watch List, Iran is listed as the ninth worst country in the world for Christian persecution.

When Iranian authorities requested to see a Christian couple in August, who are members of a house church, they thought the meeting would be about the return of their belongings confiscated earlier. Instead, they were detained in Tehran's Evin Prison, which is notorious for its harsh treatment of prisoners who are considered enemies of the state.

In its 2022 annual report titled "Religious Propaganda in Iran", the USCIRF highlights efforts by Iran's government to deliberately spread false information to create a

negative opinion about Christianity and other religious faiths.



The false information is spread using media outlets which strive to ensure all content supports the government's interpretation of Ja'afri Shi'a Islam.

Often those targeted are Christian converts and the accusations against them can invoke geo-political conflicts and events to turn people against Christians.

Please pray for our brethren in this nation and for open doors to get bibles to the believers in Iran.

"For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]." Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)

PEARL 22

Uganda Bibles

The need for Bibles in Uganda is greater than ever to bring encouragement, give instruction, direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$8.00.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 25,000 Balance: 23,580

Chinese Bibles

Project Pearl in 1981 was significant for Eddie and the many others who helped with this epic delivery of Chinese bibles. In recent times the Communist Party has significantly reduced the quota of Bibles printed and has also shut down Bible websites and apps. However God is making a way where there is no way to get Bibles to the believers. Help us do the impossible! Price per bible is \$4.50.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 100,000 Balance: 92,550

Telugu & Hindi Bibles for India

We have several contacts for India who all have a need for bibles in the churches they work with. The church in this nation is growing rapidly, as fear and persecution have opened the door for the Lord's people to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus. The cost per bible is \$3.50.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 45,600

Bibles for Pakistan & Afghanistan

We are excited about what the Lord is doing and will do in these nations through the provision of P22 bibles, and are able to purchase them for \$5.30 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 8,080

Bibles for Iran

Despite Government efforts to ban bibles in Iran, their actions made the people more eager to have one. Demand for New Testaments also soared and many say they have been searching for years for a copy. Help us help our brethren in Iran to have their own New Testament.

Cost per bible is \$7.60

Pearl22 Project Goal: 5,000 Balance: 4,070

New Testaments with Q&A for Nepal

As part of our Pearl 22 One Million bibles, MO has committed to help supply 10,000 Nepali New Testaments with Psalms, Proverbs with approximately 240 Questions & Answers. These are common questions and biblical answers with references. This is extremely valuable for the young people and those who have converted from Hinduism. Cost per New Testament is \$3.80

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 5,370

Ukrainian New Testaments

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee the country. In cooperation with other ministries, we are helping to feed these hungry souls with the Word of God. Cost of these is \$4.80 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 5,700



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Pearl 22:

Chinese Bibles (CHPRL22) \$.....

Uganda Bibles (UGPRL22) \$.....

Nepal NT with Q&A (NPNTPL22) \$.....

India Bibles (INDPRL22) \$.....

Pakistan/Afghanistan Bibles (PKAFPRL22) \$.....

Ukrainian Bibles (UKPRL22) \$.....

Bibles for Iran (IRNPRL22) \$.....

Pearl 22 Where Most Needed (WMNPRL22) \$.....

Nepal Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....

Nepal CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH) \$.....

China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....

Where Most Needed: (WMN) \$.....

Payments can be made from our website at: nzmo.org or via online banking to our BNZ bank Account number: 02 0466 0034018 00. Please specify your preferred project or funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'.

PEARL 22

1 Praise God for the privilege of putting the Word of God in peoples' hand so that God can do His work and be glorified in their hearts. Pray for God's way, God's will and God's strategy to fulfil the Pearl 22 vision.

2 Pray for God's enabling grace for MO and supporters to be bearers of the gospel and the Word at home, in local community and further afield. Agree with God for Holy Spirit guidance into truth, and His gifts for every situation.

MYANMAR

3 Pray for this nation to return to righteousness and justice with a revelation of Christ crucified. Pray for repentance of the military, and surrender of lordship to Jesus. Pray for miracle encounters with Christ.

4 Pray that God will sustain the inner world of children. Pray that God send his angels to station around the young and vulnerable. Pray for miraculous angelic rescues out of abusive situations. Pray for this generation to rise victorious in Christ for such a time as this.

5 Pray for the church to shine Jesus as the beacon of hope and refuge in the turbulent times. Pray that the church may gather together for discipleship and encouragement, and also ingather the lost and poor in spirit.

IDOP

6 On this International Day of Prayer (IDOP), join in prayer for the persecuted church to sense God's presence, leading, comfort, encouragement and strength. Pray that their faith would mature, be established in the Word, and they be given divine wisdom in ministry and conduct. Pray for the grace of God on them to overcome and to shine forgiveness and joy as a witness.

NEPAL

7 Praise God for a blessed trip to Nepal where the MO team facilitated 3 BBC conferences. Pray for all who were trained to carry the fire and zeal of Holy Spirit as they begin discipling believers. Pray that the anointing will break the yoke (Isa 10:27) across Nepal, bringing breakthrough, freedom and joy.

IRAN

8 Protests have followed the recent death in custody of a woman arrested for wearing "improper hijab". Pray for comfort and healing for the grieving as many protesters have also been arrested. Where there is much despair, pray for encounters with Jesus the Living Hope. Pray for the church to be courageous to share love with the hurting. Pray for the fear of the Lord to come on the nation's leaders and that violence will cease.

9 Pray for women who are fighting for freedom to have a revelation of the Living God, because true freedom is not found apart from God (2 Cor. 3:17). Pray that Father God would impress the truth that it's not about outer dress but the heart. Pray for women to find truth and find their place.

10 Pray for open heavens over this land. Pray that in the midst of turmoil, struggle and rioting, Holy Spirit would move, bringing conviction. In the desire for freedom, pray that people are led to the Prince of Peace.

11 Declare, "Arise, shine your light has come, Iran". Declare now is the time for Iran to be set free. Christians rise up and be militant in prayers and witnessing. Bless this nation with a great turning to the Lord in these days. Pray for a divine angelic protection for the church.

MUSLIM WORLD

12 & 13 Pray that there would be doubt and dissatisfaction with Islam. Speak mercy on those who have allowed themselves to be used by the enemy. Break off deception and pray that eyes be opened to the truth in Christianity. Pray for the church to arise with the message of the gospel.

14 As today the ark of God is His people, holding treasures in jars of clay, vessels of the Living God, pray that Christians rise up manifesting the Presence of God in these lands. Pray as they arise, their enemies be scattered (Ps. 68:1).

INDIA

15 Pray for the fear of the Lord to come on all who oppose the work of God through Pastor E. Pray for divine Presence on the church.

THAILAND

16 Pray for Southern Thailand which has suffered ongoing conflict related to many of the provinces bordering Malaysia being majority Muslim. Pray for the aftermath of the August explosions and arson in 17 locations where seven were injured. Pray that people would come to trust Jesus as their Rock of refuge amidst the unrest.

UGANDA

17 Praise God for Pastor John's recent trip to Tanzania, a place that has been on his heart. Pray for those who heard the gospel and for those who received it would continue in faith and be discipled. Pray that the mature in Christ are mobilised to share, help, and care for many.

KENYA

18 As Phil & Sarah minister to people, pray that the Father's love would come down and shatter all that has kept people imprisoned, including the orphan spirit. Pray that those who have walked away and isolated themselves would be drawn

back into relationship with the King of kings.

19 & 20 Pray for Adam as he plans and establishes livelihood programs as part of prison ministry. Pray for a good team to support him in this. Pray for good networking with the church in this ministry.

KOREA

21 Praise God for courageous believers and house church leaders. Pray that God would send ministering angels, faith builders to equip and guard His people, to bless and encourage them. Declare healing over God's people.

GLOBAL

22 Partner with the Lord to bring to birth His plans and purposes in the earth. Pray for a strengthening of the saints to rise up to take sword of Spirit and the shield of faith, walking in truth. Release spirit of intercession for deliverance.

23 Pray that children and youth would understand their need for Christ and be more dependent upon God than on science and technology. Pray that God would always be in the midst of families as their source, provision and salvation.

24 Declare the Lordship of Christ and His Presence to fill the earth, as His people speak and act in His Name.

25 Pray that God's people be valiant in prayer and obedience, and be strengthened in the battle against the powers in the heavenly realms.

26 & 27 Pray that the church would be more deeply marked by love. Pray for a revelation of the love of God so that we may truly love one another, and that love would be a witness. Pray that the church may, by demonstration, break off false ideas of what love is.

NEW ZEALAND

28 Pray that as the gospel goes out on the airwaves from Lifetalk Radio, that hearts would be prepared to receive the Word, so that a strong and vibrant church would rise up amongst the Hindi speaking people throughout NZ. Pray for provision, encouragement and technical support for Robinson and Esther in this ministry.

29 Pray for divine strategies and opportunities and for John & Pujah as they lead a Nepalese fellowship in Te Puke. Pray for a holy dissatisfaction among the Nepalese community that would lead them to the true and Living God. Ask for a ploughing of the ground of their hearts to receive the gospel. Pray that an anointing for intercession will bring a harvest of joy.

30 Pray for the NZ government to align to the Word and will of God in every decision.



Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Monday nights to pray for the nations at 'The Sanctuary' 159 Durham St, Tauranga at 7:30pm or via ZOOM. Email: alan@nzmo.org for an invite.

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