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OPEN DOORS NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2025



To our Members, Supporters, and Prayer Partners,

“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.” 2 Corinthians 8:3-5

I have always found this passage from the Apostle Paul challenging. Why? I suspect it is because, although I like to see myself as generous, I place limits on my time and money. Humanly speaking, giving “beyond my ability” is a scary idea. Yet this is exactly what the Macedonian Christians did 2,000 years ago. Even now, their response should shock us into action. When they heard of the terrible famine in Jerusalem, the Macedonian church reached out to Paul. They pleaded for the opportunity to contribute to the needs of their Christ-loving brothers and sisters.

I highlight this passage, not to encourage you to give, but to thank you for your obedience to our Heavenly Father. He places an obligation on all who call on Christ to walk alongside the persecuted church: to weep with those who weep, pray for the poor in spirit, and contribute to feeding and housing persecuted believers who might otherwise be destitute. True to the words of Scripture often quoted by our founder, Brother Andrew, Open Doors works tirelessly to “strengthen what remains”.

Sadly, across the globe the World Watch List confirms that persecution is growing. In some nations, the threat of death, imprisonment, and loss of livelihood is the norm for believers. Experiencing such hardships for Christ is not a possibility, but a reality. God calls upon Open Doors to be one of the means He uses to bless His suffering children.

In tough economic times, supporters like you gave generously--praise God! In addition, we had a record number of churches sign up to the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church held on the first weekend of November, including the fellowship I attend. Prayer is the weapon against which no persecutor can defend. The strongest strongman, the most repressive regime, the most brutal religious extremist organisation cannot stop heartfelt prayers for the persecuted rising as incense to heaven.

Once again, we thank you for your support. May the Lord bless you.

In Christ,



Phil Pogson FAICD

Chair, Open Doors
New Zealand & Australia

Hello,

Thank you for your generous support and faithful prayers for the ministry of Open Doors in New Zealand and around the world. I thank God for you often, and each year, it's a joy to pause and reflect on all we've achieved together.

In 2024, the world saw major economic and political shifts. Over 70 countries held elections, with more than two billion people eligible to vote. In places facing instability, persecution against Christians often worsens. Many of those elections took place in countries listed on our World Watch List. Through local teams and trusted partners, Open Doors worked to support and strengthen the Church in those places.

Ongoing economic hardship continued to affect both majority and minority world nations. For many persecuted Christians, already pushed to the margins, these challenges grew more intense. Yet, in the face of growing pressure, your support made a real difference.

One powerful moment in the year was a live online event with Brother Haroon*. He shared how he came to faith in Jesus while serving as a Muslim leader in Pakistan. His faith comes at a high cost, but he continues to trust God deeply. His story reminded us of what the World Watch List confirms each year: persecution is growing in both intensity and reach.

But as persecution increased, so did your response. Kiwi supporters like you stood firm with our persecuted family. Your prayers and financial support reminded them they are not alone. Where you couldn't go, your support went. You gave them strength, hope, and a reason to hold on to faith.

As I reflect on the year, I'm encouraged by Hebrews 6:10:

"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

In 2025, we celebrate 70 years of global ministry. It began with Brother Andrew's simple "yes" to God. That step of obedience sparked a mission that now spans the world. Your support carried that mission forward in 2024.

Thanks to you, Open Doors' teams and partners served 9,553,640 persecuted believers in 2024. That's over 9 million instances of lives being impacted—because of you. We give thanks to God for your faithfulness.

I'm deeply grateful for your prayers, your giving, and your long-term commitment. We are part of one Body, standing with those who suffer for their faith.

Thank you.

In Christ,



Adam Holland

CEO, Open Doors New Zealand and Australia

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Holland".

YOUR IMPACT



Your Impact

Growth and reach don't just happen. They are the products of a dedicated team and invested supporters. Without you we wouldn't be us. And thanks to you, even more vulnerable believers are receiving the help they need. **The numbers prove it!**

In 2024, Open Doors' teams and partners served **9,553,640** persecuted believers—that's **19% more** than in 2023.

Together, we helped:

- 542,813 Christians through advocacy
- 5,766,757 with biblical training
- 2,531,985 with Bibles and Christian resources
- 176,405 with emergency relief
- 535,680 with socio-economic support

And because of you, there are more achievements to celebrate. Thank you!

57% GROWTH IN BIBLICAL TRAINING

due to an increase in online training



ALMOST DOUBLE

the number of women were supported in 2024 compared to 2023

2023

2024

2.5M BIBLES

and Christian literature were provided,

AN INCREASE OF 36%

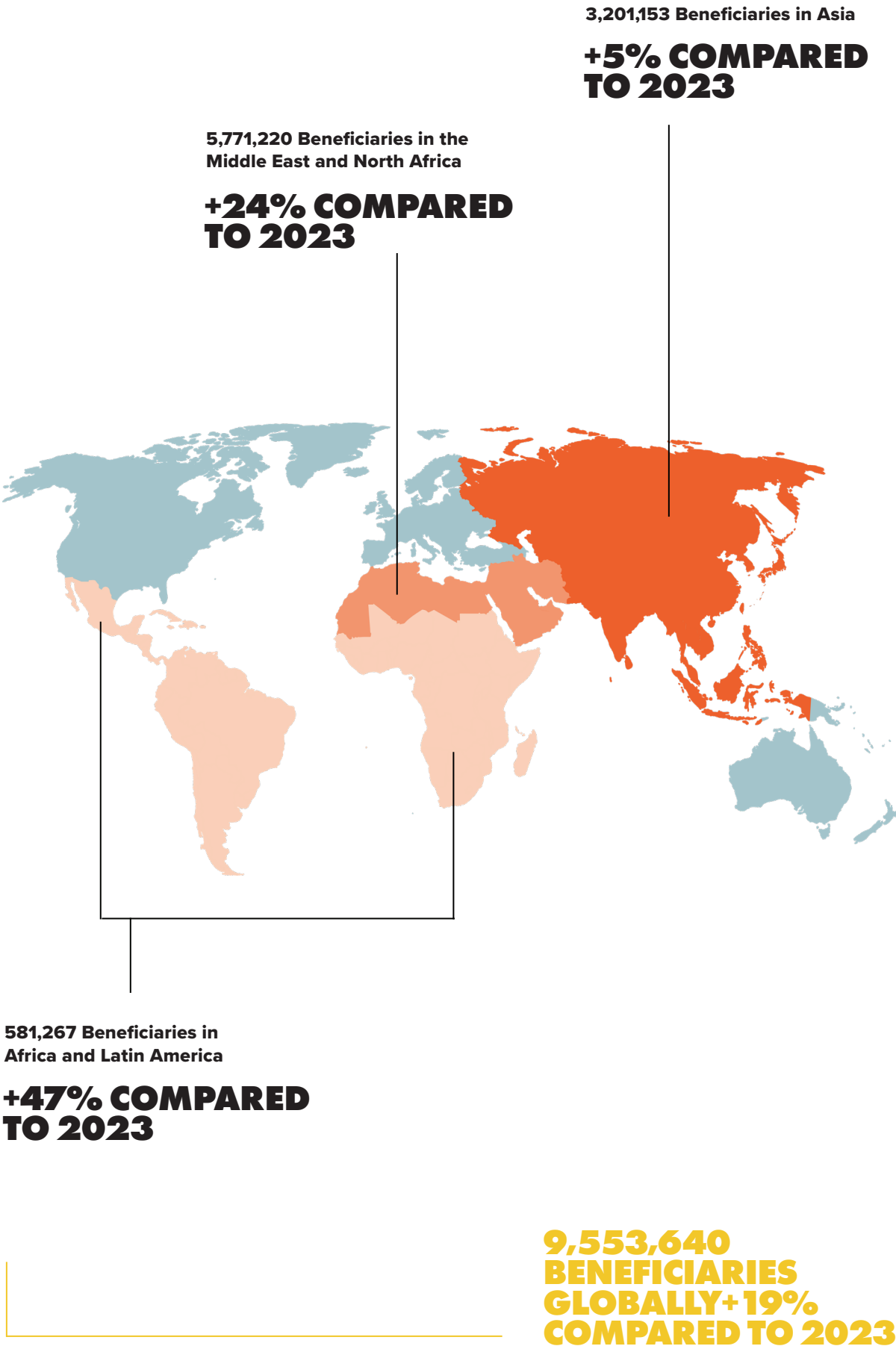
1.6M YOUNG PEOPLE

were supported in 2024, 42% more than the previous year



Global Impact Map

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You've Made a Difference

Kiwi believers like you continue to exemplify what it means to love practically and authentically. **Thank you!**



94

churches partnered with the persecuted church.



17,440

Kiwis prayed with the persecuted church on the International Day of Prayer.



2,185

Kiwis supported the persecuted church through donations.



70+

countries where **you continue to strengthen** the persecuted church.

**"DEAR CHILDREN,
LET US NOT LOVE WITH
WORDS OR SPEECH BUT
WITH ACTIONS AND IN
TRUTH." 1 JOHN 3:18**

STORIES OF IMPACT



These indigenous children in Colombia don't have access to high school education in their village. With your help, Open Doors supports them by providing a home near a school, where they can live and study from Monday to Friday.

You may not always know exactly who receives your gift, but **you will always see its reach** in the lives you help sustain.



BIBLE SCHOOLS IN RURAL VIETNAM

Nguyen* is a lean man in his 30s, a husband, and a father of two. He lives in rural Vietnam which poses several challenges, the greatest of which is distance from critical services such as hospitals, schools, and educational programs.

When Open Doors' local partners started holding a satellite Bible school near Nguyen's* home, he attended. Not because he planned to, but circumstances unavoidably led him there.

"Although I come from a Christian family, I was never deeply passionate about my faith," he explains. "However, in 2018 my life took a dramatic turn when my child fell critically ill. Desperate, I turned to the Lord, and miraculously my child was completely healed the following day. From that moment on, I decided to commit my life to God. I joined this course, eager to learn more from the Bible."

Thach* is another student from Nguyen's village who was similarly inspired to learn more from Scripture. "Although my family has been Christian for the last two generations, I still strongly desire to deepen my understanding of God's Word," he says. "I am thrilled to have an opportunity to take this course. It will help me lead Sunday services and Sunday school groups back in my village."

Your generosity enables Open Doors to provide access to crucial programs that strengthen existing believers and support the growth of new ones, too.

Thank you.





YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK IN CAMEROON

When Auristine and six other women from her church attended an Open Doors Economic Empowerment Workshop, it inspired a business that now equips Christian women around Cameroon to stay resilient.

Auristine's church has a branch in 12 communities, and where the church is, so is her business: Femme Capables or Capable Women.

"At a discipleship level, we teach women how to evangelise, then we do Bible studies," Auristine explains. "We teach the Word of God to women so they can stand firm in times of adversity. Finally, we teach women how to save. They must be able to do things with their hands because God blesses the work of our hands."

An abundant product in Cameroon is now a source of stability—thanks to your support and the ingenuity of seven Cameroonian women.

"Neem grains cost us nothing," Auristine explains. "These seeds fall from the trees. We go to villages [and] pay women in these villages [to] collect 50 kg bags at 3,000 francs (about US\$5) per bag. When we receive it, we soak the seeds, dry them, and then we can extract the oil. It takes about 10kg of neem seeds to create a litre of oil. A litre of the oil sells for 6,000 francs. That's a lot of profit!"

The women also produce soap using neem oil and other natural resources. "I can say that all these women are now financially autonomous and participate in the financial growth of their households and the church," Auristine says happily.



Your dedication, gifts, and prayers don't just impact one person—they can change entire communities.



INDIGENOUS BELIEVERS IN LATIN AMERICA

In Latin America's indigenous communities, where laws are defined by community leaders, Christians are arrested and beaten, and families are displaced and left with nothing.

While Rodrigo was a community leader, he worked, drank, neglected his family, and spent his money on women. He was left to his ways, and no one bothered him.

When he accepted Jesus and wanted to be a pastor, he attracted the anger and disrespect of his fellow community leaders.

"No, no brother, you can't be a pastor because you are indigenous," the community council told him. "If you do, we will punish you. No one can bring other beliefs here because we have our own indigenous beliefs."

Rodrigo's wife, Luisa, lost her job of nine years as a teacher. As the family's only income-earner, this added to the mounting pressure. His children would come home from school crying after being insulted and assaulted.

They survived on \$20 a month and what they could grow.

But because of supporters like you, Open Doors' local partners in Latin America are encouraging resilience by meeting the urgent needs of vulnerable believers like Rodrigo and his family.

Your gifts provide believers with strategies to withstand threats and respond to persecution, support with legal advice, distribution of food, medicine, and work tools, and donations of land so families have a place to live and work.

Because of you, Open Doors does all this and more. When we say you're making a difference—we really mean it!



**"THEREFORE, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY,
LET US DO GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
TO THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE FAMILY
OF BELIEVERS." GALATIANS 6:10**

YOUR INVESTMENT



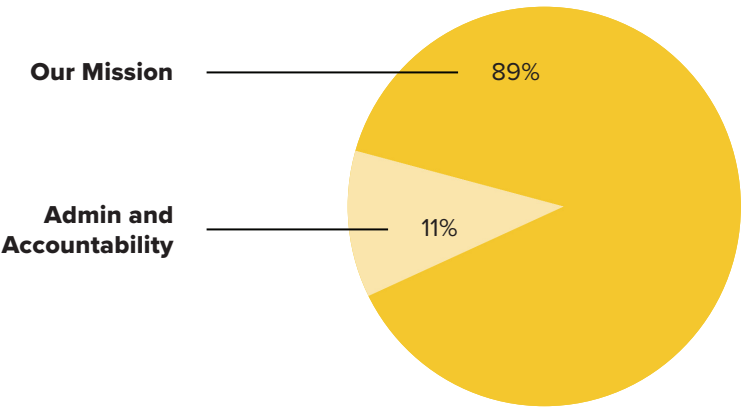
Girl reading the Bible at a Satellite Bible School in Vietnam. These Open Doors schools empower rural Vietnamese leaders with the Word of God.

It is our highest priority to honour your generosity

by using every gift you give wisely, strategically, and for the best outcomes in the persecuted church. Good stewardship drives our focus on activities that dependably grow our remittance to the field. We work hard to ensure your gift makes the greatest impact—across the world and in the lives of those who risk everything to follow Jesus.

For every \$1 invested in fundraising and administration, \$8 is given to our ministry and mission.

Our mission is to serve the persecuted and strengthen the Church. This involves serving persecuted Christians overseas as well as strengthening local Church ministry in New Zealand. Thank you for partnering with us in this work.



How Your Donations Helped in 2024

In-field Advocacy and Research

Our field workers collect and analyse data on persecution, identify key sources, and make policy recommendations. This includes producing the annual World Watch List to help raise awareness and call for action from governments and international organisations.

Distributing Bibles and Christian Resources

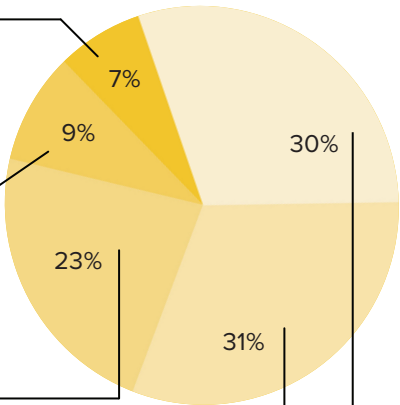
Despite increased security control and restrictions, Open Doors provides contextualised Christian materials in minority languages. Last year, Open Doors distributed more than 2.5 million Bibles and books worldwide.

Supporting Victims of Violence and Disaster

In 2024 Open Doors helped 535,000 persecuted Christians with emergency relief, community development, education, and medical care.

Training Christians and Church Leaders

In the last year, Open Doors trained 5.7 million persecuted Christians across the world. Trainings include leadership and discipleship courses, trauma care, and persecution survival seminars.



“OUR PRAYERS CAN GO WHERE WE CANNOT.”

Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors

Local Church Ministry

In New Zealand, we mobilise prayer support for Christians suffering persecution and discrimination for their faith. We encourage the global Church to stand with them in prayer so they know they are not alone.

Thank You

Caring for our brothers and sisters
was God's idea before it was ever ours.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us
do good to all people, especially to those who
belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

As doers of the Word, not just hearers, you have
achieved and excelled in outworking God's Word.
Thank you for another year of inspiration and impact.

**Your support strengthens the persecuted church as
they carry the gospel to the ends of the Earth.**

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