

# OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON



1st Corinthians 12:26

## JUNE 2020

CORINTHIANS 12:26...When one part suffers we all suffer.  
When one part is honored we are all glad.

### Pray for Jolio and Angelica



They continue their work despite the pandemic. Julio now teaches prospective missionaries by Zoom rather than in the class room.



Angelica continues her wonderful work which includes buying and distributing food to those who cannot work due to the virus



This couple have been our



**Remember Paul** from the April newsletter? Paul comes from a tribe that is 100% Muslim. His father has two wives and two families. He does not provide for Paul's family and is often physically abusive. Paul became very discouraged and wanted to know more about Jesus. He was

contacts in Kenya and have been extremely important to OOR

## EACH MONTH

**1000** Christians are executed for their faith

**214** Churches and church property are destroyed

**1500** Forms of violence are committed against Christians

SOURCES: Franklin Graham

Samaritans Purse &

[Opendoorsusa.com](http://Opendoorsusa.com)

### SCORE BOARD

People praying	25000+
Churches participating	110
Denominations	15
States	9
Students sponsored	3

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## OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON Mission Statement

To raise local and national awareness of the

ministered by a missionary we have been working with and became baptized. Paul, a very bright young man is a junior in school but could no longer afford the tuition. Education is not free in Kenya. With your help we were able to sponsor Paul until he graduates. There was still a major problem. He and his family often went without food. The missionary that lead him to Christ offered a solution to us thru the missionaries that we work with directly, to provide him with a part time job at his compound if we could fund it. OOR agreed to fund the project and now he and his family are fed.

Below are pictures of Paul doing his chores at the compound. He has been working there for about 2 months.



TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE DESPARATION ON THEIR FACES.



persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world and assist persecuted pastors, missionaries, and families.

### Objective:

Local community and nation in prayer for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. Inspire our leaders, government and religious, to speak out and take bold action to relieve the suffering and persecution. Seek out individual persecuted Christians and assist where possible.

### Tactics

1. Supply ribbons/wristbands with information card
2. Reach out and educate Christians and churches with information tools, audio, video, speakers and programs to make it as easy as possible to communicate the message
3. Provide assistance to the persecuted

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This is a scene at Kibera, a large slum next to Nairobi, Kenya at a food distribution center. They are in lockdown due to the coronavirus. They cannot get out to work or earn a living. If they do not work today, they do not eat tomorrow. With your help, Operation Orange Ribbon was able to purchase food twice for approximately 20 families. (see picture on left)

### JAMES and SARA



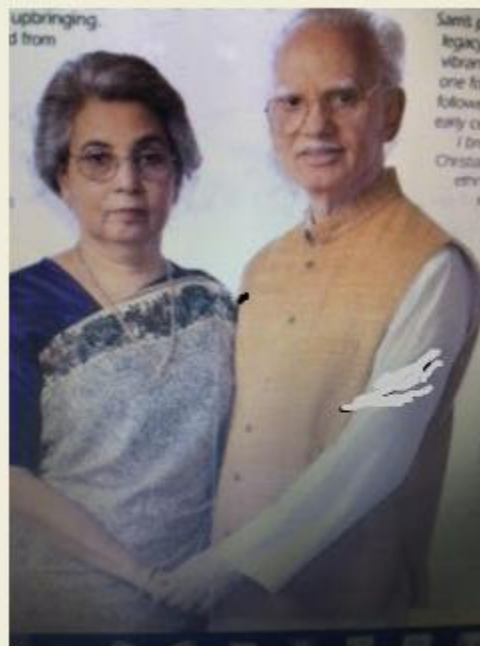
James and Sara, not their real names, are two of the bravest people I know of. They are MBB (Muslim background believers) As young adults they both accepted Christ as their savior. They have been serving persecuted believers since 2005. Their home has been a safe haven for persecuted Christians for 15 years. They minister Kenyan and Somalian Muslim converts. They have become the family that the new converts have lost. In this culture, family is extremely important. Because of the loss of family support, loss of jobs and mental and physical persecution 80% convert back to Islam. Their mission is extremely important and we at OOR are privileged to have helped support their ministry. Sara converted after she graduated from high school. Her family was enraged. They beat her, held her prisoner, threatened to kill her, arrange a marriage for her with an older man that they felt could control her. She escaped and the family pursued her with the intent of killing her. Sara went into hiding for several years, all the while fearing she would be found and killed. Years later her brother came to their house three times with a gun to kill her. He later confessed that he did not know what stopped him. Sara sacrificed her family and safety to become a believer in Jesus Christ.

James's situation was also very traumatic including being jailed for being a terrorist. He was falsely accused by a Muslim neighbor. (For more detail see note below) James and Sara minister to MBB, providing support, give them a safe place, minister to them, helping them become stronger in their faith and become the family they lost. There are many people in and out of their home and feeding them is a strain.

Eccerpts from James's letter

.. "Somlia on the other hand, is a place where it is hard to survive even one day when you say you are a Christian"

We do not take credit for the impact OOR has made on several lives and families. We give all the credit to Jesus Christ our Lord, and we thank you for your support, large and small. There are still many persecuted Christians that are praying for help. Please continue to support us. We will do our best to report back to you where your donations go.



**INDIA CONTINUES TO BE MORE HOSTILE TO IT'S  
28.000.000 CHRISTIANS DAILY**

The article below is written by Sam Elisha, President of S.E.M. International, an internationally known speaker for the persecuted church, and authority on many religions, such as Christianity, Hindu, and Islam. Sam and his wife Shukun are also the leaders of Operation Orange Ribbon's Columbia chapter.

James 5:16.....The prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective.

## Food for Thought

You are probably familiar with the oriental proverb “give man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

Applying this ancient advice Operation Orange Ribbon staff believe that if a man learns a useful skill it can be more beneficial to him in the long run than continually receiving the benevolence of others for his ongoing support.

Citing the plight of persecuted Muslims who embrace the Christian faith ----- these men often lose their job and the ability to care for and feed their families.

We would like to propose a few ideas for your consideration. What if through our combined efforts we ‘taught’ these new believers who lose their jobs to start a food coop? What if we gave them seed money to purchase goats so that would produce food, milk and cheese to feed a community? What if this opportunity would bring back their dignity in being able to support their family?

Just ‘food for thought’. We would like your feedback on this idea. Email Jesse with your comments.

Since Shakun and I were both born and raised in India to Christian parents, we have kept in touch with the plight of the Christian population in India. Even though the Constitution of India guarantees complete freedom of religious belief and practice to all its citizens, the actual treatment of religious minorities, especially those who follow the Christian faith, has left much to be desired. In fact, the treatment of Christians has deteriorated with the passage of time since the 1950s. India is a multi-religious country with the majority of its population professing the Hindu religion. The Hindus have taken pride in India’s Hindu past believing that India led the ancient world in science and technology because of it. India is not presently leading the world because other religions have entered the country and polluted its culture. To gain its past glory, “foreign” religions like Christianity must be made to convert back to Hinduism. The present government ruling India is a Hindu nationalist government and thus the majority Hindu population draws encouragement from this fact and hence the instances of Christian persecution have increased several-fold. Most of the non-governmental organizations dealing with religious freedom issues, therefore, regularly report that India is among the top violators of religious freedom.

Yours in Christ,

Sam Elisha,

President, S.E.M. International Inc.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON

Five years ago, May 29, 2015, we introduced Operation Orange Ribbon at Simpsonville First Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed this mission from the very beginning.

OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON is a small ministry compared to other ministries. We can not make a large impact on a community. We focus on specific families or individuals where we can make a large, sometimes a life changing impact. The examples given above are typical. We have many more opportunities to serve, with the Lord's blessing but we can not address them without your support. We would greatly appreciate it if you would like to help support our ministry. You can do this in several ways, one by volunteering to be part of the team, or you could donate. Either way, you would be a valued member of the OOR team. For your convience we have added a donate button to our web page.

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