

OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON



1st Corinthians 12:26



Brother Julio Quinirro sharing Christ Love to a Muslim begger and giving him food on the streets of Mambasa

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Sharon at the age of 13 when she was baptized

Sharon was brought to our attention by Angelica Quirino, our friend and missionary contact in Kenya, Africa. Sharon was raised in the Kibera Slum next to Nairobi, Kenya. The Kibera slum is the largest slum in Africa. 1 million people live there. Most of the houses are just 12 by 12 shacks with tin roofs and cement floors. Sometimes eight or more people live in one shack. 90% of the houses do not have running water. Sewage flows in open trenches with garbage piled high. No or extraordinarily little police protection. Most of the slum is controlled by gangs.

When Sharon graduated from high school, she had the dream of entering the medical field and was accepted into the Kenya Medical Training College. However, this was an impossible financial hurdle without divine intervention. This is a very recent event for OOR and we will publish the full story in detail in our next newsletter. However, this is a rapid development situation due to classes starting in September. We have agreed to pay her first-year tuition and some of her living expenses to be reevaluated on a yearly basis. We pray that you would consider partnering with us by contributing and prayer.

Mike Schmidt, Director and Treasure of New Life Ministries Africa, was invited to Simpsonville, SC to tell the OOR team about about Microfinancing. Mike has taught classes several times in Nairobi, Kenya. We are very interested how to help without hurting. Thank you Mike.



Meeting with Mike Schmidt.
Maurice Rice
Mike Schmidt
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For the small group of volunteer than assembled 2000 Ribbon and packaged 2000 wristbands

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Reflection on the ministry of Operation Orange Ribbon by *Cathryn Grace*

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November 1st is a special day for Operation Orange Ribbon. Five years ago, we started calling attention to the plight of Christians overseas persecuted for their faith. One such tragedy was publicized around the world for all to see. These courageous Christians wore orange jumpsuits; the image comes to mind all too quickly. We asked our Christian friends in our local churches to begin praying in earnest. Since then thousands of our brothers and sisters have joined with OOR not only to pray but to commit to supporting outreach to missionaries serving persecuted believers, especially Muslims converting to Christianity. We have significantly impacted the lives of several children to keep them in a Christian-based learning environment, provided job opportunities for new converts and supported the efforts of our missionary friends Julio and Angelica.

Today, the persecutions have reached our own shores. The reality of what we never thought could be in America is here. Just last week a Christian man was gunned down on the street of one of our cities for carrying a sign of his support for the present administration. Shocking!!! We wonder what we can do??

We can do what Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount told us to do --- "go into your inner room and shut the door and pray to your Father in secret and your Father who sees you in secret will repay you".

Maybe today, Jesus might tell us in this way - "approach the Father humbly by yourself, shut out the world, shut out yourself (ego) and tell Him what is on your heart. Bring Him your concerns, cry out from your deepest longings and frustrations. Pour out your words to Him.... they do not have to be fancy words. Just talk with Him wherever your 'inner room' might be at the time: your place of daily devotion, a lone walk in your neighborhood, or driving in your car. Your heavenly Father will hear you and answer your prayer, even if you do not readily discern it."

* This promise from our Savior should liberate all of us to the call to PRAY; this is exactly what the Apostle Paul told the Thessalonian believers, "pray without ceasing". Therefore, we can pray for all Christians in persecution's pathway at any time, all we need to do is to obey the spirit's prompting. OOR has made it easy for all of us - wear an orange ribbon or wristband.

We further invite you to join with us on November 1st as thousands and thousands of us as brothers and sisters in Christ lift our collective voices

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to the Father on behalf of those persecuted for their faith. Whether in our 'inner rooms' or with a small group or church service, we can be assured that our heavenly Father will hear us and respond to us. Imagine the power of our prayers on this day!

The 'Call to Prayer' is urgent.... The pathway to persecution may one day end up on our own doorstep.

**Adapted from the writing of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*



Joyful Expressions is a web site created by Sandra Schueller (<https://joyfulexpressions.us/>) for cross stitch lovers, with her designs of scripture quotes. Recently one of our OOR supporters who is also one of her customers asked that she design a cross stitch for Operation Orange Ribbon. After Sandra made the design for her customer, she decided to add it to her designs for sale, and for everyone sold of this specific design, she would donate \$2.00 to Operation Orange Ribbon. We are so grateful for her support. If you are interested in cross stitch you will be impressed with the quality and number of designs she has come up with. We highly recommend that you check her site out.





Pictured above is Ruth and Paul (not their real name)

Ruth and her sister were featured in our April and June newsletter. Paul was also featured in these newsletters. OOR, with your help funded, the sisters and Paul's tuition and Paul's part time job.

The great news is Ruth and Paul were baptized August 2! This picture was taken shortly after their baptism. (Sorry for the blackened faces but it is necessary for their safety. It grieved me to cover Ruth's beautiful smile.)

When we featured them in April and June your response of support made it possible for us to sponsor them. If you are not familiar with their difficult story, I urge you to go to our website (www.operationorangeribbon.com), go to the resource page and read the April and June issues of the newsletter. Knowing what they went through and where they are now will bring tears to your eyes. Praise God and Thank you!



Dr. Rudy Gray, President and Editor Baptist Courier

The OOR team had the privilege of being interviewed by Dr. Rudy Gray, President and editor of the Baptist Courier, the South Carolina State Baptist magazine. The article will be published in the October edition, coming out late September. You can get a hard copy or go online and read a electronic copy. You do not have to be a Baptist to get a copy. We have greatly appreciated the support of the Baptist Churches, especially Simpsonville First Baptist. However, OOR is a nondenominational ministry. We have enjoyed the support of 15 different denomination since we started 5 years ago.



I against my brother- A Somalia story

You may remember us reporting on James and Sara in a previous newsletter (April), about their ministry to Muslims and the dangers. We have learned that there is a video about Sara on YouTube called "I against my brother a Somalia Story". It is a 15-minute video of Sara's young adult life. This video would give you a good feel for what they face ministering to Muslims and Muslim background believers. They are often in danger. OOR has supported their ministry and continues to stand ready to help as we are informed.

PREPARING FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

November 1st, 2020 is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Our Mission is to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians around the world and to request your prayers on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

The need is URGENT! Persecution of Christians has reached an historic level.

Now more than ever we need to raise the alarm and be aware of the changing conditions of the Christian Church globally.

With persecution reaching an historic level, combined with the lock down caused by Covid19, where Christians can't get out to find work to feed their families and the fact that some governments are withholding vital medical services and treatment simply because of their faith. There has never been a more dangerous time to be a Christian.

That is why your OOR team is working harder than ever to alert as many people as possible about what is happening to our brothers and sisters and getting at least 100,000 Christians praying on the same day, November 1st, International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

You may wonder how a small organization can accomplish such a task. We believe with Lord's help we can do it. We have built a data base of just under 600 churches, in 8 states. We have written a letter to all 600, most will be mailed by USPS, some email, and direct calling. We are asking them to make Nov 1st an incredibly *special day of prayer*. We are offering help with material and planning. That is why we have started so early. Please support us by praying that our efforts will culminate with 100,000 Christians praying for our brothers and sisters.

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

The corona virus has caused all of us to change our routines and adapt to our new situation. This is true with OOR. Our mission is to raise awareness and generate prayer for persecuted Christians and assist persecuted missionaries and families financially when possible. Social distancing and sheltering in place have made it impossible for us to visit pastors, churches and congregations to raise and promote awareness and prayer for our Ministry. So, for the last several months we have been concentrating on the other part of our mission statement, helping individuals on the front line who are being persecuted. We will dedicate this newsletter to reporting what the Lord has used OOR to do on the mission field for the last several months.

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 with out 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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