

1st Corinthians 12:26

If one part suffers we all suffer, if one part is honored we are all glad.

OPERATION ORANGE RIBBON



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NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE
PERSECUTED CHURCH NOVEMBER 7TH

John 15:18- If the world hate you, ye know that they hated me first..!

Our primary mission is to raise awareness of the persecuted Christians around the world and generate prayer in their regard.

In the last two months much of OOR's efforts have been just that. We have been in touch with approximately 200 churches urging them to make 11- 7 a day of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters and in some cases provided materials to enhance their service. We believe and pray that tens of thousand will do just that.

Update on Muslim Teen Program

The program started early June with 38 students. Since then, the program has flourished. The objective was to share the gospel with Muslim teens, build a trusting relationship, raise self-awareness (appropriate behavior with self, family, friends, and community). The totals now reaches in the mid 70s and on the first Sunday of October, when parents attend, 120 teens and parents attended. See the picture below of the group of parents. Attendance has been growing weekly as a result, OOR was asked to purchase 50 additional chairs. Of course, we were thrilled to do so.



One of the missionaries is quoted as saying

“THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM INCLUDING MUSLIM FAMILIES.”



Muslim parents on first Sunday of the month.

Unexpected side benefits, at least by OOR, several of the Muslim parents are meeting weekly with our missionary for fellowship, dinning and discussions. Also, many students were taken during a school holiday, on an overnight trip to a non-threatening city, to share the gospel.

The success of the program is almost overwhelming. With success also comes growing problems. OOR guaranteed financial support for the program for 6 months and then be reevaluated. The six-months is complete by the end of November. We budgeted \$500 per month for 50 teens. Because of the growth we weekly exceed the budget by as much as 40%. There is no way I will let this program terminate because of lack of funds. I strongly believe that if the Lord wants this program to continue the funds will be provided. We ask you to be a partner in this program and pray that we will reach the heart of these teens, impact the community, pray to give the facilitators wisdom and patience and if possible contribute to this program so that we may sustain and expand it.

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We are very pleased to announce the newest addition to our OOR team.

Meet Al Hay. In early October we invited Al to join our team and he has already participated and taken responsibility for several projects. Al is uniquely qualified and will be a great asset to OOR.

Below is a short biography and I believe you will agree that we are very fortunate to have a gentleman as qualified to join our OOR team



Martin "Al" Hay

Served in the US Air Force as a Health Care Administrator for over 24 years. Earned a Master in Health Care Administration degree while on active duty. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Worked in the Assisted Living Industry for 16 years as a general manager and later a regional director for seven assisted living communities in South Carolina and Georgia. Taught college courses in Health Care Administration in Greenville SC for five years. Married to Yoconda (Yoki) Hay for 52 years. Loves Christian fellowship especially in small groups.

As is our usual practice this month we highlight one of the top 50 most dangerous countries for Christians. This month we focus on Afghanistan. This country is ranked number two as the most difficult countries to live in. The article below was written by Al Hay our newest team member.

What's Happening to Christians in Afghanistan

It is a dangerous time for Christians in Afghanistan. Some have fled, some are in hiding, and some feel God has called them to remain where they are to advance God's kingdom, even in the face of suffering and persecution. We know believers are receiving threats and some have been targeted. Many Christians have left their homes and are on the move in different ways. The Taliban are trying to "cleanse the land" of Christian influence. We want to be praying that God will be with the Afghan Christians during

this time of trial. In many ways the church in Afghanistan has always been an underground church. Believers must be very careful about who they tell they have become a follower of Christ. Those in most danger are first generation Christians that have been believers the longest and are best known publicly. It takes great courage for some Christians to embrace God's call to stay. The Pashtun people, the largest people group in Afghanistan is one of the most unreached people groups in the world. Literally millions of Pashtuns have never heard the gospel message. Matthew 24 says those who endure to the end will be saved and the gospel of His Kingdom will be proclaimed among the nations. Some see an opportunity in Afghanistan because of the large numbers of displaced people. Many needs food, clothing and shelter. Christians can share His love in word and deed. There is a greatly increased awareness of Afghanistan. We know that God can mysteriously work to advance His Kingdom even in the midst of danger. God loves Muslims. He created them in His image. Christians believe that the approach of love and grace and hospitality will be contrasted with an oppressive approach by the Taliban. It will be evident to those whose eyes are open which is the way of truth and life. Pray that borders and banks will soon be open, and the especially that Christian organizations will be allowed to bring assistance into the country. Pray Psalm 23. Even though the Afghan Christians walk through the valley of the shadow of death, they will not fear evil because God is with them, and He will comfort them. This information came largely from a Voice of the Martyrs interview with John Weaver, a long time worker in Afghanistan.

UPDATE ON MEDICAL STUDENT HUMPHREY

Last edition of our newsletter we reported on a young 3rd year medical student, Humphrey. He had lost his sponsor so OOR stepped in and agreed to cover his living expenses for 3 months while a sponsor could be found. The OOR team decided to go ahead and sponsor Humphrey for the next 12 months and to be reevaluated at the end of that time. We did not want to take the chance of disrupting his education.

Humphrey's medical schooling is going very well. This month he will travel to a rural hospital for a two month internship in Makueni. Please be in prayer for his travel and good health.

Humphrey sent OOR a letter of thanks but I did not include it due to the length of this news letter but if you are interested I will be glad to share.





SIMPSONVILLE CHURCH OF GOD

We would like to report that we were invited to present an OOR presentation to the men's breakfast at the Simpsonville Church of God. Our program was very well received. The men from the Church of God have a heart for the persecuted church. They were enthusiastic and wanted to help.

Pastor Delton Hand has a great heart for the persecuted church and has been a long time supporter of OOR. We felt it appropriate to make Pastor Hand an honorary team member of Operation Orange Ribbon.



Shirt presented by **Gerry Barlik**

Note from Founder Jesse French

I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your support and prayers. The Lord has blessed this mission from the very start. He keeps opening doors for us and we walk through them. What started out as a mission to spread awareness of the persecuted church has multiplied into assisting persecuted Christians as well as sharing the gospel to Muslims and the unreached. Only the Lord knows what lie a head of us. I believe we are just getting started and great thing lies ahead of us and we couldn't do it without your prayers and support. Thank you!

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