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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN VIETNAM?

By Floyd A. Brobbel, CEO for Voice of the Martyrs Canada



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Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

I sat listening through a jet-lagged fog as the ministry worker expressed during our meeting the difficulties he experienced when trying to implement a leadership training program for Christians residing in Vietnam. He emphasized the importance of educating every believer on how to be a missionary through their daily lives so they can effectively share the truth about Jesus with their neighbours.

"That's wonderful," I responded as I tried to clear the cobwebs from my head with another strong cup of Thai coffee. "The problem," he explained, "is that bringing these leaders out of Vietnam to our training centre in Thailand is expensive."

"Why don't you send the trainers to them?" I asked. From that question, the *Hmong Leadership Training Project* was born. The program's objective is to strengthen, empower and embolden the Hmong church throughout Vietnam to better understand the

truths of God's Word and obey them. The project, deeply rooted in faith, provides solid Biblical teaching and training to assist Hmong Christians in Vietnam as they endeavour to not only withstand persecution but also flourish while in the midst of it.

Vietnam is ruled by a repressive Communist government that actively persecutes Christians. Even though the practice of Christianity is legal, the country's governing officials still perceive it as a threat. Minority tribal groups, such as the Hmong, typically face the most violent and harshest forms of persecution. Yet, Vietnam's churches continue to grow, serving as bright beacons of hope despite the overt, as well as subtle, forms of religious persecution they encounter.

In a display of remarkable resilience, Vietnamese Christians lift their eyes above their earthly circumstances, placing their confidence and trust in the Lord, who is our "Way Maker." One of the Hmong



trainers further emphasized the importance of walking by faith when pursuing God's call in ministry service:

“We are a small team who believe that God has given us this task, and that He goes with us. *We walk by faith.* Those who attend the sessions *walk by faith*, trusting God to teach them through the Holy Spirit. Those who go and teach *walk by faith*, trusting God to use them. Those who provide funding *walk by faith*, trusting God to provide what is needed to accomplish the task. We are all happy to be servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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I pray that you will be greatly blessed and inspired by the testimonies of enduring faith contained within this issue of *Voice of the Martyrs Canada*. As you read about the lives of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters, who are continuing to trust in the Lord amid difficult circumstances, may you likewise be encouraged to *walk by faith*; and, in so doing, recognize His abounding goodness, mercies and loving provisions in your daily life too!

Grace and peace,



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1. To encourage and empower persecuted Christians to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. To give practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs (Matthew 25:36).
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those opposed to the Gospel (Romans 12:14).
4. To help believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression (Nehemiah 1:3; 2:5).
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission (Hebrews 13:3; Galatians 6:2).

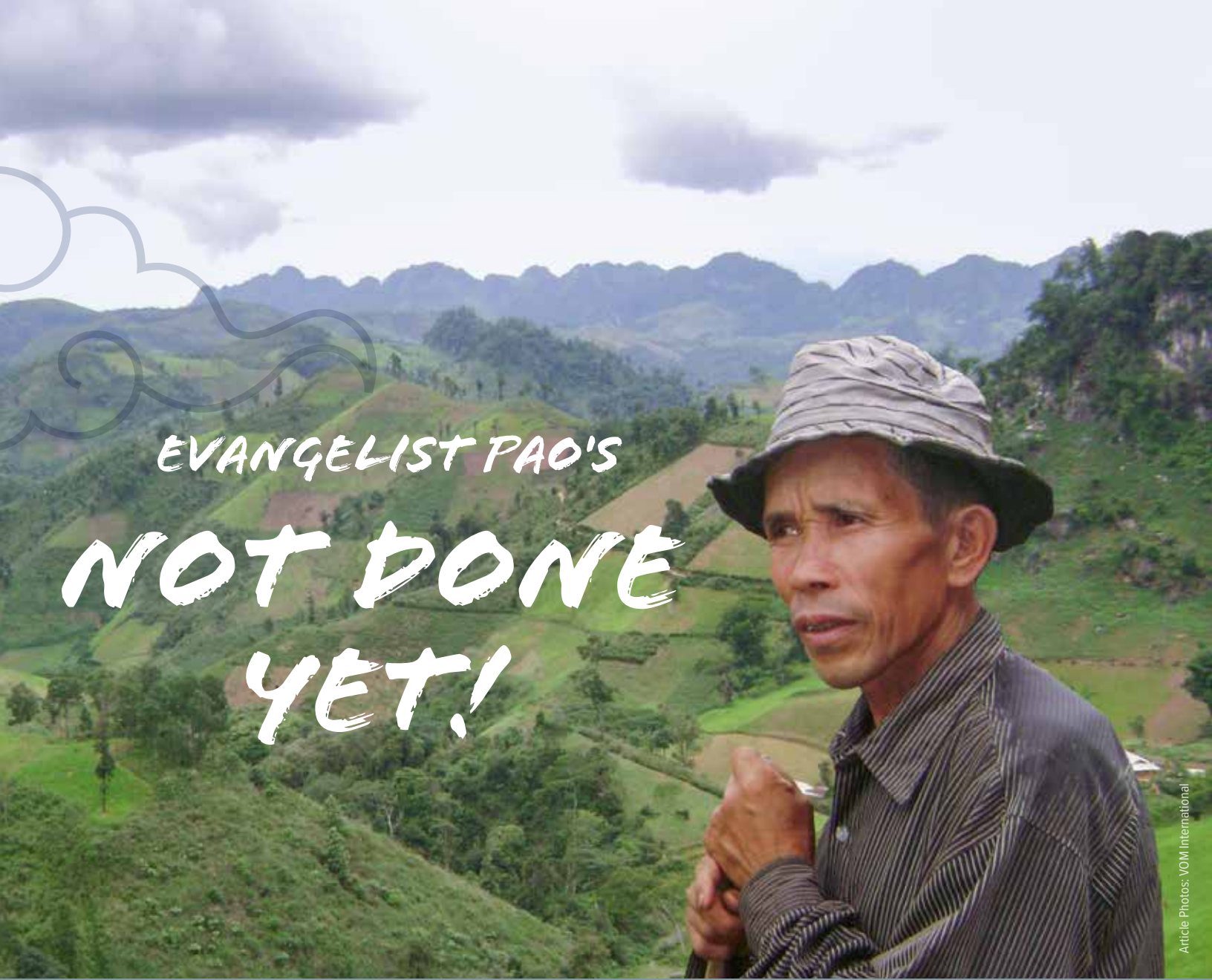
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EVANGELIST PAO'S NOT DONE YET!

After being imprisoned and beaten for his faithful witness, this evangelist faithfully works to advance God's Kingdom in Southeast Asia...knowing that he could face further persecution.

Pao's first arrest took place just a year after he placed his faith in Christ. By that time, he had led eight of the 108 families in his Hmong village to Christ and was regularly hosting worship gatherings at his home.

During his five months of subsequent imprisonment, guards repeatedly beat him until he was unconscious. And once, an officer kicked Pao in the chest, breaking a rib. "When I was in the prison," Pao explains, "I always remembered Daniel, who talked about suffering on earth and receiving a reward in heaven. I wanted my life to be like a shining star for God" (based on Daniel 12:3).

After his release from prison, Pao resumed his ministry, sharing the Gospel with seven more families. His evangelism angered the other villagers, who sometimes interrupted his worship gatherings and threatened him. To escape the hostile environment, he eventually moved to another village. There, he led 11 families to Christ and established a church. Then authorities arrested him again; and this time, he was imprisoned for more than two years.

Early in his second imprisonment, the guards told other prisoners that Pao was a Christian. To humiliate him, they ordered the prisoners to hop on his back and act like they were riding a horse. As a result

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of these physically abusive incidents, Pao suffered a broken hand and multiple back injuries. Other times, the guards tortured Pao with an electric cattle prod and poisonous beetles. And as with his previous imprisonment, they repeatedly beat him until he lost consciousness.

Upon his release, Pao was unable to find his family. He eventually heard that his wife and their 11 children had moved away for their own safety, but that two of the children had died while he was in prison. When Pao rejoined his surviving family in their new village, he was soon arrested a third time for leading three families to Christ. Authorities handcuffed him to a chair and beat him severely. “If you are a servant of God, then I will put you in the truck,” a police officer sternly told him. “I will tie you up and throw you in the river so you [would] die without anyone knowing.”

Opposing officers also threatened to expel the three new Christian families from the village. When Pao told the officers that he would allow the families to live on his land, one of them slapped him on the face. “No matter what you may do to me,” Pao courageously told them, “it will not stop me from sharing the message of salvation in this village. I will share the Gospel with everybody in order that they may receive salvation. I do not fear death.”

The authorities then locked Pao in a jail cell and forced him to sleep naked without a blanket on the cold concrete floor. When the local police chief learned how Pao had defied the officers, he entered the Christian man’s cell and repeatedly jumped on his stomach in retaliation. He then dragged Pao to his feet and punched him in the face, knocking out several teeth. As Pao fell to the floor, the police chief kicked him in the head. “This is what we do to people

who oppose our government!” the chief exclaimed. Finally, Pao was dragged out of the cell and thrown down a flight of stairs.

Two days later, the police chief noticed that Pao was wearing a cross necklace, and so he ordered him to remove it. When Pao refused, the police chief hit him in the face with his shoe. Then he ordered Pao to remove his clothes, stand naked against a wall and bow to him. “I will not bow down to any man,” Pao replied. “I will only kneel before my Lord, as only He deserves praise and worship.”

When Pao was released two weeks later, he returned to his family battered and bruised. And one week after his release, he began attending a Bible school. While there, he met with VOM’s in-country workers who provided him with more Bibles and Christian literature for his evangelistic work. He also

received the funds necessary to obtain medical and dental treatment.

Today, at age 75, Pao continues to proclaim the Gospel fearlessly. And despite his continued evangelism and church-planting efforts, he has not experienced any persecution since his last imprisonment. He believes that his persecutors may now overlook his Christian work because of his advanced age and respected military background.

Although Pao hasn’t faced persecution for more than a decade, Christians in his country – especially Hmong believers – continue to face opposition for serving as witnesses of Christ. In the region where he presently resides, authorities increasingly oppress Christians and churches. Despite this, Pao still shares the Gospel daily, though he admits it has become more difficult. “I realize I have become old,” he explains. “My ears can-



not hear people speak clearly. My health is not good. I understand that when I speak, I murmur. I am unclear when I talk but, in my heart, I am still eager to share Christ with other people.”

Pao has no idea exactly how many people he has led to Christ throughout his many years of faithful ministry work. Yet, he is able to report that of the several churches he has started, the smallest consists of 40 families; and the largest has 100 families. Altogether, since 2011, Pao has successfully planted 12 churches.

Looking back on those years of imprisonment – and the trauma he experienced due to the cruel treatment he received – Pao only feels love towards his persecutors. “I don’t hate them,” he adds. “I know for sure that the more they persecute me, the more I will be rewarded by God.... Actually, they are not [my real] enemies. In the end, the one who forced people to persecute me is Satan.”

Pao asks for prayer as he continues to tell others about the truth of Christ: “Pray that I will open my mouth to share the Gospel not only to the villagers, but whenever I have a chance to meet with the officers.... I cannot stay home without sharing the Gospel or my heart would go out. That is why, even until today, I am still an evangelist. Please pray for my health, as well as for my heart, so that I can share the Gospel with even more people than ever before.”

Having suffered greatly in the past for his Christian work, Pao has no fear of further persecution. “I am not afraid, even if I should die tomorrow,” he concludes. “I am not afraid because I have God with me.” 🙏

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Community Transformed by the Gospel

Through the faithful witness of two pastors in Vietnam, the ministry of Christ continues to grow among the Hmong people in a specific remote mountain village. “This community has been transformed by the Gospel,” one of VOM’s in-country workers reports. “Drug use and witchcraft are now rarities in this village because so many people have turned to Jesus!”

Pastors who previously received new motorbikes from VOM are grateful that these vehicles have made it possible for them to reach people with the Gospel in remote areas of Vietnam. In fact, they acknowledge that the bikes are critical for their ongoing ministry work.

“The bikes give [the travelling pastors] courage to go and witness in new villages because they can [safely] escape if needed,” a VOM worker explains. “In the past, when they rode unreliable bikes, [the pastors] described fleeing in the middle of the night and then breaking down in the pitch-black jungle.”

VOM’s workers also provided the pastors they visited Bibles to distribute among new believers. The pastors, who report that the Hmong Christians treasure their personal copies of the Bible, have requested additional audio Bibles for the elderly and new converts.

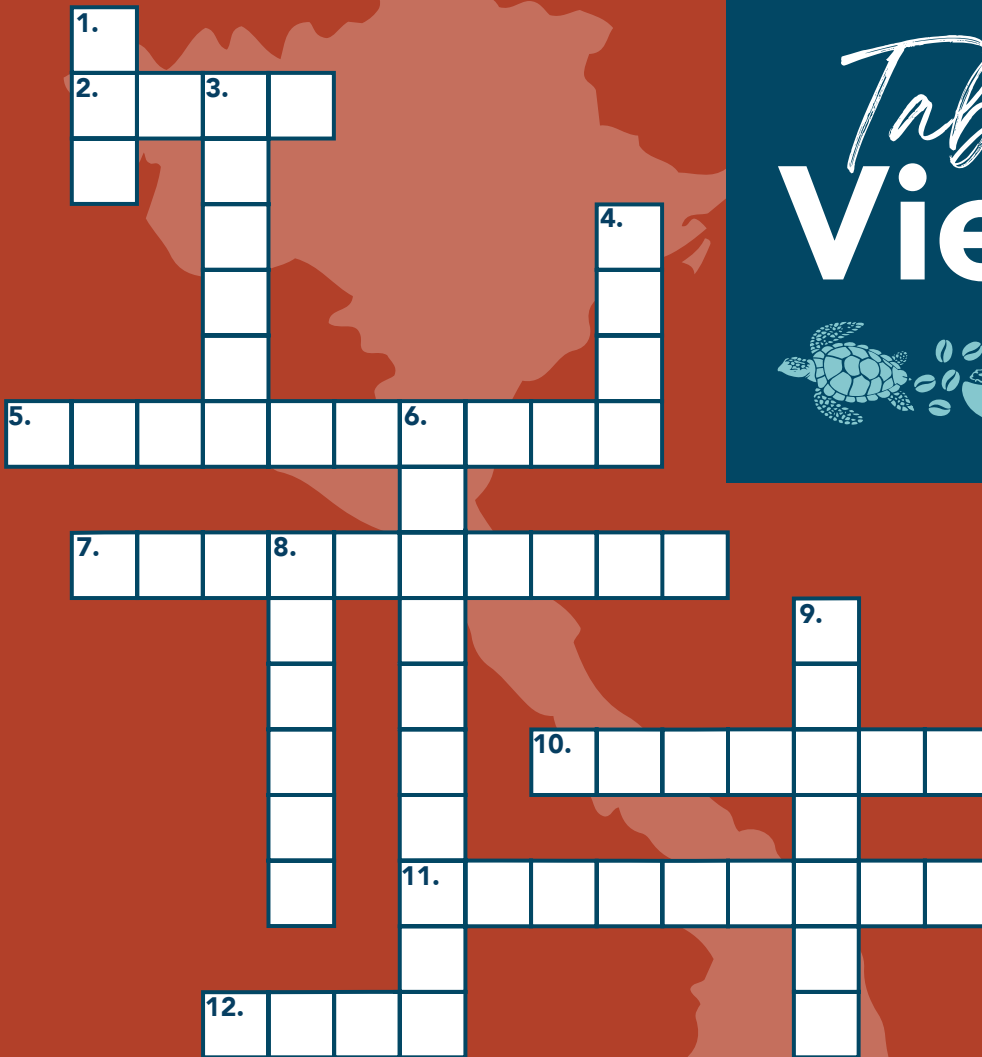
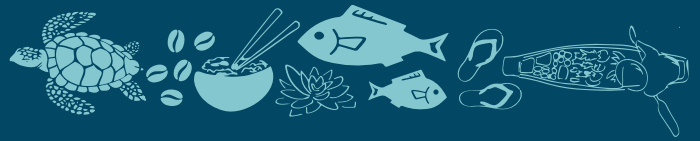


Motorbikes enable pastors and evangelists in Vietnam to travel farther and more safely so they can expand their areas of outreach.

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Table Talk Vietnam!



Rainforest Riddles

How to play: Solve the crossword about Vietnam by answering the numbered clues. An answer key and printables are available on our website at: vomcanada.com/TableTalkVietnam.

Across:

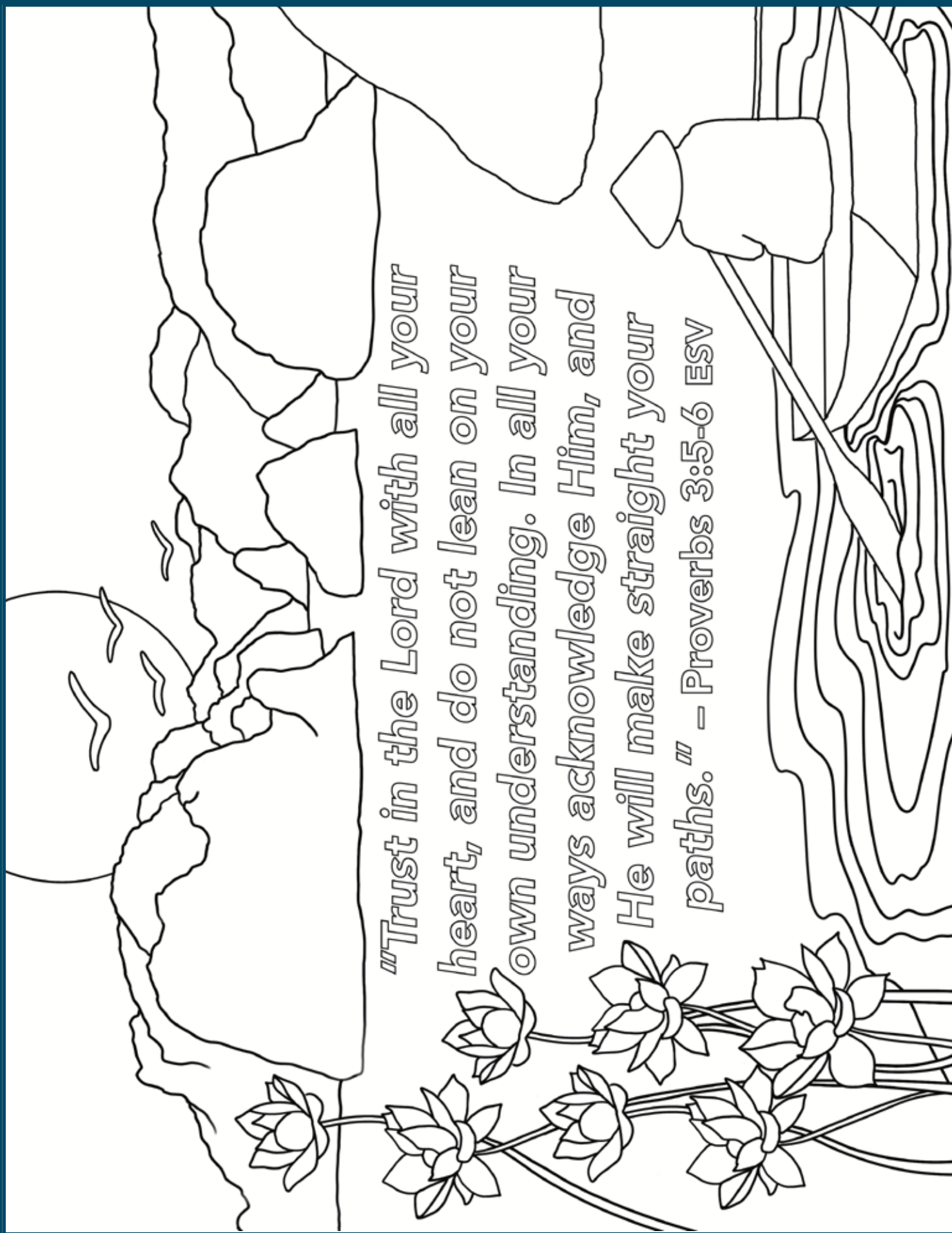
- 2.** Vietnam is located to the _____ of Laos.
- 5.** The official language of Vietnam.
- 7.** A pair of slender sticks, held between the thumb and fingers, that's used to lift food to the mouth.
- 10.** A tropical storm that commonly occurs in the regions of the Indian and western Pacific oceans. Vietnam is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to be affected by these fierce whirlwind storms.
- 11.** A political theory derived from Karl Marx in which all property is publicly owned. Each citizen is then employed and paid according to their abilities and needs.
- 12.** A naturally occurring chamber – located underground or at the side of a hill/cliff – that's accessed through an opening. The largest in the world, having its own jungle and internal weather systems, is located in Vietnam.

Down:

- 1.** Vietnam's Lunar New Year holiday, called _____, is the most important celebration of the year. Many citizens believe that how it's celebrated determines the level of luck a person will experience throughout the upcoming year.
- 3.** Many churches meet in _____ to avoid the prying eyes of governing officials. While attending church is technically legal, the government strictly monitors religious activities, often interfering by punishing devout Christians.
- 4.** A staple food of people in most Asian countries.
- 6.** A two-wheeled vehicle (without any pedals) that is powered by a motor. It's the most common form of transportation in Vietnam.
- 8.** A Hindu or Buddhist sacred building, built in the form of a multi-tiered tower, that's commonly used for religious purposes in various parts of Asia.
- 9.** The Vietnamese church is _____, despite strong opposition.

Start with Your Heart

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV



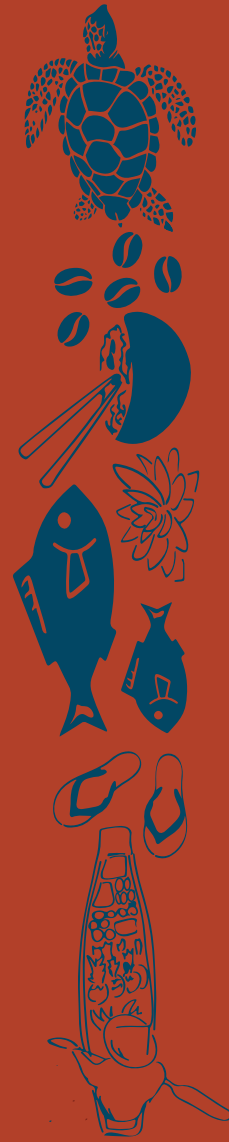
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His Way "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 YEMEN Pray that Christians without access to regular fellowship will be encouraged and challenged to grow in their faith.	2 CUBA Pray for ways to bring printed copies of God's Word into the country and alleviate the current shortage of Bibles.	3 PAKISTAN Ask the Lord to provide for impoverished Pakistani Christians who are trapped in indentured servitude.	4 UGANDA Pray that Christian converts from Islam will remain firm in their faith despite persecution.	5 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray for God's protection and blessing on a husband-wife team of ministry workers.	6 NORTH KOREA Pray for the wisdom and discernment of North Korean Christians as they practise their faith under heavy scrutiny.	7 INDIA Pray that evangelists will be able to boldly share the Gospel among India's large multi-religion population.
8 TÜRKIYE (TURKEY) Pray for Mustafa and Nazli as they prepare to train for ministry in their church.	9 NIGERIA Pray for Pastor Emmanuel and his wife, Ladi, who were abducted by Islamists and later released.	10 BRUNEI Pray that the nine percent of Bruneians who are Christians will reach out to others with the hope of the Gospel.	11 LIBYA Pray that Libyans will be won to Christ through Anita Smith's message of forgiveness toward her husband's killers.	12 PHILIPPINES Pray that the country's believers will receive a Holy Spirit-empowered vision to reach others in need of Christ.	13 NEPAL Pray for Christians who have been forcibly displaced, or are encountering difficulties, due to opposition.	14 MOROCCO Pray for strength and encouragement on behalf of imprisoned Christians and their families.
15 ISRAEL (INCLUDING WEST BANK & GAZA) Pray that members of Hamas will turn from the darkness of their destructive deeds to the light of Christ.	16 LEBANON Pray for Lebanese Christians who face harassment from those of the Muslim majority who oppose them.	17 IRAN Pray that Christians distributing Bibles will remain undetected by the authorities and others who wish them harm.	18 AFGHANISTAN Pray that the families of Christian martyrs will know God's provision and comfort.	19 CHINA Pray for the Gospel message to be proclaimed and believers disciplined without the interference of Communist officials.	20 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that Christians being trained to help trauma victims will effectively share the hope of Christ.	21 MOZAMBIQUE Pray for wisdom, peace and strength on behalf of those ministering to displaced and traumatized Christians.
22 BANGLADESH Pray for congregants whose church was destroyed, as well as those who were beaten by militant Buddhists.	23 TUNISIA Pray that Bibles will be more readily available, as access is limited in Tunisia and copies of God's Word are scarce.	24 BURKINA FASO Pray for the more than 200 churches that have been closed in the north and the east due to threats of attack.	25 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that Christian workers will find creative ways to spread the Gospel message despite many restrictions.	26 EGYPT Pray that members of the Muslim Brotherhood and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) will come to know Christ.	27 MYANMAR (BURMA) Pray for the protection of bold believers who are sharing their faith despite the risk of increased hostility.	28 DR CONGO Pray that Christians who have fled from the country's internal conflict will have all their needs met.
29 MAURITANIA Pray that the number of believers in the country will more than double within the next year.	30 DJIBOUTI Pray that Sunni Muslims, who comprise 98 percent of the population, will turn to faith in Christ.					



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Let's Visit Vietnam!



WAY OUT

There is a tremendous need in Vietnam for Christian leaders to be fluent in the Word. VOMC supports a project in this Southeast Asian country that trains leaders to effectively spread the Gospel message and provide new believers greatly needed discipleship. To learn more about this ministry, along with VOMC's other international projects, please visit: vomcanada.com

A Way to Help: This month, organize a fundraiser or bake sale to raise support for VOMC's "Equipping the Saints Fund," which provides assistance towards the education of Christian leaders in persecuted countries. During the event, explain the importance of this project and encourage others to get involved too!

ONE WAY

A core concept of Marxism is materialism. While not solely referencing the 'coveting of luxury goods,' this concept implies that only the world of matter exists. Since Marxists don't believe their lives have any eternal significance, there is no moral truth. Rather, their focus and goals are rooted in living the best life humanly possible. Those who follow this ideology see "heaven" as something attainable here on earth. However, after climbing their way to the top, they often feel just as empty and unhappy.

The Bible clearly states that the visible world is not the only reality (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). A Christian's focus and outlook on life are centred around Jesus Christ and living purposefully with the Great Commission, the Cultural Commission, and eternity in mind (Matthew 28:18-20; Genesis 1:28). Even when difficulties come, they have hope beyond the grave! Such hope is not derived from what this life can do for them, but rather on the fact that God has the power to make all things new – including us – so that we may eternally dwell with Him.

WEIGH IN Grow two plants, one in a sunny location and the other in a dark environment. Compare both at multiple stages of growth. Create a hypothesis, based on which plant you think will grow better and why. Why do you think thriving jungles can exist deep within the caves of Vietnam?

Luck is a common word many people use, like wishing someone "good luck" for an activity. Luck implies that the outcome is up to chance, and that a favourable result could happen if one is "lucky." Does the Bible support the concept of luck? Justify your answer with Scripture.

Debates and opposing viewpoints can be unpleasant, but they presuppose that there are truths worth defending and ideas worth standing for. In Canadian culture, many believe that "your truths are yours, and my truths are mine." If that's the case, what principles then determine how people should behave in society?

If you were living in Vietnam, and the government was monitoring how seriously you live out your faith, would they feel threatened by your Christian witness?

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Understanding the Times – A Survey of Competing Worldviews by Dr. Jeff Myers and Dr. David A. Noebel.

Recommended Reads:

Where Wildflowers Grow by HÃ ́ ́ Dinh. (Ages 3-7)
My Ong Ngoai's Garden: Cal's Guide to Vietnamese Fruits and Culture by Ann Chau. (Early Reader)
Karl Marx and the Satanic Roots of Communism by Richard Wurmbrand. (Adult)

Answers: 1. Tet 2. East 3. Secret 4. Rice 5. Vietnamese 6. Motorcycle 7. Chopsticks 8. Pagoda 9. Growing 10. Typhoon 11. Communism 12. Cave



THE HMONG LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROJECT

VOM Canada is partnering with OMF Canada to strengthen, empower and embolden the church in Vietnam. By providing solid Biblical teaching through the *Hmong Leadership Training Project*, Christians in this Southeast Asian nation will be able to better understand the truths of God’s Word and obey them. This month-long training program also allows young leaders to study intensively without the worry of government interference or threats to their safety.

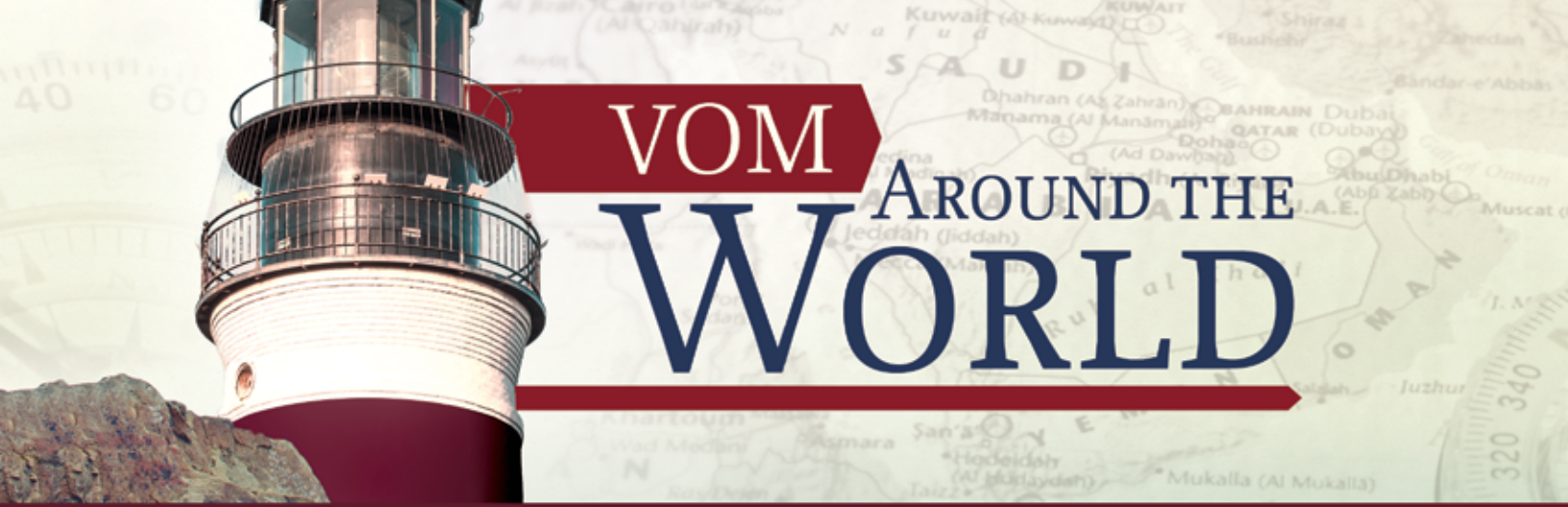
Not only is persecution still a major problem in Vietnam, there are also many false teachers proclaiming messages that are contrary to the truths contained in God’s Word. This project helps students to develop a clear understanding of their Christian faith, and thus become further empowered to share the Gospel with others. By utilizing this training, they are being equipped to more effectively teach those around them in accordance with the words recorded in 2 Timothy 2:2: *“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others”* (NIVUK).

In addition to equipping leaders with a relentless vision to serve as missionaries among the unreached peoples of Vietnam and beyond, this project also supports a team retreat that provides trainers and their spouses opportunities to receive greatly needed encouragement. It is a time for them to be spiritually and physically refreshed, evaluate their experiences, and discuss ways to make the training program even more effective. During these discussions, the project’s leaders are able to share the challenges they have faced, and then offer one another helpful solutions that will ultimately benefit all.

In closing, here are a couple brief testimonies from the program participants:

“I am very grateful to the *Hmong Leadership Training Project* for providing Hmong trainers who come and teach the Word of God to us here in Vietnam. My church members and I have been greatly encouraged and strengthened in our faith through this ministry. I thank God for His people who care about our faith and spend money to bring this ministry to us. I am also grateful for God’s servants and the team of trainers who come and teach us – sacrificing their time and energy – because they love the Lord.”

“At our area leadership meeting in 2014, we agreed to pray and ask the Lord to help us find a way to train Christian leaders in the Hmong language. In 2015, we connected with the organizers of the *Hmong Leadership Training Project*, who began sending teams to our area to facilitate a three-year training program.... Some [of the students] have become pastors, and some have become church leaders. All have grown strong in their faith. I am very grateful for this ministry and to VOM Canada for loving God’s people and funding this program. It has strengthened, empowered and emboldened us to stand up against persecution by responding with the love of Jesus Christ.” 🙏



VOM AROUND THE WORLD

KENYA: Church Construction Continues Amid Opposition

A group of Christians in northern Kenya rejoiced recently as they began construction on a new church building in their village. Because of death threats from militant Muslim neighbours, the Christians had to meet in the safety of a local police station. The new building, having been constructed with help from VOM's in-country ministry partners, will help local believers to remain firm in their faith despite ongoing persecution.

“This village is dominated by Islam, with a lot of persecution that has hampered the growth of the church for many years,” one of the workers states. “Having a place of worship will ensure the continuity of ministry in the village and help [the church members] to persist...no matter what.”

Yet, even as the congregation began the construction work of their new building, they were met with hostility from villagers who opposed the Christian faith. Local contractors either refused to sell any building materials to the Christians, or they increased the prices to make the items more difficult to obtain. “One day they threatened us with knives, claiming that materials from their land cannot be used to construct the church,” explains the worker.

When the congregation continued their work on the church building, opposing leaders of the community tried to persuade the police to enforce an order to stop the construction. However, the officer in charge supported the Christians by giving them additional encouragement.



Photo: VOM International

Believers in northern Kenya celebrate the construction of their new church building, which is progressing despite opposition.

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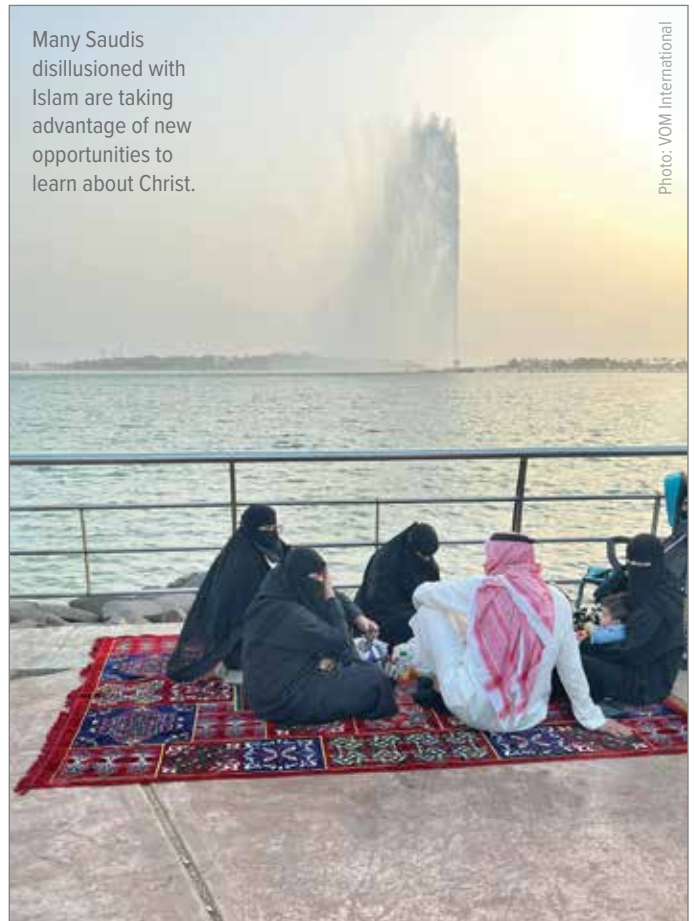
SAUDI ARABIA: Government Reforms Permit Limited Religious Freedom

VOM's ministry workers have noticed an increased openness to the Gospel in Saudi Arabia since government reforms have limited the oppressive activities of its "religious police." These newly implemented reforms have given many Saudis more freedom to seek truth and place their trust in Christ. "I have seen huge changes," reports a VOM representative. "The people of Saudi Arabia feel more free to search, ask questions, and express their thoughts. Many are disappointed with Islam and have started to explore other faiths."

Despite the increased openness to the Gospel in Saudi Arabia, it is still risky for Saudi Christians to boldly share their faith. Ahmed, a Saudi Arabian evangelist, organized small-group Bible studies in his home until his ministry activities were discovered by the authorities. He was eventually arrested and imprisoned for his bold witness before being deported to a neighbouring country. Our partnering ministry workers are now helping him and his family with their living and educational expenses.

Many Saudis disillusioned with Islam are taking advantage of new opportunities to learn about Christ.

Photo: VOM International



The following message has been taken from VOM Canada's devotional book, "From Under the Altar." See www.vomcanada.com/store for more information.

Don't Worry

By Pastor Manfred Mueller
CEO for HMK Germany



*"I tell you, My friends, do not fear those who kill the body,
and after that have nothing more that they can do."*

~ Luke 12:4 ESV

Jesus says, "Go!" He sends us out to do missionary work, calling us to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."* (Matthew 28:19). This is no easy task, bearing in mind that hostility, and even persecution, may result. But Jesus is not unaware of this. He actually says, *"Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves"* (Luke 10:3). Does this worry you?

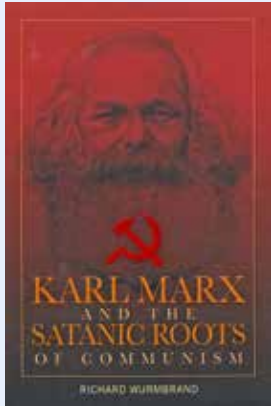
Yet, Jesus also tells us not to worry – not even about our own lives and bodily needs: *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on"* (Luke 12:22). Many of us are likely prepared to go to locations where there is little threat of danger. But what if we're called to evangelize in places where we could be met with hos-

tility and violence? I discussed the risks faced by missionaries with a pastor from Indonesia. He told me: "Most of our folks go to frontline places. That's our calling, Brother. *Don't worry.*"

Working with the persecuted church offers plenty of opportunities like this to learn from the faith and experience of fellow believers. We should pray that God will use the testimonies and burning faith of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ to reignite our own faith and commitment, and that of our churches. May God help us to rise to His calling for our lives. Then may we cast our anxieties and worries upon Him, knowing that He cares for us deeply (1 Peter 5:7). 🙏



VOMC RESOURCES



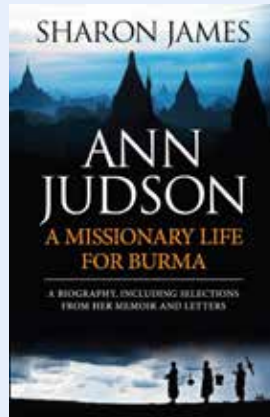
Karl Marx and the Satanic Roots of Communism

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This latest edition of Pastor Wurmbrand's book, *Karl Marx and the Satanic Roots of Communism*, provides significant insights as to why Christians

have been targeted by Communists over the years...and even in these present days.

After spending 14 years as a prisoner of the Communist government, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand began researching Karl Marx and the Communist doctrines the revolutionist had developed. The examination of Marx's literature exposes its true roots, which are based on a belief system that opposes God, revealing that the originators of the modern Communist/Socialist movements were inspired by the powers of darkness. Paperback, 164 pages



Ann Judson: A Missionary Life for Burma

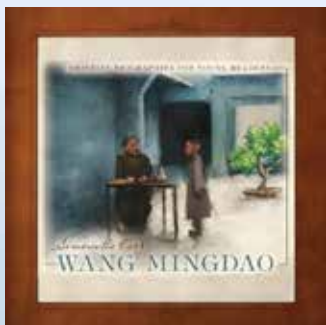
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In October 1810, a 20-year-old girl in the quiet New England town of Bradford wrote the following words in her journal:

"If nothing in Providence appears to prevent, I must spend my days in a far off and idolatrous land. I am a creature of God, and He has an undoubted right to do with me as seems good in His sight....

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