

**OpenDoors®**

HELPING PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS  
**FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**



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FOR JUST AS EACH OF US HAS ONE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS, AND THESE MEMBERS DO NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION, SO IN CHRIST WE, THOUGH MANY, FORM ONE BODY, AND EACH MEMBER BELONGS TO ALL THE OTHERS.

– Romans 12:4-5

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YOU CAN MAKE AN ETERNAL

## **D I F F E R E N C E**

Thank you for faithfully supporting this ministry as we build and strengthen the Church. Your support has been **rebuilding the lives of Christians** all over the world and bringing hope to our brothers and sisters even in the most dangerous places. Thank you for considering to continue this work by including Open Doors in your Will.



A MESSAGE FROM CEO, MIKE GORE

Since 1955, Open Doors has been a gospel-advancing ministry, helping the Church remain in some of the most difficult places on the planet to be a Christian. It is with your support that we can continue this ministry through discipleship, emergency relief and community development in over 70 countries.

**YOUR FAITHFUL GIFT, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL, WILL HAVE AN ETERNAL IMPACT, STRENGTHENING OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE DARKEST CORNERS OF THE WORLD.**

Your gift will deliver discipleship, emergency relief and community development to those in desperate need. It will strengthen the Church, rebuild lives and bring hope to the body of Christ. It will leave a legacy of faith – one with an active commitment to helping people follow Jesus all over the world.

With your generosity today, the fruit of your faith can live on and continue blessing others with the message of Jesus for generations to come.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Open Doors in your Will.

Blessings,

**Mike Gore**

CEO Open Doors Australia & New Zealand





YOUR ETERNAL  
**IMPACT**

Your gift will help people follow Jesus all over the world, no matter the cost. You will strengthen the Church, rebuild lives and bring hope to the body of Christ for generations to come, by providing the following (see next page) :



## DISCIPLESHIP

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## EMERGENCY RELIEF

Helping people follow Jesus as they face persecution, poverty and war.





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Helping the local church remain in communities that desperately need the light of Jesus.



OUR

## P R O M I S E T O Y O U

**To respect** your privacy. We understand that including Open Doors in your Will is a personal decision and one which you have the choice to share with us.

**To commit** to transparency and accountability. We will be available to answer your questions.

**To honour** your generosity. Your gift, no matter how big or small, will be administered efficiently and with the utmost care and integrity.

**To recognise** that your family and loved ones are important to you. We promise to show them honesty and compassion when handling your gift.

**To pray** your generous gift will be a blessing to Christians all over the world.





HOW YOU WILL HELP THE  
**PERSECUTED CHURCH**

**A TESTIMONY FROM THE GRANDCHILD OF  
AN OPEN DOORS SUPPORTER**

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“WHEN I WAS 13, ONE OF THE FINAL THINGS MY OPA (DUTCH GRANDFATHER) SAID TO ME FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED WAS THAT **IF THERE IS EVER A MINISTRY TO SUPPORT, IT IS OPEN DOORS.**”

HE SAID THAT JESUS ISN'T COMING UNTIL PERSECUTION INCREASES, AND THAT **WE NEED TO STAND WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** UNTIL THEN. A DECADE LATER AND HIS WORDS STILL RESONATE IN MY HEART, BECAUSE I KNOW IT IS WHAT JESUS WOULD SAY TOO.”

– Jasmine, granddaughter of an Open Doors supporter.





**“THIS SUPPORT HAS BROUGHT PEACE TO OUR HEARTS AND FOOD TO OUR TABLES. THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.”**

– Pastor Daniel, Burkina Faso

Pastor Daniel was forced to flee with nothing when Islamic extremists attacked his village. By God’s grace, Open Doors delivered emergency food packages to Daniel and 560 other displaced Christians, so they could continue following Jesus and sharing the gospel in their new community.





**“YOU HELPED LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A  
LARGE AND STRONG CHURCH TODAY IN CHINA.  
THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.”**

– Pastor Zhang, China

For over 40 years, Open Doors has been strengthening the Chinese church, delivering millions of Bibles and conducting persecution preparation training to empower the next generation of faithful and passionate believers.

Although persecution has escalated to unprecedented levels, the church in China remains stronger than ever.

It is through your support for the persecuted church that Christians like Pastor Zhang, a Bible smuggler and former prisoner for his faith, can continue strengthening the underground church and sharing the gospel in one of the most dangerous places to do so.



**“THANKS TO YOUR CARE AND LOVE, I’M STILL ALIVE AND A FOLLOWER OF JESUS TODAY.”**

– Kirti\*, India

Kirti, a young mother, was attacked by her village when her Christian faith was discovered.

Left with nothing and after spending several weeks in the hospital with a broken back, Kirti fled for a safe house. There she received clothing, blankets, financial support and discipleship from Open Doors partners. With this life-saving support, Kirti felt called to return to her village and begin sharing the gospel.

“My village people want to chase me out. The people often threaten to kill me. But I pray for the salvation of my village and I believe that my village will receive that salvation.”

\*Name changed for security purposes.





## FAQS

### **How will my gift be used?**

Your generous gift will help deliver discipleship, emergency relief and community development to the neediest persecuted Christians around the world. You will strengthen the Church, rebuild lives and bring hope to the body of Christ for generations to come.

### **Should I let Open Doors know that I have included them in my Will?**

You do not need to. However, it helps us to strategically plan for the future as we help people follow Jesus all over the world, no matter the cost.

### **Who can I contact?**

Our team is ready to answer any questions you may have.

Phone: **(02) 9451 2999**

Email: **bequests@od.org.au**

Website: **opendoors.org.au**



HOW TO LEAVE A

## **GIFT TO OPEN DOORS**

### **STEP ONE**

*Choose what type of legacy you would like to leave:*

– **A Cash Bequest:**

A specific sum of money.

– **A Percentage Of Your Estate:**

A specific percentage of your estate's total value.

– **A Residuary Gift:**

The remainder of your estate after you have taken care of your family and friends.

### **STEP TWO**

*Speak to family and loved ones.*

**Let your family and loved ones know of your intentions to leave a gift to Open Doors.**

### **STEP THREE**

*Seek professional advice.*

**Visit a solicitor to write or update your Will.**



NOTES FOR YOUR

## **SOLICITOR & ACCOUNTANT**

### **About Open Doors**

The full and correct title of the organisation is “Open Doors Australia Ltd.” (herein “Open Doors”). Open Doors is incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 1984. The registration Number is Y 02264-03.

**ABN: 52 209 804 287**

**ACN: 164 482 731**

**TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN): 92 563 140**

### **Taxation**

Open Doors is a tax-exempt body under Section 23(er) of the Income Tax Act. However, it has not been classified under Section 78 of the Income Tax Act to enable gifts to be tax deductible. Accordingly, there is a potential liability on an Estate to pay Capital Gains Tax on the gift to Open Doors of any non-cash assets (such as real estate or shares).

### **Cash Bequests**

Gifts of cash money are far easier for us to administer, and so we would encourage that any gifts be provided in that form. The following wording would be suitable for the provision of a cash bequest:

*“I give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_ percentage of the residue of my estate) to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein “Open Doors”) AND the receipt of an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full discharge for my Executor.”*

NOTES FOR YOUR

## **SOLICITOR & ACCOUNTANT** *Continued...*

### **A Percentage Of Your Estate**

If the subject of your gift is in the form of real estate or shares or other property, then giving it to Open Doors in that form may render your Estate liable to pay Capital Gains Tax. The following is a possible form of wording for the Solicitor's consideration:

*"I direct that my Executor sell [name of asset] and after the payment of all expenses for such sale and the payment of any Capital Gains Tax thereon, my Executor shall pay the net proceeds of the sale [or a percentage thereof] to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein "Open Doors") to be used for such purposes as the Board of Open Doors may, in its absolute discretion AND I declare that the receipt by an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my Executor."*

### **A Residuary Gift**

Alternatively, after making specific provision for the members in the Will, you may choose to leave the balance (the Residuary Estate) to Open Doors. Again, subject to the advice of the Solicitor on any Capital Gains Tax aspects, the following wording would be suitable:

*"I direct that my Executor shall pay the residue of my Estate to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein "Open Doors") AND the receipt of an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full discharge for my Executor."*





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“THANK YOU SO MUCH. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE WOULDN’T HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE PEOPLE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING – THE WORD OF GOD!”

– Pastor Fredrick\*, Central Asia.  
Received Bibles and Christian literature.

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**NO MATTER THE COST**



*Thank you!*

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