

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Serena knew her family was different, but she didn't know why. Her family celebrated Christmas, even though no one else did. And they seemed to live by a different set of rules than everyone else.

As Serena grew up, she realized that her parents were different because they were Christians in a Muslim society. She accepted Christ when she was 15 years old and started regularly attending her parents' underground church.

But then the unthinkable happened — their church was discovered. Serena's parents were able to escape to Austria, but Serena had to stay behind.

For nine months she was in hiding, clinging to the only thing she knew would give her hope — her Bible.

After a grueling nine months, Serena was able to get refugee status in Italy. That's where she met TEAM missionaries Cindy and Steve. Cindy and Steve helped Serena get plugged into a local church. For the first time, Serena was able to be open about her faith. She could carry her Bible anywhere, she could openly sing songs of praise.

THIS MONTH, WE ARE PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES WORKING WITH REFUGEES. KEEP READING TO SEE SPECIFIC WAYS YOU CAN PRAY.

Sun: ASK GOD to lead refugees to Christians who will introduce them to Jesus.

Mon: PRAY that child refugees will find the security they need to thrive.

Tue: PRAY that missionaries will know how to help refugees navigate the significant traumas they've faced.

Wed: ASK GOD to protect refugees from the people and circumstances they are fleeing.

Thu: **PRAY** for more missionaries to step into roles working with refugees.

Fri: **ASK GOD** to protect missionaries working in sensitive areas or with sensitive people groups.

Sat: ASK GOD to grant visas for missionaries going to sensitive areas to work with refugees.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- I. ZIMBABWE | Economic hardships in Zimbabwe led to a doctor strike in October. Now people are struggling to find medical care, and the doctors not on strike are working overtime. Pray that the hardships that led to the strike will be resolved and people's medical needs will be met.
- 2. **ASIA** | Missionaries serving in Asia are having difficulty obtaining visas. Pray that the process will go smoothly and that God will comfort and give peace to the missionaries in the midst of uncertainty.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- I. THE PHILIPPINES | TEAM missionary Grace McCune was able to go through the Hanuno translation of the New Testament and add footnotes for all the Old Testament references. This makes a huge difference for speakers of this language.
- 2. **ASIA** | Missionaries in Asia have come in contact with new students from 16 different countries who are eager to learn about God's Word.

The names of the people you've helped may be changed to protect their privacy.