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Arrest warrants in Afghanistan

As we write this newsletter, we are praying for God's protection over two young Afghan sisters who are part of ICC's wider flock.



The Taliban have been systematically searching for secret believers for many months and when they do find them, they are taken, tortured and abused in order to extract names of other believers. There is an arrest warrant for these two girls, who it seems were betrayed to the Taliban, possibly by someone else under great duress.

The fate of believers in Afghanistan who get caught is truly horrendous. Yet despite the risks, their faith is strong and they hold tight to the Lord Jesus in a remarkable way.

Please pray for sisters "L" and "S", pray Psalm 91 and God's protection over them, that He will hide them under the shadow of His wings. Please pray for their strength and for peace despite this awful situation. Please pray too for the community of believers they are connected with - if the girls are caught, they may be put under such pressure that they give names of others. Pray they can remain strong.

One of this flock said to us this week:

"God is our comforter in this difficult situation. I am very happy for the existence of each of you, God encourages and blesses us through you. Suffering is part of our faith, our hope is eternity." - Ali

In the Lions' Den

Please pray for our Afghan translator, who is in a difficult situation. She fled Afghanistan and managed to get a job in

Tehran, Iran, as an au-pair.

The family is kind but they are very religious muslims, and "G" cannot reveal her faith in Jesus. She feels overwhelmed living in this spiritually hostile environment, but is praying that somehow God will work in it.

Please pray for her protection, but also for her peace. She feels like Daniel in the Lions' den, especially since it is now the month of Ramadan. She really needs your prayers.



Yemen Update

As the British and US military continue action against Yemen in response to the Houthi attacks on shipping, our new flock in Yemen is finding life even harder as Sana'a, the capital, gets caught up in the bombing raids.



The good news is that our relationship with this new flock is progressing as we offer encouragement and biblical guidance. Their story is long and complicated and they have been badly hurt but slowly, trust is being established and we thank God for the honour and privilege of being connected to these precious people. Please pray for healing and restoration of broken and betrayed hearts and minds.

"We have become the sacrifice offered at the altar. I'm not afraid of death, but I'm afraid of what will happen to God's people"

Cost of Living Crisis Impact

Over the last year ICC has experienced a 51% drop in donations, as people find it difficult to sustain support due to the cost-of-living crisis. The team here have been praying and asking God to continue to provide for the work He called into being eight years ago. Next month ICC will be eight years old - how time flies!

As donations have been falling, so our operational costs have risen. Very few UK funding opportunities exist, which ICC can apply for - and the pots of funding are small. We have no fundraising team either and so rely almost entirely on our amazing

existing supporters like you.

Match Funding Challenge

However, in recent weeks God has answered our cry for help. An amazing partner, who wish to remain anonymous so that God gets all the glory, have offered us a match funding challenge. Our King is so faithful!!

They have offered to match up to £50,000 of funds raised. If we can reach this target, it will put us in a more secure position to continue supporting these precious sheep that our King has brought to us.

So, we have a challenge, and a goal. We totally understand how challenging it can be to make donations right now, but if you are able, perhaps you can help us achieve it. Feel free to host a fundraising event at your church or local group - every pound counts!

Thank you to each and every one of you who are supporting this work - we couldn't do it without you and we are so grateful for you!

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Your faithful support, words of encouragement and prayers are more valuable than we can say. Thank you for walking beside us, and not forgetting the needs of your brothers and sisters in these difficult places and circumstances. We appreciate every single one of you!

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