



MAY DAY

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Persecuted Christians urgently need you to take action. MAY DAY is an event where you can help persecuted Christians practically by raising money.

Open Doors works in over 45 countries supporting persecuted Christians in whatever way possible. Thank you for helping Open Doors make a difference.



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WHAT'S GOING ON →

Take a day out and get away from the hassle in your life and think about the urgent needs of persecuted Christians around the planet?

MAY DAY is an opportunity for you, your youth group or a bunch of mates to have fun raising serious money to help persecuted Christians practically.

We want you to have loads of fun on the day but know that there's a serious side to what you're doing.

Christians like, 13-year-old Gideon in Ethiopia, face extreme pressure and sometimes threats on their lives simply for loving Jesus.

By getting involved in MAY DAY you'll be providing urgent help to hurting Christians, like Gideon and his family.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL →

Persecution against Christians is massive and is no way confined to history books.

More than ever before Christians are hunted down, kicked out of their homes and jobs, forced to meet in secret for fear of arrest and imprisonment, or made to feel worthless and at the bottom of the social scrap heap.

Around 200 million Christians suffer for their faith 24/7. MAY DAY is your opportunity to take action on their behalf.

“It's easy to feel guilty about the tragic stories that we hear about persecuted Christians. However, that guilt is no use to anyone unless we convert it into positive energy and use it to get active, raise money, pray, help, encourage and do something that will change the situation.”
Noa, 17



WHERE WILL THE MONEY GO →

Every penny raised will make a difference. Your hard-raised money will be put to good use.

MAY DAY is raising money for persecuted Christians who need urgent help, especially those who have been disowned by their families and are targets of extremist groups.

ideas for action →

HOW TO ORGANISE A FUNDRAISING EVENT →

It's easy - honest!

In a nutshell - follow the plan below and you and your youth group or mates can organise a hugely entertaining and successful event to raise loads of money for persecuted Christians.

- Once you've decided to go ahead with MAY DAY please let us know asap
- Organise a team to head up the planning and mobilising of your youth group or mates
- Choose what your fundraising event will be (check out our ideas over the page)



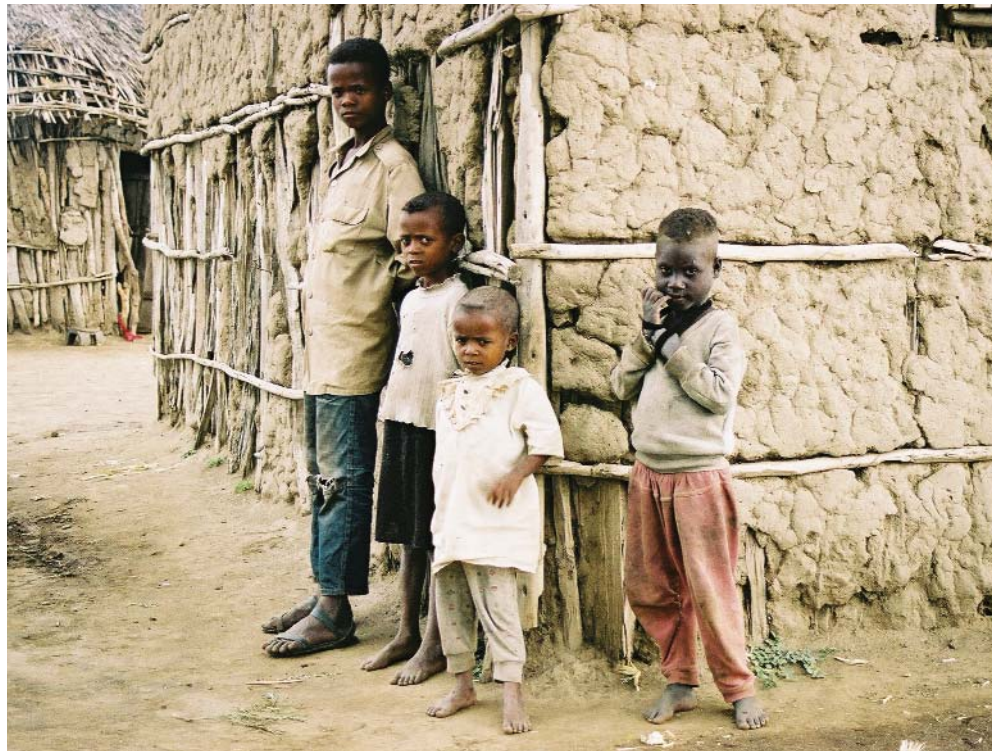
- Start planning your event
- Promote your event in your church and maybe even the local media
- Have fun - enjoy the day
- After the event let everyone know how much money was raised and thank everyone who helped out. Try to collect all the sponsorship money as soon as possible. Send cheques into

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OF URGENT HELP



Here are some fundraising ideas... although you may come up with some of your own →

STARS IN YOUR EYES

This is a great event for those who like the limelight! Based on the t.v. show you need to choose around 8 acts to perform in your STARS IN YOUR EYES.

The performers could be from the youth group or from the wider church.

Encourage performers to really get into 'character'. Have a live audience vote to choose the winner.

- Get hold of a venue - most likely church hall
- Find your performers
- Organise publicity asap and inform friends and your church
- Get tickets printed and charge something like £1/£2 a ticket
- Have a compare for the evening
- Sort out sound/PA and instruments
- Get hold of some resources from us - like a PowerPoint presentation or a video - to show on the night
- Give people the option to make a donation to Open Doors on the night
- Organise some refreshments

A slightly different version of the above could be a **BATTLE OF THE BANDS** night if you've a musical bunch of people.

GUNGEATHON

If you fancy creating some MAY DAY mayhem organise a GUNGEATHON in your church.

→ For this to happen you'll need some willing GUNGE candidates - popular choices could be your church leader, youth leader.

→ Once you've got the candidates together you need to get the whole church behind the event. Do this about a month before MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND. If you need resources from us like a video or PowerPoint pictures let us know.

→ Choose a time and a place for the GUNGEATHON to happen (outdoors is probably best!)

→ People have to donate money for the person they wish to see gunged. The person who receives the most money will be gunged.

→ Make a gungeometer so you can keep people posted on how the 'voting' is going.

→ Making the gunge - don't put in anything that could harm anyone - but do make the gunge nice and gross!

AUCTION OF PROMISES

→ Throw this open to your church as many of the wider church can be bidders.

→ You can auction promises, like: cleaning a car or more than one; mowing lawns; making a cake.

→ To run this event you'll need to get a whole load of promises together, roughly around 25.

→ You'll need someone to act as an auctioneer on the day/evening.

→ Ask people to come along with cash and a cheque book.

→ As well as running the auction do a mini-presentation on why the event is happening, we can provide you with resources like a video or PowerPoint presentation.



SPONSORED BIKE RIDE/WALK

Make the most of the better weather and organise a bike ride or a walk. This event would be fairly easy to organise and would be good fun.

→ choose a route
→ inform people

→ hand out sponsorship forms