

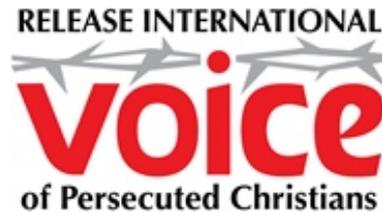
RELEASE WOMEN EMAIL - July 2019

[Campaign Preview](#)

[HTML Source](#)

[Plain-Text Email](#)

[Details](#)



[View this email in your browser](#)



Release Women Monthly Email - July 2019

Hello Friend

Wait patiently for the Lord

The schools have broken up, the sun is shining and summer is truly upon us! For some of us this is a wonderful time of anticipation of family holidays and fun. The time will rush by in a blur of activity. For others it can be a very lonely time of year as many activities shut down for a few weeks over the summer. We can be left feeling left out and forgotten, waiting for the long summer months to end.

We're reminded of some of our sisters from God's word, who knew what it was to wait for something. Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth all waited for God to bless them with longed-for children. Mary waited anxiously for Jesus to be found when he got 'lost' during their visit to Jerusalem during Passover when he was 12 years old. Jesus' response – 'Why did you seek me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business' – when he was 'found' left Mary pondering on all that had happened as she 'treasured all these things in her heart' (Luke 2:49-51). It may have been many years later, as she again waited, this time at the foot of the cross watching her son die, that she remembered those words.



Our thoughts in Release Women have turned to some of our Christian sisters who suffer for their faith in Christ, who are waiting. In particular we remember Twen (pictured), in prison in Eritrea. This will be her fifteenth year locked up for her faith. Fifteen years of waiting for justice, waiting to be released, waiting to be reunited with family, waiting for God to answer our many prayers. You can read Twen's prisoner profile on our website [here](#).

A better future

But waiting can sometimes be for the positive things in life too. Our sisters in some of the Strength to Stand (S2S) groups in Pakistan are waiting, waiting for the next phase of their creative training. Earlier this year, a team from the UK delivered some creative vocational training to 18 women from the S2S groups. They learnt new creative skills in drawing, painting, design and jewellery making which they used together to make journals, cards and earrings. This was so successful that the women are keen to undertake the next stage of the training, which we hope will take place later in the year. Nineteen-year-old Nasreen says, 'I discovered my skills in this training, and it was very beneficial for me because it will help to make the future better... I want to do the next training to learn more new things like decoration and designing bangles, watches and other items.' Nasreen is waiting with anticipation and excitement, not just for the training, but for the opportunity of a better life. The picture shows some of the cover designs for journals made by the women.



You can read more about this training, and the way it is giving the women the tools to build their resilience to the oppression and vulnerability they live under as Christian women in Pakistan, in the current edition of Release Women's newsletter [Embrace](#). Come and hear more at our Release Women National Conference on 12th October, where Jane, who led the creative training, will be speaking. Find out more and book your ticket today [here](#).

Waiting is rarely easy, whatever the reason, but God's timing is perfect. Whatever you may be waiting for today, please take a moment to remember and pray for your persecuted sisters as they too wait: for freedom from prison, for freedom from oppression. Pray that as they wait, they will know the Lord as their light and salvation.

Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

(Psalm 27:14)

Blessings

Release Women team

Please CLICK on the red button if you prayed.

I prayed!

Through our international network of missions, Release International serves persecuted Christians in 30 countries around the world by supporting pastors and Christian prisoners, and their families; supplying Christian literature and Bibles; and working for justice.

Please note that the email and internet are not 100% secure media and no IT defence measures guarantee 100% security – but all feasible and reasonable security measures are in place. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender and delete all copies.

DATA PROTECTION ACT (DPA) 2018 AND EU GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) 2018

All personal data/special categories of personal data are processed in accordance with the DPA 2018 and the GDPR 2018. Please read our Privacy Statement published on the Release International website for full details.



Registered Charity (England No. 280577) and company limited by guarantee (England No. 1506576)
Registered office: Betchworth House, 57-65 Station Road, REDHILL, Surrey, RH1 1DL

Copyright © 2019 Release International, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you have signed up to our monthly Release Women Email.

Our mailing address is:

Release International
PO Box 54
ORPINGTON, Kent BR5 4RT
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

