



Pray for the Uyghur people of Central Asia.

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Searching for Hope

People where we live in Central Asia are really curious about us. We were not born here in Central Asia, so we look and talk differently from our neighbors. We try to decorate our home in such a way that it makes our guests ask questions.

A scroll on our wall shows the love of all kinds of people in our host nation. There is also a portrait of Aaron's budding staff, a picture of the Bible, and written quotes from the Bible. When people come over for a meal, or just for tea, it is hard for them to miss these things. They want to know what they mean.



God made Aaron's dead stick sprout.

One day when our friend Rachel (not her real name) came over, she said the police had been bothering her father for weeks.

She remembered a quote on our wall about satisfaction and joy.

She sat down and began to tell us how she hurt inside because of the way her father was being treated just because he was a Uyghur.



At her job she had to do more because she was a minority. She hated the way her people were treated badly all the time.

Rachel was looking for a way to make better the awful things they couldn't change. All that her people

and their Islam religion could tell them was to wait, be tough, and hope that things would change soon.

That visit from Rachel was two years ago, and things have not changed. That is because sinful powerful people don't change their sinful ways.

The hope that we shared with her was different. It is eternal. It will last forever and the sad things about life on earth cannot destroy it.

This true hope is a treasure. It is the kind of treasure in the heart that no thief can steal, bugs eat up, or rust destroy. (Matthew 6:20)

We told Rachael that the only place she could find that true hope is in Jesus Christ.

We said, "Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He wants everyone to join his family and enter into this kingdom which will last forever and one day will be on earth as it is now in heaven."

★ Think About It ★

Paul was spiritually strong.

In the word search, find Paul's hardships you just unscrambled. Then find the list of things in which Paul increased. Put the remaining letters in the blanks to find a message from Paul.

PURITY	LOVE
UNDERSTANDING	TRUTH
PATIENCE	RIGHTEOUSNESS
KINDNESS	



T	K	W	E	P	A	T	I	E	N	C	E	R
R	I	O	P	U	E	N	O	S	I	R	P	E
U	N	D	E	R	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G
T	D	N	D	I	S	H	O	N	O	R	E	N
H	N	D	U	T	P	O	L	U	R	H	E	U
A	E	R	T	Y	R	I	O	T	S	S	T	H
O	S	Y	Y	T	R	E	V	O	P	O	U	A
S	S	E	N	S	U	O	E	T	H	G	I	R
B	E	A	T	I	N	G	S	K	R	O	W	D

We opened up our hearts to you.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

Focus Verses: (Paul wrote)

2 Corinthians 6:4-6 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

⁴ ...We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times.

⁵ We have been beaten, put in jail, and hurt in riots. We have worked hard and have gone without sleep or food.

⁶ But we have kept ourselves pure and have been understanding, patient, and kind. **The Holy Spirit has been with us, and our love has been real.**

Paul told the Corinthians some of the difficulties he had come through.

Unscramble the letters on the left
To learn some of Paul's hardships.

INTESBAG Hit repeatedly

SOPIRN Jail

STORI Angry mob

RAHD KRWO ... Tiring labor

GUNHRY Without food

VYTPFRQ Lacking basic needs

RSIHOODN Look down on

(Clues) Beatings prison riot hard work hungry poverty dishonor

The apostle Paul and his helpers were put into jail a lot, and even beaten for teaching about Jesus, **just like some Uyghur Christians.**

In that way we shared our Savior's great love and comfort. It is comfort that we ourselves have received. We had a few more meetings

with Rachel after that day. Please pray with us that she would accept the truth about Jesus and know Jesus as her Lord and Savior. **ooh**



The Uyghur people live mostly in Northwest China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkey. Their language is Turkic and their religion is Islam. They look and live differently from the Chinese who rule their homeland. Those rulers are trying to destroy Uyghur language and culture, but some Western nations are trying to end the Uyghurs' suffering.

Uyghurs who live outside of China are sad, too, because of the bad things happening to Uyghur friends in China. It makes them feel angry and helpless. They can't call, or email, or even write letters to family and friends in China.

Missionaries who live near China love their Uyghur neighbors and are a safe place for Uyghur people to talk about hard things. Because they know the missionaries care about them, and because of the pain in their hearts, the Uyghur people will listen to things about Jesus. They learn, "Jesus Christ understands everything about everybody's struggles because He felt the greatest pain and suffering ever when He died for us."

Please pray that many Uyghurs will receive new life in the Name of Jesus and build His church among the Uyghur people.

Did you know...

The word **Uyghur** is pronounced “WEE-ger” and is also spelled **Uyghur**, **Uighur**, or **Uigur**.

In the Uyghur Arabic script, it is ئۇيغۇر
 (“script” means “way of writing”).

In Chinese it is spelled 维吾尔

Uyghur Arabic Script (ئۇيغۇر ئەرەب يېزىقى) is the official writing system used for Uyghur in China,

but the **Uyghur Latin Script** (**Uyghur yëngi yëzliq**)

and **Uyghur Cyrillic script** (Уйғур Кирил Йезиқи) are often used outside China.

Wow, that is confusing!



Will you pray for Uyghur Christians?

**A computer keyboard for typing Uyghur looks like this.
Arabic letters.**



When a Uyghur decides to follow Jesus, they stop being Muslim. Usually their family tells them, “You are not welcome to be with us any more.” They must leave and find friends among other believers in Jesus, people who can be like family.

But there are not many other Uyghur Christians and they are afraid to meet together because the government might arrest them.



This Uyghur man is in jail for 15 years, until 2022, because he was pastor of Christians who met in his house church. **Will you pray for him and others like him?**