



**SERVING THE PERSECUTED AND  
STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH  
FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

**Including Open Doors In Your Will**

**OpenDoors®**



**IF ONE PART SUFFERS,  
EVERY PART SUFFERS  
WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS  
HONOURED, EVERY PART  
REJOICES WITH IT. NOW  
YOU ARE THE BODY OF  
CHRIST, AND EACH ONE  
OF YOU IS A PART OF IT.**

1 Corinthians 12:26-27

# YOUR GENEROSITY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When you choose to remember Open Doors in your Will, you'll be coming alongside the persecuted church and giving them what they need to be the hands and feet of Jesus in some of the most dangerous parts of the world. Your generosity will provide:



## BIBLES

You'll deliver Bibles and other Christian literature so that persecuted Christians can access God's Word and be strengthened by it.



## TRAINING

You'll provide discipleship training and seminars, pastoral support, and theological education to equip local leaders of the persecuted church.



## PRACTICAL SUPPORT

You'll give microloans, aid, emergency relief, and trauma care to Christians who've suffered persecution, helping them to rebuild their lives.



## PRESENCE

You'll ensure that no Christian suffers persecution alone by supporting in-person visits, care, prayer, and counselling.



**“WHEN I WAS 13,  
ONE OF THE FINAL  
THINGS MY OPA  
SAID TO ME FROM  
HIS HOSPITAL BED  
WAS THAT IF THERE  
IS EVER A MINISTRY  
TO SUPPORT, IT IS  
OPEN DOORS.**

“He said that Jesus isn’t coming until persecution increases, and that we need to stand with our brothers and sisters of the persecuted church until then. A decade later, and his words still resonate in my heart, because I know it is what Jesus would say, too.”

– Jasmine, granddaughter of  
an Open Doors supporter

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW WILL MY GIFT BE USED?

Your generous gift will help provide Bibles, training, and socioeconomic development to the neediest persecuted Christians around the world. You'll be serving the persecuted and strengthening the Church for years to come.

## SHOULD I LET OPEN DOORS KNOW THAT I HAVE INCLUDED THEM IN MY WILL?

Knowing that you've decided to include Open Doors in your Will is helpful in allowing us to plan strategically for the future and to honour your generosity, however you are not required to.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Our team would love to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

### Open Doors Australia

Phone: (02) 9451 2999

Email: [bequests@od.org.au](mailto:bequests@od.org.au)

## HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT TO OPEN DOORS IN YOUR WILL

### Step One

**Choose what type of legacy you would like to leave:**

- A cash bequest: A specific sum of money.
- A percentage of your estate: A specific percentage of your estate's total value.
- A residuary gift: The remainder of your estate after you have taken care of your family and friends.

### Step Two

**Speak to family and loved ones.**

- Let your family and loved ones know of your intentions to leave a gift to Open Doors.

### Step Three

**Seek professional advice.**

- Visit a solicitor to write or update your Will.

# NOTES FOR YOUR SOLICITOR AND ACCOUNTANT

## ABOUT OPEN DOORS

The full and correct title of the organisation is "Open Doors Australia Ltd." (herein "Open Doors"). Open Doors is registered with ASIC as an unlisted public company limited by guarantee, with ACN 164 482 731. Open Doors is a registered Charity with Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC), with ABN: 52 209 804 287.

Tax File Number (TFN): 92 563 140

## TAXATION

Open Doors is a tax-exempt body under Section 23(er) of the Income Tax Act. However, it has not been classified under Section 78 of the Income Tax Act so as to enable gifts to be tax deductible. Accordingly, there is a potential liability on an Estate to pay Capital Gains Tax on the gift to Open Doors of any non-cash assets (such as Real Estate or Shares).

## CASH BEQUESTS

Gifts of cash money are far easier for us to administer, and so we would encourage that any gifts be provided in that form. The following wording would be suitable for the provision of a cash bequest:

*"I give the sum of \$\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_ percentage of the residue of my estate) to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein "Open Doors") AND the receipt of an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full discharge for my Executor."*

## A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR ESTATE

If the subject of your gift is currently in the form of Real Estate or Shares or other property, then giving it to Open Doors in that form may render your Estate liable to pay Capital Gains Tax. The following is a possible form of wording for the Solicitor's consideration:

*"I direct that my Executor sell [name of asset] and after the payment of all expenses for such sale and the payment of any Capital Gains Tax thereon, my Executor shall pay the net proceeds of the sale [or a percentage thereof] to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein "Open Doors") to be used for such purposes as the Board of Open Doors may in its absolute discretion decide AND I declare that the receipt by an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my Executor."*

## A RESIDUARY GIFT

Alternatively, after making specific provision for the members in the Will, you may choose to leave the balance (the Residuary Estate) to Open Doors. Again, subject to the advice of the Solicitor on any Capital Gains Tax aspects, the following wording would be suitable:

*"I direct that my Executor shall pay the residue of my Estate to Open Doors Australia Ltd. (herein "Open Doors") AND the receipt of an appointed officer of Open Doors shall be a full discharge for my Executor."*



**“I am thankful to you and to God for what you have done. You built a house for me and fenced it. You again gave me money to start up a business, so that my children can have the opportunity to continue schooling and to meet my spiritual and physical needs. So, I am thanking you all.”**

**– Bethany, Nigeria**

Your prayerful and financial support has made a difference in the lives of many just like Bethany, all over the world, who are facing unimaginable pressure and persecution for their faith in Jesus – thank you.



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**“The purpose of the Church cannot be to survive, or even to thrive, but to serve.”**

– Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors

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