

## GBC Mission Moment February 2026: *Bill Loveridge*



A praise that God continues to bless others through Lemoore Christian Aid. For 2025 approximately 2,88 families were served. That's almost 9,000 people! We are extremely privileged to partner with this organization. Please continue to lift LCA (Lemoore Christian Aid) up in prayer.

As reported in our annual report, our Thanksgiving offering brought in \$2695.00 and those monies were split between Voice of the Martyrs and Samaritan's Purse to help aid persecuted churches. As I read news reports and of the persecution many are facing throughout the world, I am reminded of how blessed we are and of the responsibility we have to support those being persecuted with our prayers. In Iran, several Christian converts have been sentenced to prison for their involvement in house churches and others have been killed during the recent protests. Well over 3,000 Christians have been murdered in Nigeria last year. Nigeria isn't the only sub-Saharan country where Christians are facing persecution. Sudan, Burkina Faso Mali, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, Somalia, Niger, and Mozambique are all on the world Watch List by Open Doors (an organization focused on aiding the persecution of Christians). And, certainly, other parts of the world have their issues as well. Open Doors reports that over 388 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination— that's one in seven believers worldwide. We need to continually lift up those facing persecution with our prayers. So - how do we pray?? Open Doors offers the following prayer suggestions for Iran, but most could be directed for **ANY** persecuted area.

- Peace, protection, and wisdom for the people of Iran amidst violence and uncertainty
- Comfort for families who have lost loved ones and divine healing for those injured and traumatized.
- Christians to have courage, protection, and perseverance in this season of unrest.
- Unfair arrests to cease and that innocent prisoners — both those recently arrested and those serving existing sentences — would find grace in the eyes of the prison guards.
- Leaders and decision makers, worldwide, to act justly and speak boldly for freedom of religion and belief.
- That feelings of bitterness and hopelessness would turn the eyes of many towards Jesus.
- For all Iranians outside the country who are worried about relatives and friends- especially when contact is so difficult.
- Gods light to shine through the church in Iran (and the world), bringing true freedom, dignity, and hope.

***Anyone interested in joining the Missions Prayer Circle, please contact Bill.***