



Voice <sup>of</sup> the Martyrs

LEAVING A  
*Lasting Legacy*  
FOR PERSECUTED  
CHRISTIANS

# OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering bequeathing a gift to Voice of the Martyrs Limited. The kindness you have shown toward the persecuted church by considering such a gift is greatly appreciated.

Our promise to you is our assurance that your gift will be honoured and used to make the most significant and lasting difference to this mission and its work.

**We will always respect your privacy.** We understand that your estate planning is very personal. We will not ask about the details of your Will, and any information you choose to volunteer will be treated with the utmost respect.

**We will use your gift with godly stewardship** to maximise the benefit for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

By leaving a bequest with Voice of the Martyrs Limited in your Will, not only will your memory be honoured, but the values you hold dear will live on. By leaving a legacy, you will be partnering with us in making an impact that will change people's lives and give a lasting hope to a future generation.

*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work ... while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11*

Yours in Christ,

Voice of the Martyrs Australia



## A COMMITMENT TO REMEMBER

[remember] vb. *To recall to the mind by an act or effort of memory; to retain in the memory or remain aware of; to give support or a gift to; to mention to another.* – Webster Dictionary, 2001.

**Millions of Christians in more than 68 countries experience persecution.**

We know the persecution won't stop until the Lord Jesus returns. In the meantime, Voice of the Martyrs will continue to help, love and encourage persecuted Christians, providing Bibles, Christian literature, ministry equipment, medical aid and practical assistance.

With the help of your bequest, the work of strengthening and equipping the persecuted church will continue. On behalf of the countless persecuted Christians who will benefit from your support, we say, ***“Thank you!”***

Your gift will impact and change lives, now and in the future.

***“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.”*** Hebrews 13:3



## THE IMPACT OF YOUR LEGACY

A legacy to Voice of the Martyrs Limited in the form of a bequest is a life-changing gift to members of God's family who suffer persecution for following the Lord Jesus Christ. Your bequest will be a living testimony of your devotion to the persecuted body of Christ.

*“We will not live on this earth much longer. My wife and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the brethren in Australia for your care. We will go to heaven ahead of you, and we will welcome you when you also come to heaven.”*

*–Aring, a Christian from Myanmar*



# A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY YOU CAN TRUST

With over 50 years of experience, Voice of the Martyrs Limited exists to help, love and encourage persecuted Christians in restricted nations and to inspire Christians in the free world to remember their suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

**We connect** Australian Christians with their persecuted brothers and sisters.

**We act** as a voice for persecuted Christians, communicating their testimonies and needs.

**We will commit** to channel your bequest to the persecuted church, applying godly stewardship to ensure the greatest and most urgent needs of persecuted Christians are met.

*"For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother."* Philemon 1:7



# HOLISTIC CARE FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

The heart of our ministry is holistic care for persecuted Christians. Voice of the Martyrs Limited serves believers in restricted nations through the following ministry programmes.

**Bibles and Literature:** This fund helps VOM print and distribute Bibles to believers who reside in restricted nations, where Bibles are difficult to obtain. This includes producing New Testaments and complete Bibles in both print and digital formats, Bible commentaries and inspirational Christian training material.

**Front Line Ministry:** This ministry fund directly assists pastors, evangelists and full-time Christian workers who courageously minister in the face of hostility and persecution. It includes provision to support underground Bible colleges, leadership training, evangelism resources, computers, transportation, small business equipment, pastor support programmes and equipping churches with resources.

**Families of Martyrs:** We provide financial assistance for families of Christian martyrs and prisoners until they can find alternative means of support, prison visitation trips, education and orphanages for children impacted by persecution, microbusinesses, training programmes and safe houses for Christians whose lives are in danger.

**VOMedical:** We provide medical assistance for Christians who have been injured or are suffering ill health from persecution, including forced poverty and discrimination. This is accomplished by providing medical examinations, along with testing and treatment including surgery, prescriptions, healthcare supplies, prosthetics, specialised counselling and rehabilitation.

**VOM Ministry Fund:** Supports the Australian office activities and local initiatives to raise awareness about the persecuted church; also used to fund project shortfalls and emergency projects for persecuted Christians.

# WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY

There are several ways to leave a gift to the persecuted church through Voice of the Martyrs Limited from your estate.

## **Bequests**

If you do not have a Will, please obtain legal advice from a solicitor. If you already have a Will, you can choose to add Voice of the Martyrs Limited as a beneficiary through a codicil – a short legal amendment to your existing Will. Your solicitor can advise you on how to do this.

Below are the various ways in which you can include Voice of the Martyrs Limited in your Will:

## **Residuary**

A residuary bequest is a gift of all or a percentage of what is left in the estate after specific gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled. Because it is not a specific amount, it maintains its value over time regardless of economic changes and automatically adjusts as the value of your estate fluctuates.

## **Pecuniary**

A pecuniary bequest is the gift of a set dollar amount determined at the time of making your Will.

## **Specific**

A specific bequest is a gift of a particular item of property that can be used by Voice of the Martyrs Limited to generate funds, such as a home, shares or the proceeds of a named bank account.

## **Perpetual Trust**

A gift through a Perpetual Trust. By making Voice of the Martyrs Limited the beneficiary of an endowment fund, you will provide long-term and ongoing support.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***How will my gift be used?***

Your gift will be used at the discretion of the management team of Voice of the Martyrs Limited to achieve our long-term mission of serving the persecuted church. Your contribution will be placed in Voice of the Martyrs Limited's secure interest-generating account and will be allocated as needed to the most important and urgent projects and programmes to support persecuted Christians.

## ***Can I request which ministry programme my gift will support?***

No, 100% of gifts made through estate planning will be designated to international projects and programmes. As the most urgent needs are constantly changing, the specifics of this will be determined when the gift is received. This will ensure that your gift has the maximum impact for ministry to persecuted Christians.

## ***What information should I provide my solicitor?***

Our legal name is: Voice of the Martyrs Limited.

Our ABN is: 27 122 696 375.

Suggested wording for a bequest to Voice of the Martyrs is: "To Voice of the Martyrs Limited, of 19 Cascade St, Lawson, New South Wales 2783 a legacy of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be applied for the general purposes of Voice of the Martyrs Limited and I declare that the receipt of the Director or other Public Officer of the Company shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor and shall not be required to see the application thereof."

It is important that you seek legal advice to ensure your gift is valid.

## ***Should I let Voice of the Martyrs Limited know I have included them in my Will?***

Yes. You don't have to, but if you choose to name Voice of the Martyrs Limited as a beneficiary to your Will, we would greatly appreciate confirmation advice from you or your solicitor. Letting us know gives us the opportunity to thank you for making this special gift. It also ensures that we keep you updated with news and information about our programmes and projects. Telling us about your intentions does not legally or otherwise bind you should circumstances require a change in your plans.

# MY LEGACY

Thank you for supporting persecuted Christians through Voice of the Martyrs Limited.

Your partnership with Voice of the Martyrs Limited is one way in which you can express God's love in a very real and practical way to persecuted Christians in countries where they are suffering under repressive regimes or at the hands of religious or political extremists.

## THE NEXT STEPS

### Pray

Ask God for His wisdom and peace regarding this important decision.

### Act

Simply contact our Bequest Manager on 02 4759 7000 or [bequests@vom.com.au](mailto:bequests@vom.com.au) who can help guide you through the process of what you need to do if you are unsure.

### Rest

Congratulations! Your decision to give an investment in this way, will play a vital role in strengthening and equipping our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. On behalf of persecuted Christians who will benefit from this support, we say, "Thank you!"

*Your privacy is extremely important to us. Voice of the Martyrs Limited is committed to complying with the National Privacy Principles Act of 1988. Your personal information is stored securely and will not be used or distributed for any commercial use or to any persons or organisations. For our full privacy policy statement, please go to [vom.com.au/privacy-policy](http://vom.com.au/privacy-policy).*



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*All Scripture verses taken from NKJV.*

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