***I Will Stand***

**Pray for courageous Christians sharing good news in hard places**

***“I miss my family a lot… But I pray that they would accept me as I am, just as I accept them as they are.”***

- Z, North Africa

Pray for people who have been rejected by their families because they have chosen to follow Jesus. Pray that they experience the unconditional love of God. Pray that they would find strong Christian communities. And pray that their families would accept them and reconcile with them.

***“Out of the 30 families living here, 22 families have come to know Jesus, and I pray that one day it will become an entirely Christian village.”***

- K, Asia

Pray for church planters in Asia who are facing persecution because of their faith. Thank God for the many, many people they are reaching with the gospel, and for the new house churches they have formed. Pray for protection for the church planters and for the new believers. Pray for God to soften the hearts of those who want to harm them.

***“Pray for me to serve God in the right way, wherever he wants.”***

- J, Middle East

Pray for isolated Christians. Pray that they would find other believers who can encourage them, whether that is face-to-face or through social media. Pray that they would find ways to faithfully follow God, even when they have to live out their faith in secret.

***“Pray that God gives us the wisdom and patience to answer the questions of those who come to us, because sometimes they are really angry… ”***

- Z, North Africa

Pray for BMS-supported ministries reaching out to people who are hostile to the gospel. Pray for people to have wisdom to know when to speak and when to be silent. Pray that God would give them the right words to say. And pray that they would see many people come to know Jesus.

***“I have a big desire to preach the gospel because of where I am living, because my family and my community are not Christian. So please pray for me, for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.”***

- M, Asia

Pray that, through the ministries of BMS-supported believers across the globe, thousands of people will experience whole-life transformation. Pray that, as Christians living in hard places seek to share the gospel in word and deed, people will experience the love of Jesus for the first time, and that it would transform every area of their lives.