

Along the Way



Yemane gazed at the patch of sky that was visible through the opening in the ground some six feet above his head. His arms were bound behind him, and his throat was parched after sustaining Eritrea's stifling climate for hours without a drink of water. Once again, Yemane was in the hole because he could not keep his faith to himself.

At age 35, Yemane was drafted into the African nation's military. Yet, he remained a dedicated Christian, faithfully sharing the Gospel with other soldiers. He was often punished for this and had been sent to the hole five times before finally being imprisoned.

Despite terrible conditions, no beds and minimal bathroom breaks each day, Yemane continued to share the Gospel with his fellow inmates. "Whenever I preached," he recounts of those difficult years, "the soldiers beat me. I thought of Jesus on the cross and did not feel the pain."

Eventually, Yemane was placed in solitary confinement and suffered intense heat and dehydration, triggering a stroke which put him in a coma for 14 days. The authorities released him due to poor health, and Yemane was set free, though in a horrible state and disabled due to his stroke.

Thankfully, Yemane was able to seek medical treatment outside of Eritrea, and he now resides in an Ethiopian refugee camp. This long-suffering believer lives a very modest life, not having much but faithfully using what God provides to care for street children and support the local church in the camp.

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His Way

"And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained."

2 Timothy 2:9 NLT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		VIETNAM 1 Pray that ministry workers will receive the necessary tools and training for evangelism.	NEPAL 2 Pray that Christians involved in political change will keep the Kingdom of God foremost.	COMOROS 3 Pray for missionaries who are working to proclaim the "Good News" of the Gospel.	MOZAMBIQUE 4 Pray that displaced Christians receiving audio Bibles will be strengthened by God's Word.	OMAN 5 Pray that local believers will remain dedicated to Christ despite the cost.
IRAQ 6 Pray that Christians will be faithful, withstanding threats under daily oppression.	CHINA 7 Pray for the successful distribution of Bibles in every part of China.	AZERBAIJAN 8 Pray that church leaders will build up believers to be courageous in their faith.	ERITREA 9 Pray that Christian broadcasts will encourage Christ's followers and draw others to Him.	NORTH KOREA 10 Pray that governmental workers who receive Bibles will come to faith in Christ.	QATAR 11 Pray that the expatriate community will find creative ways to share God's love.	TURKMENISTAN 12 Pray that the government will legally recognize the Turkmen-language Bible.
SAUDI ARABIA 13 Pray that Christians who feel isolated will be encouraged in their walk with Christ.	NIGER 14 Pray for the protection of believers living in areas of risk due to persecution.	TUNISIA 15 Pray for local evangelists who are following up on social media contacts.	LIBYA 16 Pray that the Gospel will advance despite the country's unstable political situation.	YEMEN 17 Pray that discipleship training courses will effectively develop new church leaders.	TAJIKISTAN 18 Pray that believers meeting for worship will be undetected by potential persecutors.	EGYPT 19 Pray for emerging Christian leaders who are attending a summer apologetics school.
MAURITANIA 20 Pray that followers of Christ can safely gather for worship, fellowship and discipleship.	MALDIVES 21 Pray for creative approaches to evangelism in this hard-to-reach country.	INDONESIA 22 Pray for the healing of Christians who have witnessed the martyrdom of other believers.	PAKISTAN 23 Pray for the effective testifying of Shakeel, who came to faith in Christ after reading the Bible.	CUBA 24 Pray that pastors presently in detention for questioning will convey God's love and truth.	UGANDA 25 Pray for the strengthening of Christians being confronted with encroaching Islamization.	ISRAEL 26 Pray that residents of Jerusalem and other areas of Israel will seek the "Prince of Peace."
AFGHANISTAN 27 Pray for creative means of providing Christian resources to Afghan believers.	ETHIOPIA 28 Pray that the 20,000 children receiving their first Bible during this year will encounter Christ.	KYRGYZSTAN 29 Pray for effective Bible distributions to those who otherwise have no access to God's Word.	IRAN 30 Pray for Abid, an Afghan refugee in Iran who is curious about God's Word.	MEXICO 31 Pray for the protection of new believers desiring to gather for fellowship and worship.		

Artist:
A pastor in Eritrea
Artwork Title:
"Prisoner"
Medium:
Oil on canvas

