

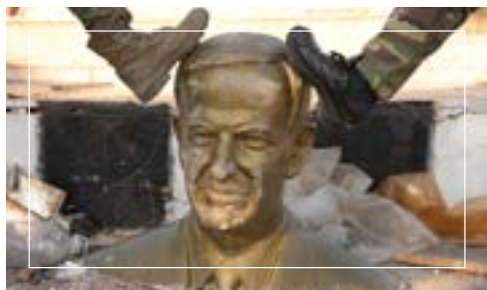


# SYRIAN CHRISTIANS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

Dear Friend,

The situation with the recent uprising in Syria remains volatile and can turn quickly as people who suffered years of Bashar's dictatorship are taking revenge.

While Christians were not specifically targeted in the recent uprising, many live within the communities and are caught in the crossfire.



Sadly, several Christian families that we have been supporting have become innocent victims who have been affected and are in great danger.

Our field worker, Brother Nour, writes:

*“Among those displaced are dear believers we know, including those that our team in Damascus has been supporting. These believers are facing hunger due to the dangerous situation.”*

The extent of brutality and killings of more than 1,500 innocent Alawite civilians living in the coastal provinces of Latakia and Tartus is shocking.

On March 6, armed pro-Bashar fighters (loyalists of ousted President Bashar al-Assad) attacked security forces of the new regime. Ahmed al-Sharaa, Syria's new leader, sent reinforcements to the area.

When the conflict first began, many living in the region sought to shelter in place. A young mother shared,

*“We stayed at home. We didn't go out. We didn't even stand in front of the windows. We shut the curtains, and we didn't go out at all.”*

Violence quickly escalated as fighters and thousands of civilians took revenge against the former dictator's supporters.

*“They attacked us in our homes, seized all our furniture, looted our shops, and took our cows—stripping us of everything. They left nothing behind. It's unimaginable.”* Another survivor recounted.

Fear has resurfaced for those who witnessed the horrors of the recent indiscriminate killings, of horrifying times when the Islamic State invaded Syria more than ten years ago.

Fighting back tears, Nada shared:

*“They slaughtered people and put them in garbage bags. What shall we say, I don’t know.  
**MAY GOD HELP US!”***

While much blame for the killings is being directed at both sides, Door of Hope International is concerned for the Christian families and other innocent families caught in the crossfire who have lost their homes and fled in fear.

As the situation remains fluid and uncertain, one thing is certain: in these moments of unimaginable suffering, **YOU and I have the opportunity to embody Christ’s love and mercy.**

*For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty,  
and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in.  
Matthew 25:35*

This is our call to action to respond to the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters in Syria.

As I write this letter, our team is already enroute to Syria to bring emergency aid.

**The fastest way to bring urgent help to these Christian families is for DOHI to send money to Brother Nour who will purchase emergency supplies locally.**

Your contribution will help meet their immediate needs for food, shelter, and other basic necessities.



Please respond quickly!

Your gift can make a real difference - offering them a lifeline in their darkest hour.

Please pray for protection for Nour and his team as they bring aid to families still inside dangerous areas in Syria.

Together in His Ministry,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul H. Popow".

Door of Hope International

**PS: Please join me in prayer for these precious brothers and sisters in desperate need. Thank you for standing with Syrian Christians in this critical time of need!**

YES PAUL,

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*I will be praying for Syrian families in this time of need.*

*Here is my gift for emergency aid to the Syrian Christian families caught in the crossfire.*

- Please use my gift where most needed.
- For Christian families caught in the crossfire.
  - \$50     \$100     \$300     \$500     \$1,000     Other \_\_\_\_\_



*Yes! I want to make a contribution to  
Door of Hope International to help those in need around the world.*

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