

# A VICTIM OF PERSECUTION, NOW A VICTOR IN CHRIST

Shweta from India married into a staunch Hindu family. Daily, she was humiliated for her Christian faith, oppressed, and abused by her mother-in-law and other women from the community.

When sickness befell Shweta, the family believed it was because of her Christian faith – she had angered the gods. Then the worst happened... With her baby daughter beside her Shweta was severely beaten by the very women she was meant to trust. Shweta remembers waking up in hospital hours later having fainted from the beatings. Her baby still beside her, not been fed for hours. A scar on her head is still visible from the incident, but it is also a reminder of God's grace, and that her strength was found in Him.

She remained faithful to the Lord, she overcame the difficulties of societal pressures to return to her marital home, struggling with mental health, and healing from her injuries. ***"I was fearful within, but this time, my faith in God had been reinstated."*** she shares.

Shweta stands as a witness of God's mercy, forgiving her perpetrators and treating them with love, and today, she serves as a female church leader. ***"I read the Bible more and prayed more and soon God was delivering me and strengthening me."***

Recently Shweta was empowered at a sewing centre established by Open Doors local partners in India. Here Christian women like Shweta learn how to sew, set up a small business, and earn an income, instilling a seed of hope for many who live in utmost poverty and face oppression for their faith.




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## PRAY


- ♥ For women in the persecuted Church across the world. That despite their vulnerability and daily persecution, they will know their identity in Christ.
- ♥ For wives of church leaders in persecuted countries. For strength and trust in the Lord as they stand alongside their husbands as they serve their community with the Gospel.
- ♥ For young Christian girls in many countries. Pray for protection for them where they are subject to discrimination, and in many places abduction and forced marriages. May God watch over our sisters.

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one woman spiritually  
and economically  
through a self-help  
group.

  
**R500** could give one  
woman the opportunity  
to attend a Women's  
Leadership Seminar.

  
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a programme to meet  
one woman's spiritual,  
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