

ACTION FOR
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
AND THE NEEDY



avc on the frontline

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nehemia⁺

clear words.
strong actions.



Welcome

You make a tour through Iran and across Pakistan to India. You jolt through north-east India and cross the border to Bangladesh. You continue via Myanmar to Thailand and Laos and reach Vietnam. You fly to Beijing, travel round China and dare to make a detour to North Korea. Back in the country of the dragon you travel via Mongolia to Siberia and at temperatures of minus 60° C it is a bumpy ride of thousands of kilometres over frozen rivers and snowy slopes high in the north.

Perhaps you prefer the south and fly to Mali, Tanzania, Zambia or Madagascar.

You travel through Latin America, Nicaragua and Peru where the bus takes you from the desert zone on the Pacific Ocean high up into the Andes at more than 4,000 metres.

Or you visit countries that are right on your "doorstep", like Albania, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Serbia.

Everywhere you encounter corruption, life-threatening religiousness, poverty, despair, hopelessness and a lack of prospects.

But you also encounter the fruit of AVC. You meet persecuted Christians and their families that receive support. You find

orphanages, kindergartens, schools and other social projects that help the poorest to escape from the vicious circle of poverty; in the disaster situations you discover quickly mobilized people providing emergency relief and reconstruction aid. And everywhere you find a fast-growing number of Christians who meet in very active churches of all sizes and who radiate hope for their surroundings.

AVC supports and assists local partners in providing humanitarian help – together with the offer (independent of culture) that can change people from the inside: a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. After all, long-term aid encompasses both. The renewing of inner values will result in a positive change in social behaviour and through it the changing of whole families, villages and sections of society.

Get to know AVC and get involved in the work.



Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sturz', written over a white background.

Pawel Sturz
Director AVC Germany

**Trigger to
launch AVC**

Demonstration
in Cologne for
an imprisoned
Romanian pastor
in 1972



AVC was founded in Germany in 1972 in order to help persecuted Christians in the states of the former Soviet Union. Behind the Iron Curtain AVC visited persecuted Christians and the families of imprisoned Christians. In this way people were helped but most of all they were encouraged because they knew that they were not alone and had not been forgotten. A valuable treasure was every Bible that reached them – often through great dangers. Public demonstrations and events as well as the magazine “AVC report” have since then pointed to the injustice of the persecution of Christians continually.

It began with a demonstration

Parallel to supporting Christians under pressure we pass on the good news about Jesus. In order to help on every level we have been doing charitable work from from the beginning: social projects like humanitarian help, emergency relief and development aid. In order to better implement the social work Nehemia Christian Aid was founded in 1990.

Today we are working – supported by churches and friends – with local partners on four continents: capable, trustworthy, pioneering. AVC has three major focal points through which help is provided on every level.



**40 years
later**
demonstration in
Berlin in
2012

AVC assists persecuted Christians

Discriminated against, persecuted, tortured and killed. This is the fate of countless Christians worldwide. According to cautious estimates, every five minutes a Christian dies for their faith.

How AVC helps persecuted Christians

We give them a voice and help practically – courageously, resolutely, effectively.

- Help for persecuted and imprisoned Christians
- Help for families of persecuted and killed Christians
- Raising awareness of the persecution of Christians
- Demonstrations and petitions
- Getting in contact with politicians

Pakistan
Fear of attacks is a daily companion



Eritrea
Sophisticated torture techniques



Afghanistan
Religious terror:
Death for apostasy from Islam





AVC assists persecuted Christians
Visits encourage people and give them strength to keep going.

AVC helps the needy

Poor, oppressed, desperate, without a hope and a future. This is the reality of life for billions. Catastrophes such as drought, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, famine, epidemics and violent conflicts are on a dramatic increase and bring death and destruction.

How AVC helps the needy

Through our subsidiary organization Nehemia we provide need-orientated humanitarian help: quickly, non-bureaucratically and effectively.

- Emergency relief and reconstruction aid
- Relief supplies
- Food programmes, water projects
- Orphanages
- Schools/kindergartens
- Clinics and mobile clinics
- Rehabilitation centres for addicts
- Literacy and vocational education
- Courses in hygiene, health and family planning
- Training in agriculture, fish farming, animal husbandry, sowing, self-sufficiency



Catastrophes

Significant increase worldwide

Eastern Europe

Suffering on the West's doorstep



Nepal

Street children – lonely, vulnerable



AVC helps the needy

Education as a way out of discrimination and poverty

AVC makes Jesus Christ known

Existence-threatening cultural/religious traditions and pressures, fears, despair, hopelessness, guilt. The main reason for human suffering is people's estrangement from God.

How AVC makes Jesus Christ known

We pass on the Christian message: with commitment, respect and sincerity.

- Support of local Christian churches
- Training and support of local workers like pastors and evangelists
- Support of leadership training
- Printing of Bibles, teaching materials and evangelistic literature
- Financial help for Christian TV stations and websites for the Islamic world



Mali
Animist cult

Pakistan
Despair hidden behind the veil



North-east India
Fierce figures:
former head
hunters



Ethiopia
More than
material needs



AVC makes Jesus Christ known
Lasting changes begin on the inside

Active worldwide

■ 600 tons of relief aid

such as clothes, shoes, tools, furniture and remaining stock are transported every year to more than a dozen states and distributed to the needy.

■ 1,000 local evangelists

are supported by AVC. Working alongside the humanitarian aid, they offer a relationship with God which changes people from the inside and makes change sustainable.

■ 9,000 sponsorships

allow children to develop well and have a good education.



600 tons of relief aid

AVC centre in Switzerland, one of the logistic centres



1,000 local evangelists

On their bikes through Tanzania



9,000 sponsorships

Some of them at the end of the world like in north-east India

■ **10,000 pupils**

gain an education in our own schools that is far above average

■ **24,000 Christmas boxes**

are collected every year in the AVC centres and distributed to the poorest people in Eastern European countries

■ **40,000 patients**

are looked after regularly in medical projects; there is also medical help in disaster situations



10,000 pupils
Happy kids in the new school in Mali

24,000 Christmas boxes

Roma children in Eastern Europe are delighted



40,000 patients

As well as help for disaster victims such as those in the Philippines



before/after

Khadka Ruku, Nepal

As a ten-year-old she was abducted by Maoists. "I had to watch killings and was trained in close combat and the making of bombs. After I managed to escape I came to the AVC orphanage. Here I can leave my past behind."



Emanuel, Nicaragua

He was deserted as a baby and later adopted. At our school he learnt the ABC but also Christian values such as love and care. In the meantime he has changed from pupil to teacher. "I love to pass on what I have learned: school subjects and my experiences with God."



Child in North Korea

In December 2006 AVC was able to officially open the first bakery. Later a soya milk factory was added. Every day 7,500 hungry children receive one nourishing bread roll and a cup of soya milk - free of charge. "This is the only real meal I have per day. Thank you!"

Tsendee, Mongolia

She lived as a guard in the staircase of an apartment block. AVC supported her training as seamstress and provided her with a sewing machine and a micro loan. "I successfully opened my own sewing workshop and can now support myself."





Meso, Santi and Marten, Indonesia

They lost both their parents in the tsunami and have been living in the children's home in Medan since 2005. In 2013 they finished their training as mathematician, vet and teacher respectively.

Veronika, Moldova

She is being looked after in our project for street children. She receives food, clothes and everything she needs for going to school. Her next aim is to do her A-levels. "Many leave Moldova because the country is so poor. But I want to stay here and help the people!"



Leonid and Jelena, Russia

Leonid: The highlight of his criminal career was his election as mafia boss of Novosibirsk. At his lowest point as a drug addict and suicide candidate he came to a rehabilitation centre and was set free. "Today I am employed as a manager and study theology part-time."

Jelena: Daughter of the KGB boss who had chased her husband in the past. She got free from her addiction at an AVC rehabilitation centre. "Today I am acting station manager in Novosibirsk."



Tsion, Ethiopia

The sponsorship programme allowed her to get an education and university degree. She now works as an auditor. "I can't find words to describe my feelings. To go to university is nearly impossible for children from poor families. This was the chance of my life!"



AVC and you

The work of AVC is financed through voluntary donations. In order to continue the many existing projects and start new ones we need your help.

How you can help

- Prayer
- Donations of goods or money
- Sponsorships for children and evangelists
- Become an ambassador (make AVC known)
- Voluntary help at home and abroad
- Do your Voluntary Social Year in Germany
- Provide help abroad in the scope of the international voluntary youth service
- Leave a legacy to AVC

There are many opportunities – use one.

For further information go to www.avc-de.org

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Donations per mobile

Give €9 by texting "GIB9 AVC" to 81190 or scan the QR-Code



Donation receipts

Donations to AVC can be used for tax deduction purposes in Germany.

You will automatically receive a donation receipt at the beginning of each year.

Project-specific donation

Donations made for a specific purpose will be used for that purpose. If there is a surplus for a project, the funds that are not needed for the designated project will be used for a similar project.

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clear words.
strong actions.



Clear words and strong actions in Thailand.
Ralf O.
Project manager with children in one of his homes.