

# **GOD'S SMUGGLER: A LIFE WELL LIVED**

A close-up portrait of an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark.

**BROTHER ANDREW  
FOUNDER OF OPEN DOORS**

**1928 - 2022**

# Brother Andrew

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**Why tiptoe through life to arrive at death safely? Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors, certainly didn't tiptoe. Instead, he dared to trust God and follow Jesus into danger. He leaves a powerful legacy of vision, faith and everlasting hope for the persecuted believers he dedicated his life to serve. Open Doors celebrates and gives thanks for his inspirational life.**

Andrew Van der Bilj was 20 years old when his platoon was ambushed and he fell on a sweltering battlefield in the Dutch East Indies. Fresh bullet holes pierced his boot. His ankle was shattered. Life, as he had known it so far, had ended.

"I had never considered this possibility," he said. "I had always seen myself going out in a blaze of contempt for the whole human farce. But to live – and crippled – was the meanest fate of all. Worse, I was 20 years old and I had discovered that there was no real adventure in the world."

It was a discovery he would soon reassess. Recovering in a rehabilitation hospital, Andrew picked up the Bible his mother gave him and opened it for the first time. The Word of God came alive for him and he gave his life to Jesus. So began a life more adventurous than many of us could ever dream of.

Brother Andrew earned the nickname God's Smuggler after a series of clandestine Bible deliveries behind the Iron Curtain during the cold war. He narrowly escaped imprisonment many times and had many miraculous near misses with the authorities. He attended private meetings with the leaders of extremist groups, risking his life to advocate on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

### EVERY DOOR IS OPEN

Brother Andrew often said, "Our very mission is called 'Open Doors' because we believe that all doors are open, anytime and anywhere. I literally believe that every door is open to go in and proclaim Christ, as

long as you are willing to go and are not worried about coming back."

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Born in 1928 in Witte, Sint Pancras, the Netherlands, Brother Andrew grew up during the rise of Nazi power in neighbouring Germany. When German soldiers occupied his village in 1940 Brother Andrew led his own resistance, stealing the highly rationed sugar from his mother's kitchen and sprinkling it into the gas tank of the lieutenant's car. He set off fireworks under the noses of the troops, outrunning them when they tried to catch him.

When the war was finally over, Brother Andrew was nearly 18 and his father demanded to know what he would do with his life. "I knew what I wanted alright," he said. "To find somehow a life that broke out of the mould. To find adventure, to



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get away from Witte, from the mental set that was constantly looking backwards.”

### SEARCHING ADVENTURE

So, aged 18, he joined the Dutch army to help put down the rebellion in the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia. His mother packed him off with a Bible, which he stuffed in the bottom of his duffle bag and forgot about – until he found himself in rehabilitation. Once recovered, Brother Andrew returned to the Netherlands, where he became a committed Christian and decided to become a missionary.

Brother Andrew trained for two years at Worldwide Evangelism Crusade (WEC) in Glasgow. By 1955, he was ready for his first adventure – the trip that started Open Doors.

He took a train from Amsterdam to Warsaw to participate in a worldwide Communist youth rally. His suitcase was bursting with Christian tracts in a variety of languages, to give out illegally behind the Iron Curtain. In Poland, Brother Andrew discovered that churches behind the Iron Curtain were isolated and in need of encouragement. After preaching to a small dwindling church one Sunday the pastor said to him, “Your being here is better than your ten best sermons. Even if you had not said a word just seeing you would have meant so much. We feel as if we are alone in our struggles.”

### STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS

The Bible verse, *strengthen what remains and is about to die*, Revelation 3:2, stuck with

Brother Andrew as he travelled around Poland. He realized the tremendous need of these isolated and marginalized Christians. Over the following years he visited Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, East Germany, Bulgaria, Romania and Russia. Driving the now famous bright blue Volkswagen Beetle across Europe, he smuggled hundreds of illegal Bibles across borders to encourage and strengthen the church whose access to Bibles and right to religious expression were being squeezed by the authorities. In each country Brother Andrew once again heard what he had first heard in Poland – that the church felt isolated and alone and that his presence there meant everything to them.

The first time Brother Andrew smuggled Bibles over a border he said, “Lord in my luggage I have

scripture that I want to take to our children across the border. When you were on earth you made blind eyes see. Now I pray you make seeing eyes blind.” The prayer ‘make seeing eyes blind’ was recited before every border crossing and is still prayed by Open Doors staff today. Brother Andrew was never caught.

In fact, after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Brother Andrew obtained a copy of the 150-page East German Stasi report about his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He was surprised to find out that they knew so much about him yet were not able to stop his work.

### ONE MILLION SECRET BIBLES

Bible smuggling reached an apex in Project Pearl, June 1981. A crew of 20 Open Doors staff floated one million Bibles, in 232 one-ton packages, to the Chinese coastline on a custom-built barge. A silent army of waiting Chinese Christians spirited them into the country. Time magazine called Project Pearl “the largest operation of its kind in the history of China”.

After the fall of Communism, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the growing Islamist violence toward Christians across the Middle East, Persian Gulf, Northern Africa and Southeast Asia, preaching against retaliation. Pastor Hanna Massad, pastor at Gaza Baptist Church and founder of Christian Mission to Gaza, once said, “When Gaza was under siege, we found Brother Andrew in our midst seeking to encourage the persecuted church in Gaza. When no Christians were willing to speak to the leaders of Hamas in Gaza, Brother Andrew was the first person to do this without compromising his faith. I heard him say to one of the leaders in Hamas that everyone needs to know Christ. He said that if we did not go to them with Christ’s

love they would come at us with their weapons. He gained the right to speak to them because of his genuine care and love for all people.”

In 1967 Brother Andrew released his first book, *God’s Smuggler*, which detailed his time behind the Iron Curtain. It quickly became a best seller with over 10 million copies distributed worldwide in 35 languages. He has since written a further 16 books about his life, work and advocating for persecuted believers.

### ENCOURAGING THE CHURCH

One of his last trips was to his beloved Pakistan, aged 89. The trip to Pakistan was a private one. He visited many of his friends, old and new. His mission – as always – was to encourage the local Church. “We are fatigued, weary and aching”, one church leader said. “We were waiting for him. Seeing him and his friends, reminded us that we are neither forgotten nor alone. We are loved ever so much by the Body of Christ, this time represented by Brother Andrew.”

Johan Companjen, founding president of Open Doors, said, “When I think of Brother Andrew two things come to mind. One, he was a pioneer, always looking for new and unique things. Second, he was a prophet. Many times, he shared thoughts and ideas



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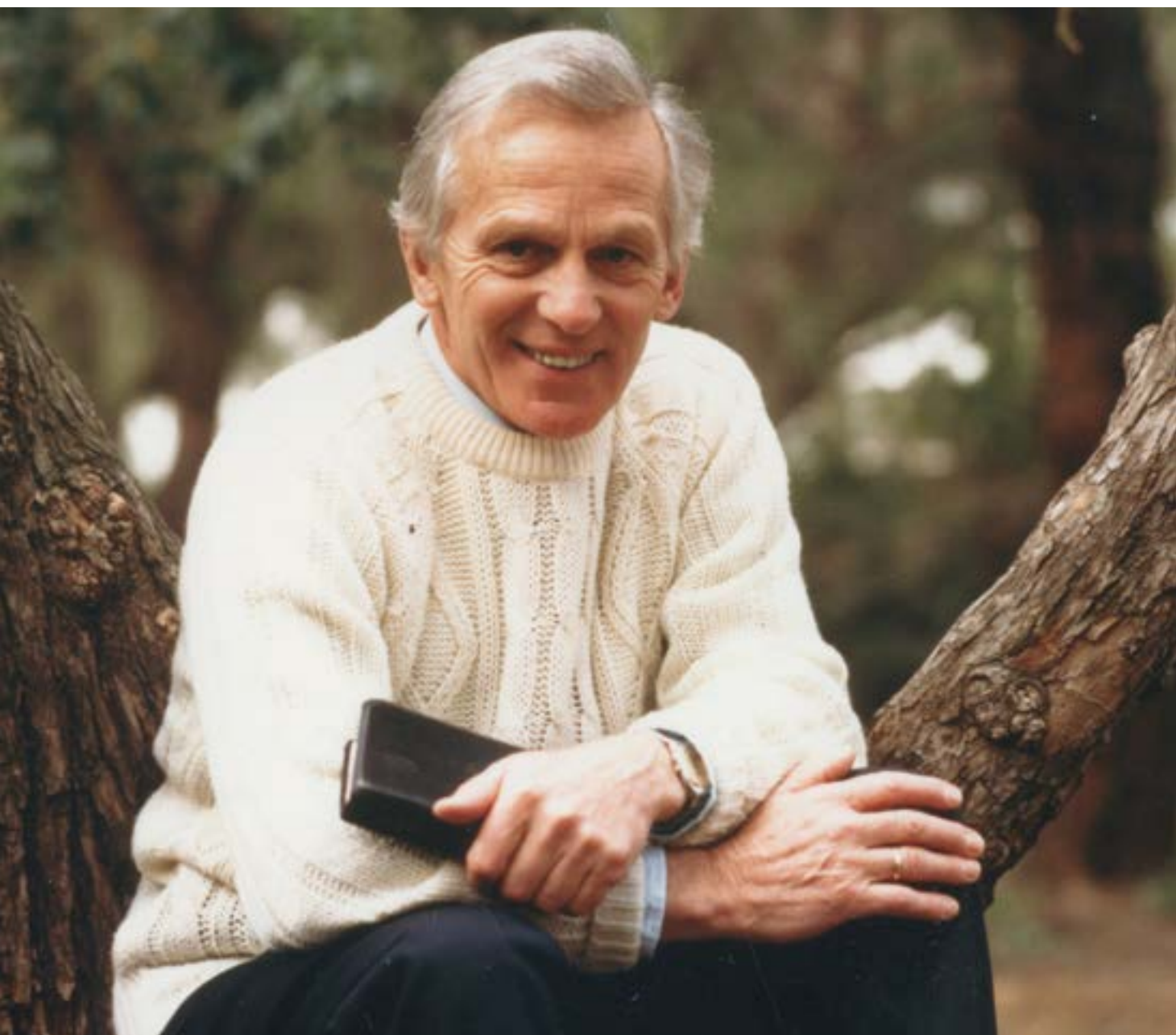
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that we could not ‘place’. But years later we discovered that he was way ahead of us. Brother Andrew always liked to do unique, often impossible things. If a project was possible he was not interested. ‘Everybody can do that,’ he would say. However, when he heard the word impossible he was very excited.”

Brother Andrew met his wife of 59 years, Cornelia, known as Corry,

when he was working in a chocolate factory after returning from fighting in the West Indies. They married in Alkmaar. Corry was born in March 1931 and died on January 23, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Brother Andrew is survived by his five children, 11 grandchildren, and by the organization he founded, Open Doors.



## MY TRIBUTE TO BROTHER ANDREW

By Paul Estabrooks

As I write, it has been fifty years since I first met Brother Andrew in the Philippines at Far East Broadcasting Company’s compound where he had come to learn about the Russian Bible printing at the Marshburn Press. We still laugh about the coffee time with all the compound missionaries when my bride, Dianne, innocently brought him a copy of *Tortured For Christ* by Richard Wurmbrand to autograph for her. From the very beginning of our long relationship, he was warm and friendly.

My first time to join him in public ministry on the platform was during the significant LOVE CHINA Conference he called together in Manila in 1975 – just a year before Mao Tse-tung died and China began to open.

### HE WAS A FAMILY MAN

Andrew and Corry had five children. Our three children adored Brother Andrew. The many times he joined us at our home for a meal, he always included the children in the conversation. They were so excited when we all were able to visit his home in Holland for the first time in the early summer of 1985 and see his turtles and the bicycle-built-for-two in his garage that he had told the kids about.

I joined Open Doors (in Asia) in 1979 and we became co-workers for forty years. He was an encourager. He read and commended me on the publishing of all five books I wrote for Open Doors International over the years – especially *Standing Strong Through The Storm* (now in its 3rd Edition).

It was his love for the Lord and His Word that made him stand out. He often shared from the Scriptures and devotionals he had just read that very day. One of his favourite books, after the Bible, was Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost For His Highest*. He became well-known for many of his own statements, most notably, “Be radical for Jesus, but not fanatical.”

Never using a typewriter, his communications were always handwritten – what today has become an art form. I have a treasured file of all his letters and notes to me and to our family. In the last one when I was in my early seventies, he again assured me that he regularly read my *Daily Inspiration From The Lions Den* devotionals and sent me an idea for a new devotional from Malachi 4:6 regarding children and parents. His final comment was, “We the parents have to change. May God help us to hurry up! As for you: don’t hurry too much. We want you and the family to be around much longer.”

Andrew loved to sing – especially the old English hymns. On one of his many trips to Canada he called

me and asked me to bring some old hymnbooks to his hotel room. There we sang together at length old but meaningful hymns like, “I’ll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord!”

But my bottom-line assessment would be about his leadership style. He didn’t teach it. He modelled it. I remember reading a story about him in a book about leadership. I have long forgotten who the author was but have never forgotten the story. The author was part of an American music team working with YWAM at the time of the Munich Olympics. They flew into Denmark, weary after a very long flight, and stayed at a Bible College. On arrival, a small man dressed in work clothes whom they thought was the gardener, asked them if he could help them with all their equipment and gear. He carried things like large speaker cabinets for them for about an hour. That evening at their first public meeting and after they led the music worship time, the head of the Bible College introduced the special speaker, Brother Andrew. The young people were shocked! It was the man they had thought was the gardener. The writer concluded, “Brother Andrew’s example had provided me with a shift in my ‘leadership paradigm’...a leader can wear gardener’s clothes.”

Today he’ll be wearing a white robe awaiting the Master’s words, “Well done good and faithful servant!”



Paul and Dianne Estabrooks with Brother Andrew

# THE MANY MILESTONES OF BROTHER ANDREW

Like every person in history, Brother Andrew's life was a series of stories— some good, some bad. But like every follower of Christ, it's possible to look at a snapshot of Brother Andrew's life and see how God was at work, both in the small moments and in the big. Here is just a little of the story God wrote through this remarkable man, and a reminder that He is at work in each of us.



● Brother Andrew    ● Open Doors ministry    ● Open Doors milestone

**1928**  
Brother Andrew is born May 11.

**1946**  
Brother Andrew enters the Dutch army.

**1949**  
While in the army, Brother Andrew is shot in the ankle. As he recovers, he is influenced by the nuns in his hospital and begins to read the Bible. This changes his life—and the world.

**1955**  
Brother Andrew travels with a Dutch delegation to the World Youth Congress in Warsaw, Poland. Brother Andrew starts a new organization. He calls it Open Doors. This year, he also smuggles Bibles into the Eastern Bloc for the first time.

**1957**  
Brother Andrew makes the first of many trips to the Soviet Union.

**1958**  
Printing presses begin to print Bibles for distribution to persecuted Christians.

**1965**  
Brother Andrew makes his first trip to China.

**1967**  
God's Smuggler is published.

**1978**  
Contact with churches in the Middle East begins. Open Doors also sponsors the Love Africa conference in 1978—another important moment in Open Doors history that helped launch the ministry to the persecuted church on that continent.

**1979**  
30,000 New Testaments are delivered to Chinese Christians.

**1975**  
Open Doors sponsors the Love China conference in Southeast Asia to encourage ministry to China.

Brother Andrew begins visiting Lebanon an average of twice per year, which he would continue to do through 1990. Lebanon is in the grips of a brutal civil war, and Brother Andrew makes friends with—and gives Bibles to—people in every facet of the conflict.

**1981**  
Project Pearl sees 1 million Bibles delivered to a beach in China in just one night. Thousands of waiting believers gather to receive them.

**1982**  
Open Doors launches a seven-year campaign of prayer for the Communist Bloc. Seven years later, in 1989, the Berlin Wall falls. The Soviet Union is opened to the gospel, and Christian prisoners are released.

**1997**  
Open Doors launches Standing Strong Through the Storm—a training program for Christians facing persecution. In its updated version, it is still in use today.

**1998**  
Open Doors launches its first relief project. Operation Daily Bread flies in food and supplies to remote areas of war-torn southern Sudan.

**1993**  
Brother Andrew presents the first copy of the full Bible in Albanian to the President of Albania—a country that had once declared itself the world's first atheist state.

Brother Andrew is knighted by Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands.

**1985**  
Project Crossfire distributes 5 million pieces of Christian literature in Latin America. Thousands of young people are helped to share their faith in Christ.

**1988**  
Open Doors begins a plan to deliver 1 million New Testaments to Russia. Brother Andrew delivers the first Bibles himself, presenting them to a monastery in Moscow.



**2018**  
Brother Andrew makes his last trip, to Pakistan.

**2022**  
Brother Andrew enters into glory on September 27.



# THE STORYTELLER BEHIND THE STORIES

By Al Janssen



Brother Andrew has long been known as “God’s Smuggler,” after his best-selling memoir of the same name. Published for the first time in 1967 and now in more than 35 languages, *God’s Smuggler* has a legacy of its own. More than 10 million copies have been distributed.

The adventure story of Brother Andrew’s life of faithfulness and the prayerful risks he took to bring the Word behind the Iron Curtain has inspired millions to not only share their faith but also to follow Jesus. And it has introduced readers to the global church of persecuted believers Brother Andrew spent his life strengthening and loving through the ministry of Open Doors.

In addition to *God’s Smuggler*, Brother Andrew has authored more than 14 books focusing on prayer and standing with persecuted believers around the world. But he didn’t do it alone. As Brother Andrew’s official writer and collaborator for his last six books, Al Janssen made more than 60 trips to Brother Andrew’s home in the Netherlands, providing Al with a front-row seat to his life and global ministry.

Shortly before Brother Andrew died, we spoke with Janssen about his time spent with Brother Andrew to bring his stories and message to the world.

**Al, how did the idea for *God’s Smuggler* come about? Was the title Brother Andrew’s idea?**

I’ll tell you what Brother Andrew told me. He met the book’s writers, John and Elizabeth Sherill, on one of his trips to Southern California. John interviewed him for an article in *Guideposts* magazine and then suggested they do a book together. For six weeks, Brother Andrew, 37

at the time, lived with the Sherrills, recalling memories and telling stories that would introduce Brother Andrew and his ministry to the world. A bad back meant that most of those stories were told lying down from a favourite couch in his hosts’ home. Andrew didn’t like the title. It was the publisher’s idea. He hated the term “smuggler” because of the “drug smuggler” connotation. “We’re not ‘smuggling’ Bibles,” Andrew said. “We’re just bringing Bibles, the Word of God, to people. No one can prohibit us from doing that.” In time, he got used to the “smuggler” label.

**Did Brother Andrew see himself as a writer?**

Oh, no. He was an evangelist, a preacher, a prophet, a visionary, a pioneer. Definitely not a writer, though he was great at delivering pithy comments. I’ve got nine or 10 pages of what I call “Andrew-isms.” He was great to collaborate with. But to ask Andrew to write a book—it wouldn’t have happened.

**Tell us about when you first started collaborating with Brother Andrew. What did your writing process look like?**

After *God’s Smuggler* was published, Andrew wasn’t allowed back into Eastern Europe. That’s when he started traveling to the Middle East meeting with leaders of terrorist groups and ministering to Christians there. But he didn’t want to do a book on Islam because he didn’t want the same thing happening where he couldn’t go back.

For years, several of us pestered him, asking him to at least record his experiences. So finally he agreed in 1999 that I could come to the Netherlands for a week. The very first thing he said to me was, “I’m not writing a book.” I told him I wasn’t

there to write a book—that I just wanted to “download Andrew.” I recorded 17 hours of interviews. We became friends that week.

Two years later, he invited me to go with him to Palestine. While we were there we traveled to Gaza where he made his first contact with Islamic Jihad. We also sat and talked to the leader of Hamas.

Three months after the trip, the world would be rocked by Sept. 11, the event that put into motion what would become Brother Andrew’s public message focusing on the Muslim world.

After Sept. 11, Andrew started calling me almost every week, saying things like, “Al, maybe God’s given me a message. And maybe the world’s finally ready to hear that message.”

**“If Andrew had been younger, he would have tried to reach today’s extremists like ISIS.”**

**When you met with terrorists or other leaders who clearly weren’t sympathetic to Christians, did Andrew ask hard questions?**

Sure; he was not afraid to criticize them. But here’s the thing. They knew he loved them. There was one guy—we called him One Eye because he’d lost an eye in one of the wars. He just reached over and grabbed Andrew’s hand and said, “We know you love us because you come. You sit with us. You listen to us. You come when no one else will come.”



“Al, maybe God has given me a message. And maybe the world’s finally ready to hear that message. Maybe the church in America needs to hear what I’ve learned about Islam.”

So that was another side of Andrew. Yes, he was for the persecuted church, but he also knew that God loves the enemies of the persecuted church, too. From Andrew’s point of view, they’re an unreached people group. He often said that these guys think they are serving God. But, they’re deceived by our enemy, the devil.

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Going forward, God will need to raise up someone else who sees and feels called to that vision.

**Looking back on your trips together, what were some of the most memorable meetings?**

I remember the first meeting with Sheikh al-Shami, the head of

Islamic Jihad at the time. It was very uncomfortable until about 45 minutes in, Andrew pops up and says, “Al, take a picture of the two terrorists,” meaning him and al-Shami who just bursts out laughing.

We had been talking to him through a translator, and he had given no indication he understood any English. He’d understood everything we said. It was a typical power play. He gets up and they stand together. As I’m taking the picture, Sheik al-Shami looks right at me as he says, “I am so glad you guys came to see me, I want you to come see me anytime you’re in Gaza. If I ever hear you’re in Gaza and you don’t come and see me, I shall be very angry.”

He had a big bristly beard and in subsequent meetings he greeted me with kisses on each cheek. At our last meeting, Brother Andrew asked, “Can I pray with you?” He

prayed that the Sheikh would have a dream or a vision that would confirm the gospel we’d shared with him and he said, “Jesus is appearing to many Muslims.”

A few years ago, Brother Andrew received a birthday card in Arabic from Sheikh al-Shami saying, “I pray that God will give us the possibility to unite us with you and with the Christ.” (Sheikh al-Shami was reported killed in 2015.)

There’s a double meaning in his words. Devout Muslims believe Jesus is coming back, but He’ll come back as a Muslim. So the sheikh could have meant that. Or he could have meant, “I’m really open to this.” But how in the world could the head of Islamic Jihad declare himself a follower of Jesus?

That’s where you have to leave it in God’s hands.



One of the most loved Brother Andrew stories recounts a risky incident from early in his ministry. On this occasion, Brother Andrew approached the Romanian border in his car—which was packed with illegal Bibles.

He could only hope the border guards were moving swiftly and not paying much attention, which might allow him to pass through undetected.

But just as he was hoping this, Brother Andrew saw the guards stop the car at the front of the line. He watched, in anticipation, as the vehicle’s owners were forced to take out all of the car’s contents and spread them on the ground for inspection.

Each car that followed received the same treatment, with the fourth car’s inspection lasting the longest. The guard took a full hour to sift through it, including removing hubcaps, taking the engine apart, and even removing the seats.

“Dear Lord,” Brother Andrew remembers praying, “What am I going to do?”

As he prayed, a bold idea came to Brother Andrew. “I know that no amount of cleverness on my part can get me through this border search. Dare I ask for a miracle? Let me take some of the Bibles out and leave them in the open where they will be seen.”

Putting the Bibles out in the open would truly be depending on God, rather than his own intelligence, he thought. So when the guards ushered Andrew forward, he did just this. “I handed him my papers and started to get out. But his knee was against the door, holding it closed.”

**And then, the almost unbelievable happened.**

The guard looked at Brother Andrew’s passport and abruptly waved him on. “Surely thirty seconds had not passed,” he remembers.

Brother Andrew started the engine and began pulling away, all the while wondering if he was supposed to pull over so the car could be taken apart and examined. “I coasted forward, my foot poised above the brake. Nothing happened. I looked out the rear mirror. The guard was waving the next car to a stop,

indicating to the driver that he had to get out.”

God had cleared the way for Brother Andrew to smuggle the Bible to Christians who had no access to God’s Word. Brother Andrew’s work went on to span many decades and geographic locations. And this incident at the Romanian border became one of many close calls to follow. Along the way, Brother Andrew even developed a trademark prayer to say as he snuck Bibles and Christian literature across the border:

“Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture I want to take to your children. When you were on earth, You made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things You do not want them to see.”

Stories from Brother Andrew’s dangerous global exploits earned him the nickname God’s Smuggler—a handle that would also become the title of a best-selling book about his ministry. God’s Smuggler, one of many great Brother Andrew books, would go on to sell over 10 million copies and be translated into thirty-five languages.



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# SOMETHING WAS BURNING IN MY HEART

In his own words, Brother Andrew remembers how Open Doors started—and why it began with a question.



*That first step came from a curiously placed magazine in the cellar of the missionary training college in Scotland, where Brother Andrew was finishing two years of study. The glossy, four-colour publication was promoting a worldwide socialist youth festival in Warsaw.*

“I read of a youth organization of 96 million members; [I had] never heard of it. We were struggling with the church getting small groups together for catechism, service or entertainment. Ninety-six million—it blew my mind. They have a big festival every two or three years somewhere in the world. I looked at names [of the places]—they sounded very unfamiliar to me, like closed places to me. And there was one coming up soon.

So I wrote to them and said: “I read about what you are doing. I would like to attend one of these manifestations, but I’m a Christian. Can I come? If I do, I will behave as a Christian.” Period. I thought, I’ll never hear from that anyway. But there was a [return] letter: “You’re welcome. You can come as a Christian—do what you want.”

*But Brother Andrew would not go empty-handed.*

“And then the idea was born: I must go there with Scriptures. So I ordered from the Scripture Gift Mission gospels, tracts and New Testaments in a number of Communist country languages, sent it, and I organized my trip. I did not tell anybody.

While watching the final parade of Communist Youth at the festival, Brother Andrew gained the perspective he needed from his Bible. “I watched that huge parade—so militant, so assertive, so aggressive, so seemingly strong—and God said [to me], ‘Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.’ They were

chanting and singing, and I thought, Your knees too, guys.”

*At that point, Brother Andrew read the verse Revelation 3:2, which became the inspiration for Open Doors’ ministry.*

“Awake, strengthen what remains, which is at the point of death.” Then I understood I had to go to the Christians. I had no idea how to get there; well, [maybe] in that one city, OK. [But] after that, I had no money, no contacts, no language. But something was burning in my heart, and I said “Lord, yes. But how?”

*When he returned from that first trip to Eastern Europe, he began to ask God for an answer. And, slowly, it started to form: He began a new ministry he decided to call Open Doors.*

“The wonderful thing about the name Open Doors is that, in many meetings, I would explain by saying, “The name of our mission means literally every door is open for the Great Commission.” Jesus said, “Go” and that means Jesus opened up all the doors and no one can close [them] and no one has closed [them]. If you say it’s not possible, that means your eyes are closed, or your heart is closed. The doors are open. I explain that, and I say: “If you know of any door that is closed, tell me. And I will tell you how you can get in. [But] I may not be able to tell you how you can get out.”

*In its 65-plus years, Open Doors has been driven to support and give a voice to the persecuted church around the world. From that initial trip to the Eastern Bloc, Brother Andrew spread his gospel-centred ministry to the places where the Church was under attack—China, the*

*USSR, sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and more.*

*And now? With activity in more than 70 countries, Open Doors continues the vision God gave Brother Andrew: to “strengthen what remains.”*

“People ask, “Andrew, what do you want written on your tombstone?” I have options. One of [my ideas]— it sounds very pious!—“He is not here, he has risen!” Another option is, “He did what he couldn’t” or, like Oswald Chambers’ gravestone, “Oswald Chambers, a disciple of Jesus Christ.”

That gives glory to God: “a disciple of Jesus Christ.” Is any further explanation needed? Is there a greater honour than to be called a disciple of Jesus Christ?”

*Editor’s note: This oral history is taken from a series of videos recorded by Open Doors.*





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## WE SERVE THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

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