

# Cards of Hope Initiative



## One year on

14 April 2015 marks the anniversary of the kidnappings of over 250 young women from a boarding school in Chibok, Nigeria. 219 girls remain missing and separated from their families. Six of them are our GB sisters – Abigail, Deborah, Grace, Awa, Esther and Deborah.

Girls' Brigade cares for girls because God cares for girls. We believe in hope for the Chibok girls. We believe that God calls us to build the hope-filled Gospel alternative by modelling His transformative and restorative heart. In 2015, let's be expectant. God loves each one of these girls and He can do immeasurably more than we can ever imagine (Ephesians Ch.3:20).

## Cards of Hope initiative

At the start of 2015, young people from GB England & Wales took part in a Cards of Hope initiative. Around 2,500 Cards of Hope have been made and sent in by 100 GB groups as part of a campaign to turn up the volume of hope for the 219 kidnapped Chibok girls in Nigeria. On 17 March 2015, an 18-strong delegation of hope, made up of GB members, leaders and supporters of all ages, went to London to present some of the cards to Baroness Joyce Anelay at the UK Foreign Office, and the door of Number 10 Downing Street, the home of the UK Prime Minister. Lily, aged 10, from 5th Reading, read a poem she had written to Baroness Anelay. She says 'I think the most important thing Baroness Anelay said was never give up because we need to continue to show how much we care for the missing girls.'



## How can you help?



GB countries around the world have asked how they can facilitate a similar Cards of Hope initiative to mobilise young people and leaders to contribute to a collective positive action which will ensure that these girls are not forgotten by people in positions of influence. This resource will enable you to do this!

## Why should you get involved?

Quite simply - it will make a difference. You will also be empowering the young people in your GB group to act against an injustice and help bring God's hope and light into this dark situation. You will be using your influence in a positive way to turn up the volume of hope for these young women. Your government is elected to represent your views. By creating these Cards of Hope, you're



demonstrating that young people in your country care about these young women. GB England & Wales received a positive response from the UK government who listened and valued the views and passion of its members. By creating a hope card, you'll be saying: 'I've not forgotten you.' You will also be reminding people in positions of influence not to forget either!

## How do you use the resource?

Using the resource is simple. Why not use it as part of your opening or closing reflection? Or as part of your badgework? Or as part of a GB service in your local church? We have designed Cards of Hope for all ages. Just follow the instructions below.

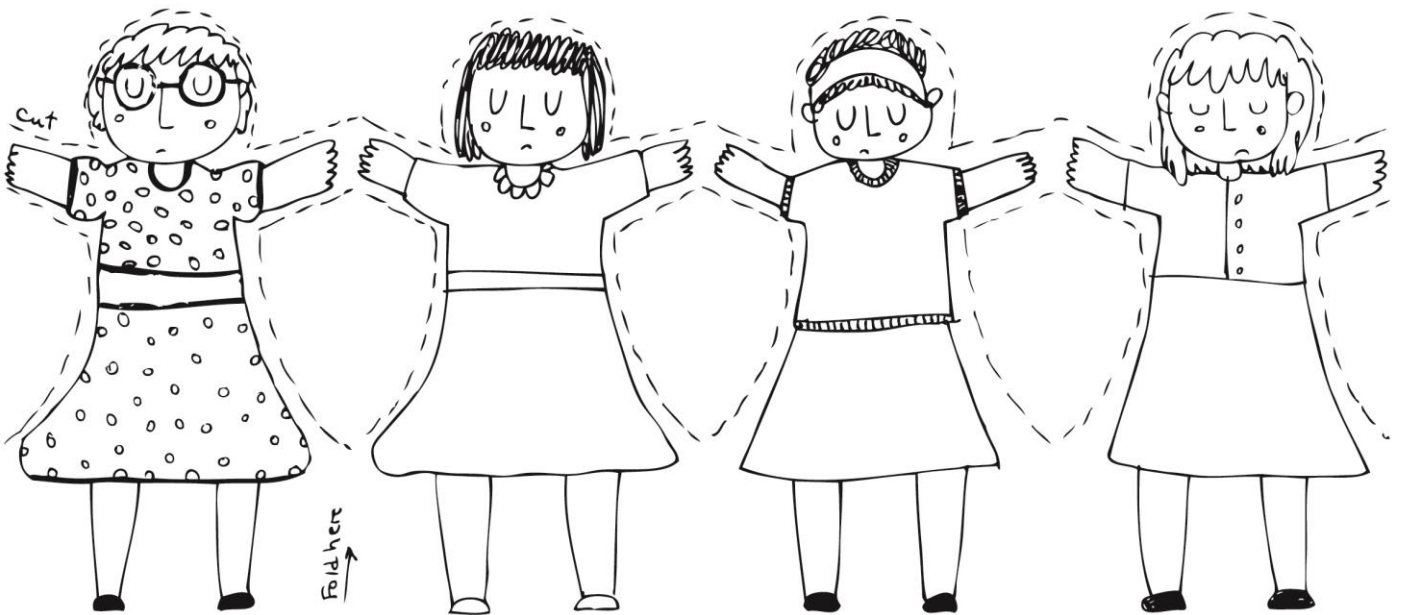
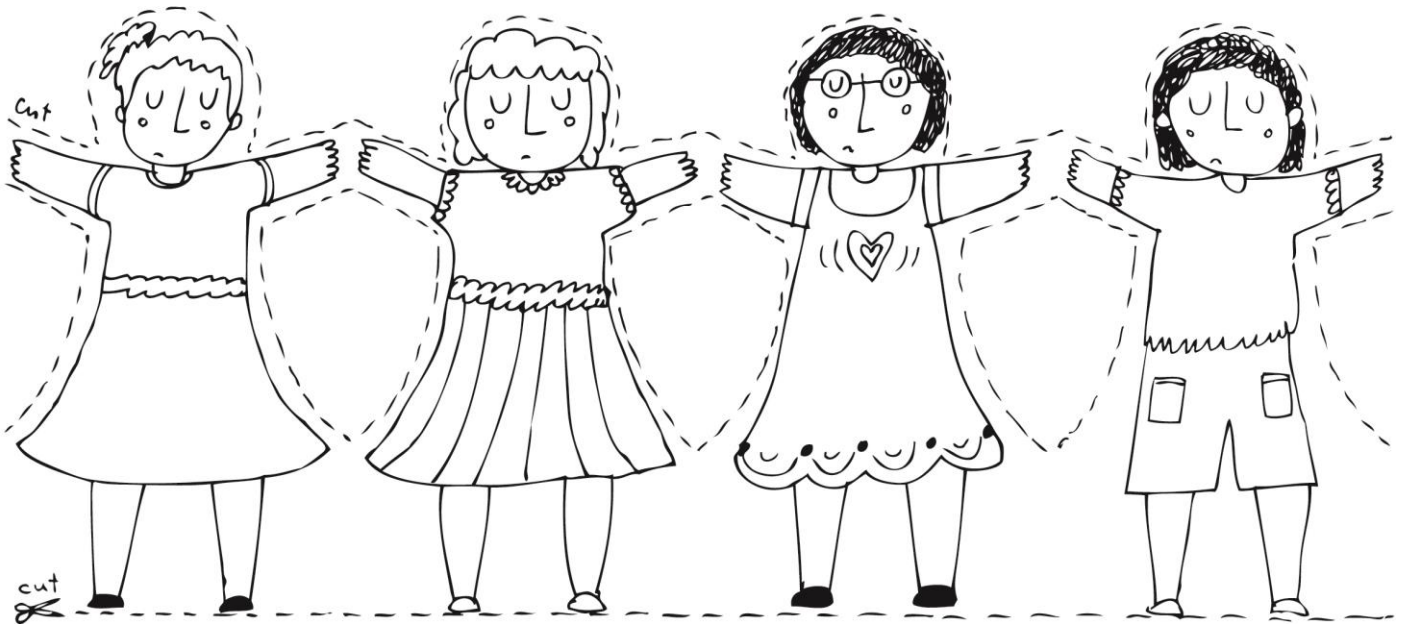
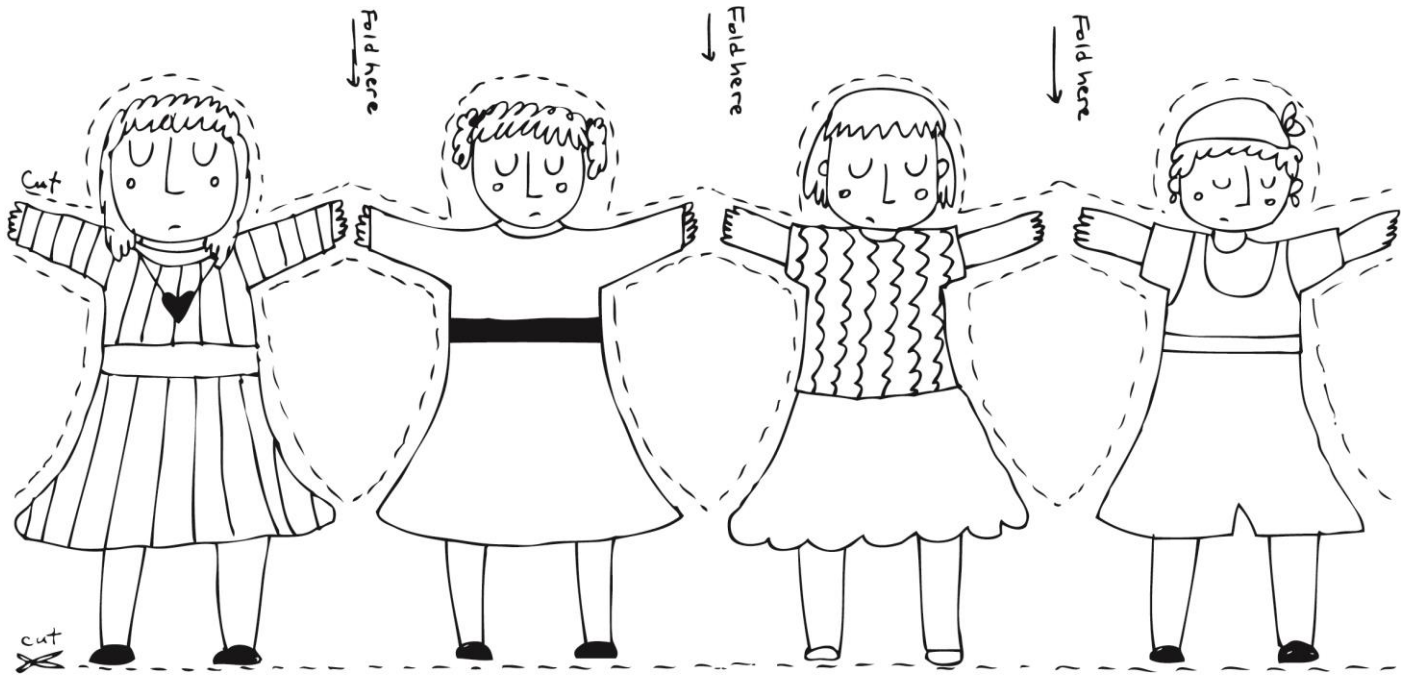
1. Invite each person to cut out and colour in **one** outline of a girl (template is on page 4).
2. Let each person choose a different name from the list of Chibok schoolgirls on page 5.
3. Give each person a hope card sheet according to their age (primary school/secondary school/adult). You can download these from the GB Worldwide website. Fold the A4 sheet horizontally and then vertically so the declaration is on the inside right and the GB logo on the inside left.
4. Invite them to sign their name inside and glue the girl on the front of the card. Don't forget to write the name of the young women on the front and inside of the card.
5. Spend some time praying over the cards – you can download some creative prayer ideas and up-to-date prayer points from GB International's resource here – [www.gbworldwide.org](http://www.gbworldwide.org)

6. Contact your GB national office or national representative to find out if your GB country is collecting them centrally as part of a national campaign. If not, you could send them directly to the head of your government or another appropriate person of influence along with a letter explaining the purpose of the Cards of Hope.

### **Thank you**

Your contribution will make a difference. *What God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously (Micah Ch.6:8).*

This resource has been created with the help of Open Doors – a charity which serves persecuted Christians worldwide. You can find out more here on its website **[www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org)**



1. Deborah	46. Suzana	91. Maryamu	136. Mary
2. Awa	47. Saraya	92. Zara	137. Abigail
3. Hauwa	48. Jummai	93. Maryamu	138. Deborah
4. Asabe	49. Mary	94. Lydia	139. Saraya
5. Mwa	50. Jummai	95. Laraba	140. Kauna
6. Patience	51. Yanke	96. Naomi	141. Christiana
7. Saraya	52. Muli	97. Rahila	142. Yana
8. Mary	53. Fatima	98. Ruth	143. Hauwa
9. Gloria	54. Eli	99. Ladi	144. Hadiza
10. Hanatu	55. Saratu	100. Mary	145. Lydia
11. Gloria	56. Deborah	101. Esther	146. Ruth
12. Tabitha	57. Rahila	102. Helen	147. Mary
13. Maifa	58. Luggwa	103. Margret	148. Lugwa
14. Ruth	59. Kauna	104. Deborah	149. Muwa
15. Esther	60. Lydia	105. Filo	150. Hanatu
16. Awa	61. Laraba	106. Febi	151. Monica
17. Anthonia	62. Hauwa	107. Ruth	152. Margret
18. Kume	63. Comfort	108. Racheal	153. Docas
19. Aisha	64. Hauwa A	109. Rifkatu	154. Rhoda
20. Nguba	65. Hauwa	110. Mairama	155. Rifkatu
21. Kwanta	66. Yana	111. Saratu	156. Saratu
22. Kummai	67. Laraba	112. Jinkai	157. Naomi
23. Esther	68. Saraya	113. Margret	158. Hauwa
24. Hana	69. Glory	114. Yana	159. Rahap
25. Rifkatu	70. Naomi	115. Grace	160. Deborah
26. Rebecca	71. Godiya	116. Amina	161. Hauwa
27. Blessing	72. Awa	117. Palmata	162. Hauwa
28. Ladi	73. Na'omi	118. Awagana	163. Serah
29. Tabitha	74. Maryamu	119. Pindar	164. Aishatu
30. Ruth	75. Tabitha	120. Yana	165. Aishatu
31. Safiya	76. Mary	121. Saraya	166. Hauwa
32. Naomi	77. Ladi	122. Hauwa	167. Hamsatu
33. Solomi	78. Rejoice	123. Hauwa	168. Mairama
34. Rhoda	79. Luggwa	124. Hauwa	169. Hauwa
35. Rebecca	80. Comfort	125. Maryamu	170. Ihyi
36. Christy	81. Saraya	126. Maimuna	171. Hasana
37. Rebecca	82. Sicker	127. Rebeca	172. Rakiya
38. Laraba	83. Talata	128. Liyatu	173. Halima
39. Saratu	84. Rejoice	129. Rifkatu	174. Aisha
40. Mary	85. Deborah	130. Naomi	175. Kabu
41. Debora	86. Salomi	131. Deborah	176. Yayi
42. Naomi	87. Mary	132. Ladi	177. Falta
43. Hanatu	88. Ruth	133. Asabe	178. Kwadugu
44. Hauwa	89. Esther	134. Maryamu	179. Falta
45. Juliana	90. Esther	135. Ruth	180. Kwadugu

Names of 180 of the 219 missing Chibok girls

