



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# He has shown kindness



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN



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**OUR MISSION:** Since 1996, ICC has served the global persecuted church through a three-pronged approach of advocacy, awareness, and assistance. ICC exists to bandage the wounds of persecuted Christians and to build the church in the toughest parts of the world.

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# Provision in All Seasons

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I reflect on the events of the past year, the word that comes to mind is gratitude. I want to express my sincere gratitude to every one of you for your faithful support and commitment to our mission of serving persecuted Christians around the world. Your unwavering dedication has been a beacon of hope for our fellow believers facing unimaginable challenges and adversity.

Your gifts have enabled us to extend a helping hand to those who have been forced to flee their homes due to persecution, providing them with essential humanitarian aid, shelter, and protection. Additionally, your contributions have enabled us to advocate on behalf of persecuted Christians, raising awareness of their plight and urging governments and policymakers to take action to protect their rights and ensure their safety.

In 2023, we expanded our efforts to provide relief to our persecuted brothers and sisters in regions where they face discrimination, violence, and oppression simply for their unswerving faith in Jesus. Thanks to you, we were able to open 10 new Hope Houses, and we enrolled more than 150 students into our Generation Transformation programs. We distributed more than 20,000 Bibles and commissioned nearly 250 new church-planting pastors into emerging Christian communities desperate for God's Word and pastoral leadership. And we operated 117 farms across our regions to restore land ravaged by militants, and to help Christians climb out of poverty and provide for their families.

However, our work is far from over. Despite the progress we have made, millions of our persecuted brothers and sisters continue to face severe challenges and threats to their safety and well-being. Be assured that ICC will remain steadfast in our commitment to stand with them in solidarity, offering support, protection, and hope in their darkest hour.

On behalf of all of us at ICC, thank you again for your support and partnership. Your generosity and compassion have made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals, and for that, we are truly grateful.

In His service,



**Clark Miller**, Executive Director  
International Christian Concern

# Providing Hope for Persecuted Christians Around the World

*We serve and equip persecuted Christians in places where it is dangerous to follow Jesus.*

## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PERSECUTION MINISTRY THROUGH ADVOCACY, ASSISTANCE, AND AWARENESS.

### WE ASSIST

We help ease the suffering of persecuted believers, churches, and communities by coming alongside with assistance in their time of greatest need. We care for survivors and equip the Church in the most hostile areas to Christianity in the world.

### WE ADVOCATE

We create tangible change and push back on persecution by seeking to influence policies and legislation, working with leaders and calling out countries that persecute Christians and violate religious freedom for all.

### WE AWAKEN

We awaken the global Church to the suffering of persecuted Christians through first-person investigative reporting, daily news updates, story-driven content, and ICC's monthly magazine.

## What Sets ICC Apart?

**NIMBLE:** Our team and in-country staff can respond quickly to the needs of persecuted Christians in crisis.

**INTEGRITY:** We have a 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating with about 30 years in ministry.

**LONG-TERM CARE:** We work with survivors for the long term when needed but don't create dependency.

**MINISTRY FIRST:** We focus on ministry over fundraising, serving the Lord and the persecuted first. We believe funds follow Godly work.

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP:** Our team and pool of ICC Fellows, who are leading academics on persecution and religious freedom, prepare comprehensive reports that cover all facets of persecution.

**NEWSROOM:** Our domestic and overseas staff compile at least 20 media briefs weekly about global Christian persecution.

## What We Do

- **WE RESCUE** Christians who are in crisis and under attack.
- **WE SUPPORT** pastors and their families who are harassed or unjustly thrown in jail.
- **WE AID** believers through emergency relief, small businesses, communal farms, education, and job training.
- **WE BUILD** the church in countries where Christians are a minority. As examples, we support front line workers who witness to Muslims and Hindus, share the gospel in North Korea, smuggle Bibles into places hostile to Christianity, and train and send evangelists to remote areas in India.
- **WE ADVOCATE** for persecuted believers by working with U.S. government leaders to pass legislation and pressure foreign regimes opposed to Christianity.
- **WE STIR HEARTS** in the West by sharing inspirational stories of how the Lord is working in the lives of persecuted believers.
- **WE GIVE HOPE** to those who are persecuted for simply following Christ.
- **WE ARE PRESENT** as we listen, pray, and share God's love with believers who are suffering.

“Yet he has not left himself without testimony: **He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.**”

—ACTS 14:16-17



## Sources of Persecution

### SATAN/EVIL

The Bible tells us that the “adversary” is active in trying to stop the gospel and God’s church: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph. 6:12 NIV).”

### RADICAL ISLAM

Islamist fundamentalists are intolerant toward other faiths, and Christians suffer in countries where jihadists thrive, such as Iran, Sudan, and Indonesia.

### HINDU NATIONALISM

The Indian government promotes Hindu nationalism at the expense of Christianity and other faiths.

### LAWS

Blasphemy and anti-conversion laws are used as legal tools to stop the spread of Christianity.

### MARXISM

In communist countries like Cuba, China, Vietnam, and North Korea, Christians are targeted because of their allegiance to Christ instead of their country’s Marxist regime.

### CULTURAL INTOLERANCE

Christians are often castigated and face hostilities because of their Biblical views on marriage, gender, sanctity of life, and more.

## Types of Persecution

### DIRECT



Arrests, imprisonment, and torture; assassination and martyrdom; restrictions on churches and Bibles; forced conversions; attacks on life and property; crimes against women.

### INDIRECT



Education discrimination; job discrimination; denial of rights; legal restrictions; anti-conversion and blasphemy laws.

## Who We Are

**OUR STAFF** ICC is a global ministry with about 100 staff members and subcontractors. About 20 full-time staffers are based in the United States, including at its headquarters near Washington, D.C. Regional directors (Africa, Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia), country directors, and project coordinators oversee indigenous staff to assist victims and report attacks. Advocates work closely with government officials on Capitol Hill and the U.S. Department of State to serve persecuted Christians.

**LEADERSHIP** International Christian Concern is led by a seven-member Board that provides financial and strategic oversight of the organization. Executive Director Clark Miller oversees the staff and day-to-day operations, including the Executive Leadership Team of Dr. Peggy Banks, vice president of Global Assistance, Kate Gahl, vice president of Operations, and Michael Pritchard, vice president of Awareness and Advocacy.

**President Jeff King** has served ICC since 2003 and is the face of the organization. King is a leading expert on Christian persecution and has advocated for believers in the halls of Congress, the U.S. Department of State, churches, and everywhere in between. Jeff has met with victims in more than 70 countries and has given many media interviews. He recently authored “The Whisper” and has written “Last Words of the Martyrs” and “Islam Uncensored.”





“Who shall separate us from the love  
of Christ? Shall trouble, hardship,  
persecution, famine, danger, or sword?”

—ROMANS 8:35





# Financial Accountability

## Revenue

**2020:** \$3,573,529

**2021:** \$5,689,580

**2022:** \$4,186,166

**2023:** \$3,705,962

## Expenses

### GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION

**2020:** \$444,985

**2021:** \$624,408

**2022:** \$602,668

**2023:** \$566,472

### FUNDRAISING

**2020:** \$50,714

**2021:** \$40,031

**2022:** \$34,105

**2023:** \$102,713

### PROGRAM

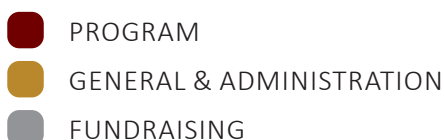
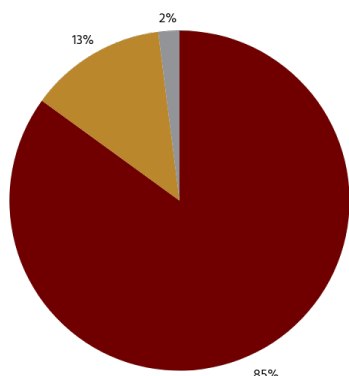
**2021:** \$2,283,116

**2021:** \$3,646,164

**2022:** \$2,127,839

**2023:** \$3,648,337

### EXPENDITURES





# Your Impact on the Suffering Body

## BY THE NUMBERS

## BY THE TESTIMONIES

### OVERVIEW

ICC DOES ONGOING WORK IN

**40+ COUNTRIES**  
AND COUNTING

IN 2024, ICC HAS HELPED

**7,127** PERSECUTED  
CHRISTIANS

### EDUCATION

HOPE HOUSES

**9** CURRENTLY  
OPEN

**6** IN PROGRESS

GENERATION TRANSFORMATION

**164** CHRISTIAN  
STUDENTS

### GOSPEL

BIBLES & PASTORS:

**6,600** BIBLES  
DISTRIBUTED

**17** PASTORS TRAINED  
AND EQUIPPED

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**124** SMALL  
BUSINESSES

**10** COMMUNITY  
FARMS

### MARY



Al-Shabab attacked Mary's home in Lamu West, Kenya. Villagers fled their burning homes and currently reside in IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps where security is guaranteed.

"My husband passed unexpectedly ... We were contacted that he had been shot dead by al-Shabab terrorists while heading to Lamu. We were shocked and began to cry. I could not even comfort our two little girls who loved him deeply. This was a great loss to us as a young family and we wished that he could be with us longer. **But we strongly believe that the Lord has His plans that cannot be thwarted. He does whatever glorifies him and what builds us in faith,**" said Mary, the wife of Kaingu, who was killed by al-Shabab terrorists.

ICC gave emergency aid to 10 families left homeless after these attacks, including widows of martyrs. We also supplied school items, including tuition fees, for children wanting to pursue their education.

**"We have been praying with strength to cope with this loss and we are seeing Him answer our prayers. We thank you for following up on our case and coming to visit. We also thank you for the food aid and financial assistance you have given to us,"** Mary said.

### NOEL



A Christian driver was attacked by his Muslim extremist coworkers after he received a promotion in Pakistan. When Noel left the workplace, about half a dozen Muslim coworkers attacked him with clubs and iron rods. They left Noel unconscious on the road. The mob broke two ribs and two bones in his legs. His face was badly scratched as well.

The medical bills for his hospital stay began to stack up, as he required expensive treatment daily for his injuries. Hearing of the family's financial distress, ICC came to his aid and paid the family's medical bills.

**"Earlier, I was sick of thinking how we would have any money left for my family, but you helped me in my difficult time and made it easier for me. Thank you and may God bless you,"** Noel said.


### NAJEEB



Before ISIS invaded Qaraqosh in 2014, Najeeb was the proud owner of a tea shop. "For me, the shop is my life and my whole existence. I want you to help me make it a beautiful shop to welcome people," Najeeb says. "I heard that you help business owners in Qaraqosh to develop their shops. May God bless you."

ICC helped Najeeb with the funds to reopen his tea shop ISIS destroyed. **"I used to feel defeated when I looked at the tea shop, which represents my entire life. I spent days with both sadness and joy looking at it, wondering if a day would come when I could improve it. That day has come, and the tea shop has become beautiful thanks to you,"** he said. **"I thank you from the bottom of my heart because you revived the dear tea shop for me."**





“I urge you, brothers  
and sisters, by our Lord  
Jesus Christ and by the  
love of the Spirit, to join  
me in my struggle by  
praying to God for me.”

—ROMANS 15:30

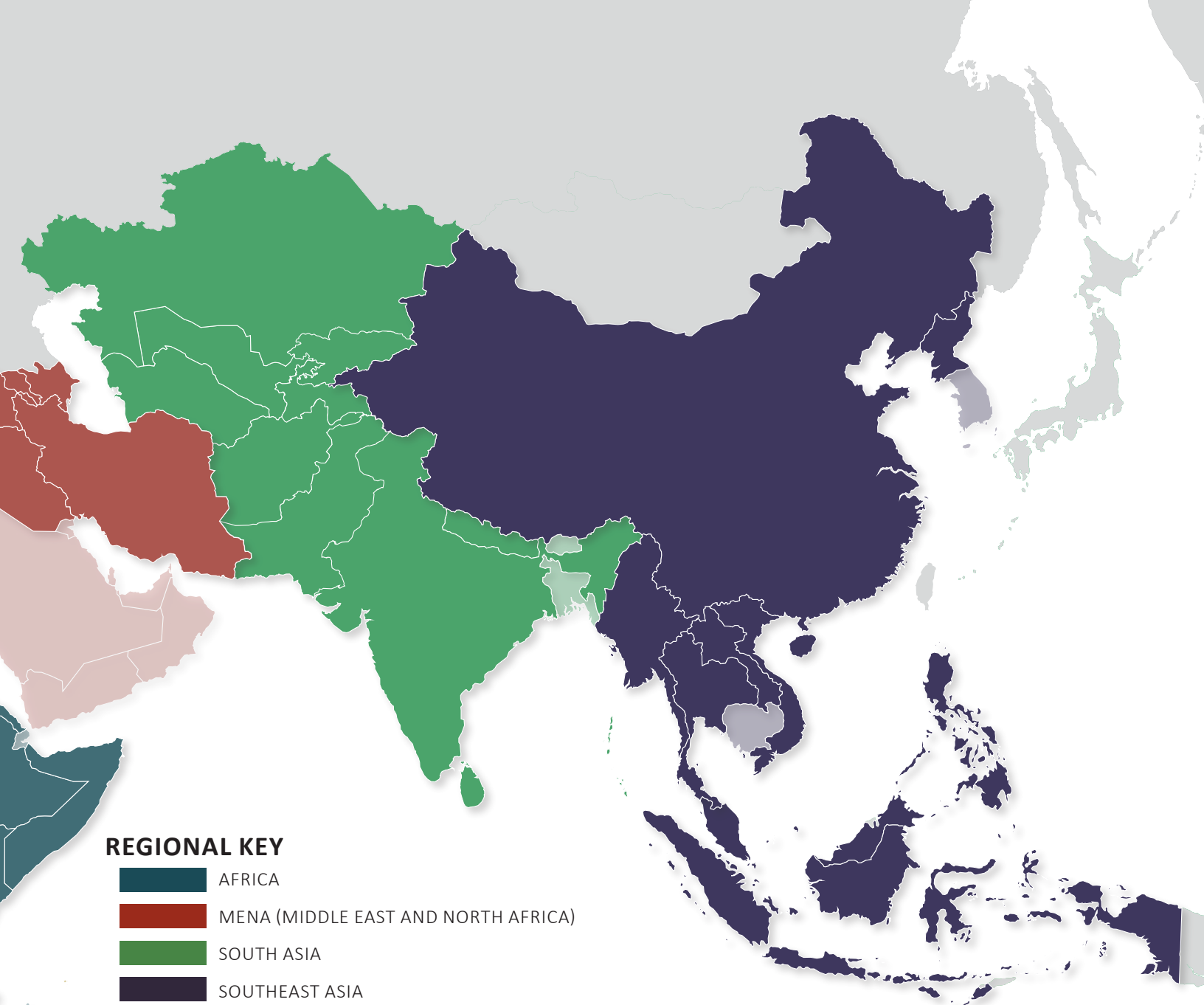


# Where We Work

ICC DOES ONGOING AID IN

**40+ COUNTRIES** AND COUNTING

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| ALGERIA          | LAOS        |              |
| AFGHANISTAN      | LEBANON     |              |
| ARMENIA          | LIBYA       |              |
| AZERBAIJAN       | MALAYSIA    |              |
| CAMEROON         | MAURITANIA  |              |
| CHINA            | MOROCCO     | TANZANIA     |
| DRC              | MYANMAR     | TAJIKISTAN   |
| EGYPT            | NEPAL       | THAILAND     |
| ETHIOPIA         | NIGERIA     | THE GAMBIA   |
| ERITREA          | NORTH KOREA | TURKEY       |
| INDIA            | PAKISTAN    | TURKMENISTAN |
| INDONESIA        | PHILIPPINES | UGANDA       |
| IRAN             | SOMALIA     | UZBEKISTAN   |
| IRAQ             | SRI LANKA   | VIETNAM      |
| ISRAEL-PALESTINE | SUDAN       | YEMEN        |
| JORDAN           | SYRIA       | ZAMBIA       |
| KAZAKHSTAN       |             |              |
| KENYA            |             |              |
| KYRGYZSTAN       |             |              |



## REGIONAL KEY

- AFRICA
- MENA (MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA)
- SOUTH ASIA
- SOUTHEAST ASIA

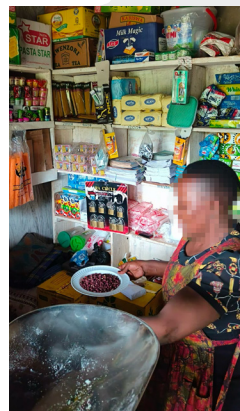
## A Safe Haven for Sarah

Sarah endured rejection from her family due to her disability and faced further hardship when she was taken advantage of and became pregnant. After her father died when she was very young, her mother rejected her due to her disability. When she became pregnant, she had nowhere to turn and married the father of her child, who was a Muslim and had other wives.

Despite her struggles, she embraced Christianity in 2022. However, her newfound faith led to her husband's anger, resulting in her expulsion from their home.

Left with nowhere to go, Sarah sought refuge with her grandmother in a Muslim community, where she continued to face threats unless she reverted to Islam. Unable to do physical labor, she dreamed of owning a shop to sustain herself. We relocated her to a safer community and set her up with a small business to generate income.

Grateful for the support, Sarah exclaimed, "I thank God for this shop! I can't believe it! My situation has changed so much that ICC saved me from crying day and night." With the shop, she's able to support her family and pay for her son's education.





# ICC's Major Projects

International Christian Concern supports projects that create holistic change for persecuted Christians.



**HOPE HOUSE** We give children in Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia a better life through educational and Bible programs.



**GENERATION TRANSFORMATION** We break generational persecution by providing college and vocational training and small business grants.



**COMMUNAL FARMS** We help Christians who have suffered at the hands of extremists by setting them up with crop, live-stock and fish farms.



**CONVERT SUPPORT** Muslims stand to lose everything if they convert to Christianity. We have relocated and shepherded many Christian converts in hostile regions.



**BIKES AND BIBLES** We have equipped hundreds of church planters with bikes (and motorbikes) and Bibles to reach remote villages with the gospel.



**GOSPEL OUTREACH** We distribute Bibles around the world and train church pastors to withstand the fires of persecution.





**Fund Distribution** *Thanks to our faithful donors, we can support global projects through five primary funds:*



## WHERE MOST NEEDED FUND

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### WHERE MOST NEEDED

As a ministry, we must act quickly to help our persecuted brothers and sisters. The Where Most Needed fund supports all areas — assistance, advocacy, awareness, and operations. We also pull from this fund to meet our needs if other funds run low.



## Education FUND

### EDUCATION

There is no greater antidote to combating persecution than education. Youngsters are thriving in our Bible-focused Hope House schools. As they get older, they pursue a trade or a college degree through our popular Generation Transformation program.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We supply persecuted Christians with necessities after an attack, yet we must ensure that they survive long-term. If a wife is kicked out of her home after converting to Christianity, we set her up with a small business. Our large-scale farm projects feed whole communities.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

### EMERGENCY RELIEF

Many Christians are in peril, desperate to be rescued from their oppressors. They may have left everything behind as they fled their attackers. Or an imprisoned pastor's family needs financial support. We meet believers in their time of greatest need.



### GOSPEL

God's Word is living and active, a salve of hope for the believer and truth for the oppressor. The gospel and Jesus Christ are the only answers for our hurting world. We support church planters in India, broadcast the gospel and programming into North Korea, and equip Christians globally.



# Advocacy

## Behind the Scenes

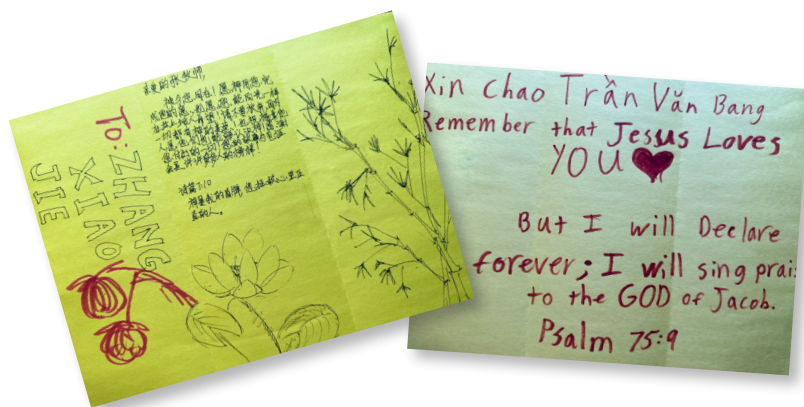
### SHAKING THE HALLS OF CONGRESS TO HALT PERSECUTION

Our dedicated Advocacy team works behind the scenes with U.S. government leaders to challenge persecuting countries and open prison doors. We ensure that elected officials on Capitol Hill and beyond have in-depth, comprehensive reports about countries and terrorists that are oppressing believers and hindering religious freedom. We launched “Capitol Dispatch,” a new monthly email about global persecution to more than 400 offices on Capitol Hill.

We work in tandem with peer organizations to lobby the U.S. Department of State to designate nations like Nigeria and India as Countries of Particular Concern (CPC). We give details on attacks and eyewitness accounts so officials can make informed decisions. Our staff contributed to sections of a comprehensive United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) report on anti-conversion laws.

While reports and high-level meetings are important, we don’t lose site of the persecuted believers who are suffering daily. We worked closely with government officials to secure the release of two Algerian Christians who were imprisoned for producing Christian radio and TV programs. Thankfully through the prayers and efforts of many, the men were released – to God’s honor and glory. There are many other confidential cases in the pipeline including a renowned African religious leader whose life continues to be threatened.

We also had an opportunity to work in one country and, through a partner, train government leaders on the importance of religious freedom. We can’t say where the work was done because of security concerns – but please rejoice and celebrate with us for this epic opportunity. God opened this important door!



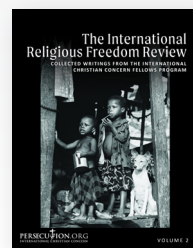
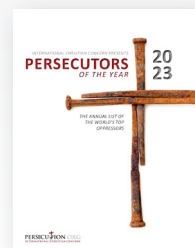
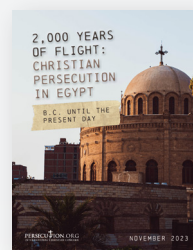
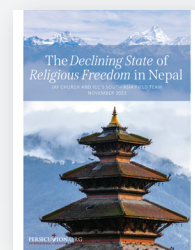
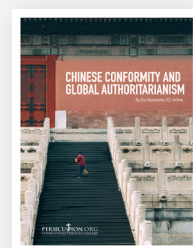
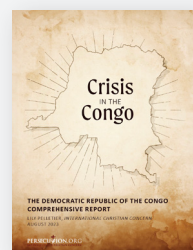
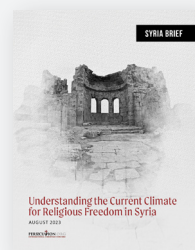
## Writing Letters to Prisoners

### ENCOURAGING FAITH BEHIND BARS

Around the world, Christians are sitting in prisons simply because of their faith. Many corrupt governments and discriminatory legal systems target religious beliefs, incriminating people for believing in, sharing, or converting to the Christian faith. In the testimonies from prisoners who are eventually released, we often hear that the most challenging thing about their imprisonment was loneliness and isolation – the feeling that their plight had been forgotten.

Our Prison Letter Writing Campaign gives our supporters an opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in prison for their faith. By sending letters of encouragement and committing to pray for these prisoners, our hope is that these bold and faithful believers would know their brothers and sisters in Christ remember and see their suffering. To learn more, visit [www.persecution.org/letters](http://www.persecution.org/letters).

## 2023 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



### ADVOCACY'S MISSION

*“We advance international religious freedom by influencing policy and engaging with the highest levels of government in the United States and abroad.”*



# Awareness: Year in Numbers

## Shouting from the Rooftops About Persecution

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*  
1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

We are storytellers to our core and carry a tremendous responsibility to shout from the rooftops about global persecution. Yes, we must tell the West about horrific attacks against Christians everywhere. Yet we must also show how the Lord is bringing light into darkness, good out of tragedy, and hope in Christ in those who suffer and sacrifice much.

One of our most successful vehicles is our comprehensive global persecution report that profiles the worst countries, entities, and individuals. More than 1,000 people downloaded our 2023 annual Persecutors of the Year report that gives background for journalists, elected officials, and ICC stakeholders. The report was shared at the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington, D.C.

Our most popular communication tool, however, continues to be our quality monthly magazine – that is sent worldwide. We covered the growing underground church in parts of the Middle East, the egregious attacks against a Christian community in Jaranwala, Pakistan, and the heartwarming story of a young survivor – Baby Ruth – in Nigeria. What a blessing it is for us to share how, because of our donors, we are helping believers in Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

We strive for excellence as we share information and stories through our website, daily news posts, press releases, Insider Report, email blasts, in-depth reports, social media, and more.

In addition, President Jeff King produced and shared more than 100 videos on important persecution topics and gave numerous media interviews.

### AWARENESS' MISSION

*"We share **engaging** stories and information about Christian persecution that **empower change, stir hearts, and prompt action** to help followers of Christ and grow His church."*

### AWARENESS BY THE NUMBERS

#### WEBSITE ARTICLES

500+ Daily News Posts

#### WEB PAGE VIEWS

1.46 Million

#### PRESS RELEASES

30+ Breaking News Releases



FACEBOOK  
**782K**  
FOLLOWERS



TWITTER  
**71.9K**  
FOLLOWERS



INSTAGRAM  
**5.6K**  
FOLLOWERS



TIKTOK  
**20.6K**  
LIKES



YOUTUBE  
**144.4K**  
VIEWS

**SOCIAL MEDIA REACH**  
**1M+ FOLLOWERS**



## We'd love to hear from you!

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