

AN ACCELERATING GLOBAL PROBLEM

More Christians were martyred between 1900-2000 than in all previous 19 centuries combined

Every month:

255 Christians are killed

160 Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned

104 Christians are abducted

180 Christian women are raped, sexually harassed or forced into marriage

66 churches are attacked



Additionally:

215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the World Watch List. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide.

North Korea is ranked **#1** for the 17th consecutive year as the most dangerous country for Christians.

Islamic oppression fuels Christian persecution in **8 of the top 10 countries.**

Sources: OpenDoors bit.ly/2K94NMm; Christianity Today bit.ly/2QPbPZg



Our experience in Asia

Twenty-two of the 50 countries on the watch list are in Asia. In more than half of the countries where Asian Access ministers, believers face significant persecution. Pressures have dramatically increased in East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Oppression is on the rise in several countries where, previously, Christians had lived and worshipped in relative peace and freedom. In Asian Access' mission field, persecution is an everyday reality for many believers:



Religious Extremism

In South Asia, governments have risen to power that are giving license to Hindu extremists. These extremists are increasing their persecution against all non-Hindus—Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others. This extremism is spreading from one country to another as radical elements become emboldened.



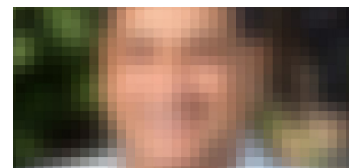
Political Pressure

Communist regimes are ratcheting up pressure on evangelical churches, particularly house and "unregistered" churches that had been allowed to operate relatively unhindered for years.



Oppression of those leaving Islam to become Christ Followers

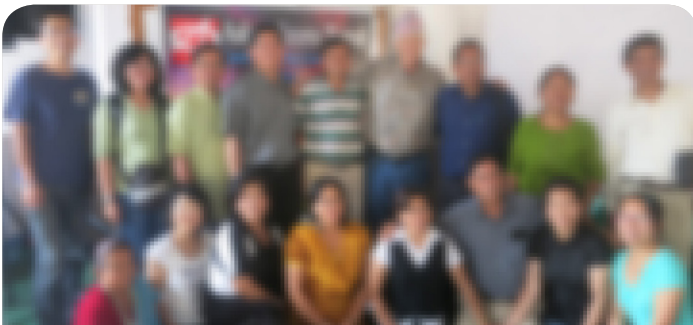
...are on the rise in South Asia.



"To be insulted, beaten, or arrested for the sake of the Gospel, we consider normal. We would not view this as persecution—just part of the normal cost of becoming a Christ follower."

PASTOR IN AN UNDISCLOSED COUNTRY. FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

EMPOWERING THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



Equipping Leaders

Asian Access comes alongside leaders to empower, equip, and strengthen them for ministry. An Asian Access National Director has developed a ground-breaking curriculum specially designed to empower pastors and church leaders to live and lead in the face of persecution. Asian Access will be distributing this curriculum throughout our networks in persecuted countries.



Establishing Partnerships

In addition, we seek to bolster what our National Director has started by developing major partnerships with ministries committed to the persecuted church (which, for security reasons, we cannot identify by name). To help Asian Access to develop these vital partnerships, we are seeking a matching challenge gift of USD \$1,000,000 for 2019. This matching challenge gift will enable Asian Access to move forward in these partnerships as well as cover ongoing costs for the Asian Access training in persecuted countries.

The pressures are great. The needs are great. But the vision of our persecuted brothers and sisters for mission and ministry is even greater. We are seeking a matching challenge gift of USD \$1,000,000 for 2019 that will enable our persecuted brothers and sisters to pursue the vision for ministry that our loving God has given them. Thank you for your prayers for this work of empowering the Persecuted Church.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
— MATTHEW 5:10



\$1,740,000

OPERATING COSTS

Projected 2019 costs for a total of ten (10) Asian Access persecuted countries.

\$325,000

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COSTS

ministry partnerships with key ministries committed to the persecuted church:

Develop common training materials for use throughout the partnership networks \$25,000

Per-organization to foster collaboration and partnership in advocacy and mobilization x3 \$100,000