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STATE OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Dear Friend,

Over 200 million Christians around the world suffer persecution. Depending on the country, each form of persecution is different. But it is real, and its threat to the Church is serious.

Below are compelling facts about what kind of persecution is taking place today all over the world against our brothers and sisters in Christ. As you educate your friends and church about the reality of Christian persecution, we hope this information will equip you to pray powerfully and effectively.

When we go to the persecuted Church and ask them what they need most, we always hear first, 'please pray for us.' This is their ardent request. They find strength in knowing we have not forgotten them, and we are praying for them to hold fast to their faith. So please use the information as you pray.

Compelling Facts List

- The world's worst persecutor of Christians in the world is North Korea.
- In Saudi Arabia, practicing Christianity can result in death by beheading or stoning.
- Over 90% of China's Christians worship in hidden, underground house churches to avoid government regulations and restrictions.
- There is only one Christian church left in the Gaza Strip, and its membership has dwindled to less than 100.
- Algeria is about a quarter of the size of Texas, and only 3% of the population are Christians.
- There are 69 languages in Iran, and only three of them have a completed Bible. Iran is also the third worst persecutor of Christians in the world.
- It is believed there are less than 500 Christians living in the Maldives.
- Open preaching in Sudan is punishable by beatings or imprisonment.
- Christians make up less than 1.7% of the population in Pakistan, and over 70% of them are the poorest of the poor.
- It is estimated that there are 1,100 Christian missionaries living in Turkey.

