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LETTER FROM THE ACTING CEO

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear but the triumph over it,” Nelson Mandela once said. “The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid but he who conquers that fear.”

By that measure, many Christians around the world are some of the bravest people you will ever meet. Whether they face violent authoritarian governments in the Middle East, extremist militias in Africa or violent gangs in Latin America, believers in these countries continue to pray, meet together, share the gospel and spread God's love to as many people as they can. Despite enormous challenges, these Christians risk their jobs, their homes and even their lives to obey God's call.

They shouldn't have to do it alone. And our mission at Global Christian Relief is to make sure they never will. As GCR, we serve those underground, imprisoned and attacked for their faith in Jesus.

Wherever Christians are beaten, discriminated against, affected by disaster or threatened with violence, GCR mobilizes

our growing network to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We exist to empower Christians around the world for the hardest challenges they face, providing emergency relief, medical aid, legal assistance and safe houses for believers facing circumstances many of us would find difficult to imagine.

We are grateful for your prayers and support. Thanks to you, thousands of Christians around the world have access to both emergency resources for their most urgent needs and long-term aid to help sustain them for the road ahead. There is a long way to go, and millions of Christians will continue to need courage in the months and years ahead. But with your help, they can face their fears with the confidence that they are not alone.

In these pages, you'll meet remarkable believers from Nigeria, Pakistan, India, Iraq and many other countries who demonstrate this courage daily. Their stories will show you firsthand how your support transforms lives.

You'll witness the impact of GCR through compelling testimonies and photographs, and our annual report will celebrate all that God has accomplished through your prayers and generosity this past year. Each page reflects not only the challenges facing the persecuted church but also the hope and resilience that your partnership makes possible.

Brian Orme
Acting CEO,
Global Christian Relief





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– Brian Orme



OUR GLOBAL MISSION

Since 2014, there's been an alarming surge in Christian persecution around the world. Historic events from Narendra Modi's election in India to Xi Jinping's rise to power in China have fueled a pivotal shift in the global persecution of the Church.

We at Global Christian Relief are dedicated to combating this growing wave of persecution by providing critical relief to Christians under attack for their faith through emergency food kits, medical aid, safe houses and trauma counseling. We also provide long-term help to grow strong Christian communities through Bible distribution, pastoral training, advocacy, legal aid, microloans, the rebuilding of homes and churches and much more.

Every situation is unique, and GCR's mission to provide encouragement, support and resources for persecuted Christians requires a nuanced strategy. There is no one-size-fits-all approach for helping Christians under threat of persecution, and that is why we encourage all believers to educate themselves about what kinds of threats Christians around the world are facing.

Believers in the Middle East and North Africa are fleeing authoritarian regimes, disrupting the world's oldest Christian communities. Meanwhile, the church in sub-Saharan Africa is suffering from a spike in roving extremist militias who use violence, arson and forced conversion to subjugate believers in the region. Political leaders in many parts of Central and East Asia are using advanced technology to surveil Christians and pressure them into obedience, whereas the Church in India is grappling with the political victories of Hindu extremists who are dismantling moderate public institutions. And in Latin America, a rise in violent gangs is taking local Christian communities by storm.

In areas like these, Christians are facing unprecedented levels of harassment, discrimination and violence. But with your prayers, activism and generosity, they will be equipped to meet these challenges and affect their communities with the good news of the gospel.

At GCR, we move quickly to address urgent needs while also equipping Christian communities to thrive for the long haul. Our vision is to create the world's most extensive, covert network serving persecuted Christians, a network that includes you.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

In the aftermath of the 2011 Arab Spring, a wave of destruction swept across the Middle East, marked by the rise of jihadist caliphates, civil wars and the resurgence of authoritarian regimes. This has led to an unprecedented exodus of religious minorities from the region, representing not only a humanitarian crisis but also a threat to the historical presence and future of Christianity. That's why we're empowering local believers to remain in their homelands by providing both emergency relief and spiritual resources like Bibles and discipleship training.



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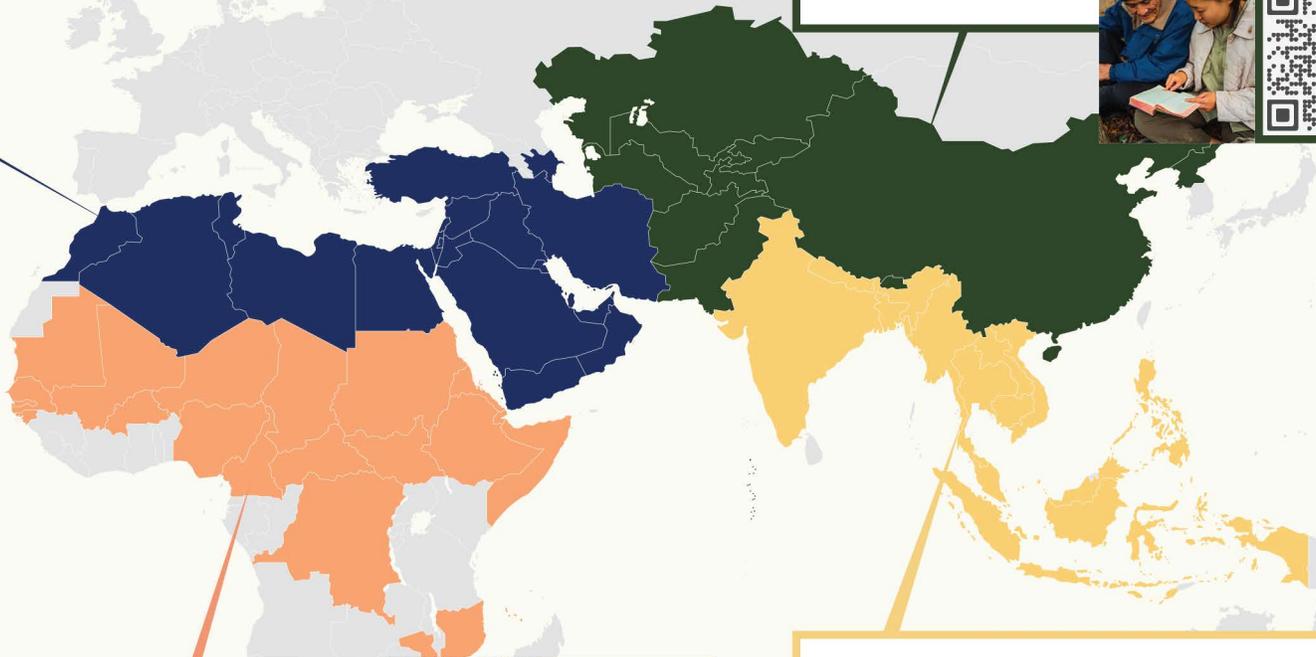
It's ironic that the continent with the world's highest degree of Christianization is facing extreme persecution. This is largely due to the transformation of former guerrilla movements into drug-trafficking groups, some of which have infiltrated and corrupted local governments. Christian pastors who stand against this lawlessness have become targets. We are working alongside these believers to develop and sustain socioeconomic strategies that enable them to withstand violent pressures and inspire the global Body of Christ.



FRONT LINES *of* FAITH

CENTRAL AND EAST ASIA

Under Xi Jinping's leadership, China now regards its 135 million Christians as subversive elements, leading to intensified ideological oppression and sophisticated surveillance. Meanwhile, authoritarian regimes across Central and East Asia are deploying advanced digital control and surveillance mechanisms. In North Korea, around 400,000 Christians are enduring severe pressure and persecution. We've had the privilege of supporting these believers by providing Bibles, training and programs for women and children, helping ease the burdens churches in the region face.



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

In 2014, Islamic extremism gained a new foothold in sub-Saharan Africa when the Islamic State established itself along the Sahel belt, making this region the world's most violent religious fault line. Extremists are tearing communities apart, attacking places of worship and killing or displacing believers by the thousands. GCR is actively supporting local churches in the region with trauma care and emergency resources to help them endure these immense challenges.



SOUTHEAST ASIA

In 2014, Hindu extremists regained power in India. As a result, the nation's 70 million Christians and 210 million Muslims experienced a radical shift, including the takeover of their education and media sectors and the targeted weakening of their political institutions. Our work in the region fosters resilience by providing crucial resources, leadership training and financial aid, empowering Christians to flourish despite government persecution.



KILN & KINGDOM:

BREAKING CHAINS IN PAKISTAN'S BRICK FIELDS



The brick kilns of Lahore, Pakistan, are busy places. Every day, families arrive before dawn to begin a grueling day's work of making bricks.

Some men stoke the coals on top of the furnace, intensifying the already brutal heat of the region to nearly unbearable temperatures. These men wear wooden shoes because anything with rubber soles will melt.

Away from the kilns, families work in assembly lines, shaping bricks out of clay and arranging them in rows under the sun to dry. Each family has a daily quota to earn their keep — for some, 1,500 bricks, for others as many as 2,500. Meeting these quotas is critical because many brick kiln workers aren't employees but bonded laborers working to pay off crushing debts to the kiln owners — debts with exorbitant interest rates that keep generations of families enslaved for decades.

Among these laborers, Azeeb* — a father of nine children and grandfather of three — found himself trapped in an endless cycle of debt. He took a job at the kilns to pay for his daughter's wedding but quickly found himself ensnared by meager wages and predatory interest rates. He got up every day at 4 a.m. and worked until 4 p.m. for 25 years, performing backbreaking labor to pay off a debt that only grew bigger. Through it all, Azeeb persevered. His sustaining force was his faith in Jesus.

"My entire body believes in Jesus," Azeeb says. "My hope is only in God. Jesus can help us." Though separated by continents, Azeeb's heart reaches out to fellow believers facing their own struggles. "Keep believing in God," he says. "Keep your hope in Him. Don't get disappointed about your circumstances; trust that God is with you — and as believers, we are one."

Christians in this region of Pakistan are particularly vulnerable to these brick kiln schemes. Although Christians make up less than 2 percent of the Pakistani population, they are the majority of labourers

at Azeeb's kilns, working the same long hours with debts that will likely be passed down to their children and grandchildren.

Moreover, Christians face discrimination and hostility, often being disproportionately blamed for on-site issues. Christian women and girls are especially vulnerable to sexual harassment and abuse at the brick kilns and struggle to find justice and accountability from community leaders. It is a harrowing environment, particularly for Christians.

"Still, we thank Jesus, our God, a thousand times because He gave us health and courage," Azeeb says.

When GCR heard about Azeeb's plight, we knew we had to act. The situation demanded careful strategy — helping Christians escape the kilns carried significant risks because many owners make it incredibly difficult for indebted workers to leave on their own. After months of planning and prayer, we returned to Lahore with enough funds from our supporters to pay off Azeeb's entire debt — along with many other Christian families working in the kilns.

After a lengthy meeting with the brick kiln owner, the payment was accepted, and we delivered the good news to Azeeb in person: He was free.

"I'm really grateful from the bottom of my heart," Azeeb says.

"My wife said she'd put her hands on your head [a sign of honor that elders give to the younger], regardless of your age!" he says with a laugh. "We stayed up until 1 a.m. last evening talking and discussing this day. We couldn't sleep; we were so excited."

As Azeeb and his family continue to cel-

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brate, he says he knows God Himself orchestrated these events. "God sent us angels to bless us, and now we are free."

"Your visit here reminds me of the story of Moses," he adds. "God sent Moses to release His people from bondage. God is working for us, and He can save us. He can protect us. I prayed for freedom, and God answered."

Although Azeeb and his family are now free, thousands of families like Azeeb's are still trapped in the kilns and laboring under oppressive conditions. Together, we can free more families, breaking the cycle of poverty and empowering them to let their light shine for Christ.



Through our ongoing work in Pakistan, GCR continues to strengthen Christian families through comprehensive support — including debt relief, income-generation projects, widow care, emergency medical aid, financial literacy training, discipleship and Bible distribution. Each of these initiatives helps build resilient Christian communities that can stand strong in their faith despite persecution. ■

*Representative name used for security

UNYIELDING FAITH:



ONE WOMAN'S RESISTANCE TO BOKO HARAM'S TERROR

In the small Nigerian village of Madagali, Suzanne and her father tended their meager crops under the blazing African sun. They exchanged pleasant greetings as Suzanne prepared the land and her father gathered kindling to burn the cleared brush.

Without warning, militants from the radical Islamic group Boko Haram descended on them. "They charged toward us," Suzanne says. "I begged them fervently; I begged them in the name of God not to kill my father."

But the men did not listen. "They fired three shots at my father. Bang! Bang! Bang!" Suzanne recalls. "And my father fell to the ground, lifeless."

In the shock and trauma of that moment, all Suzanne could do was lament. "I lifted my hands to the sky and yelled, 'Jesus Christ, we have only You! Have mercy on us!'"

After the men shot her father, one of them turned the gun toward Suzanne. They told her to get her things and leave with them. Suzanne was terrified for her life, but she refused to move.

One of the Boko Haram members cocked the gun and pressed the barrel against the side of Suzanne's head. She still stood her ground. The man pulled the trigger.

The bullet went in one side of her head, tore through both eyes and went out the other side. She fell to the ground, unconscious. The men from Boko Haram left her for dead beside her father, two bodies in the fallow ground they had prepared to sow.

After Boko Haram left, men and women from the village came to the field to investigate the sound of gunshots. They were shocked and heartbroken to see the bodies and laid them in a farm cart to be transported to a burial site. "As they were taking us to

be buried, I was pricked by a thorn in the cart,” Suzanne says. “I felt pain. I realized I wasn’t dead.”

When she felt the pain from the thorn, she cried out for her son. She was disoriented. She remembered the gunshot. She also realized she couldn’t see.

The villagers who’d been planning to bury Suzanne ended up rushing her to the nearest hospital. Local doctors saved her life but not her eyesight. Today, Suzanne has no vision, and she is always led by a family member.

“After the incident, my brain was affected,” she says. The shooting damaged her hearing and memory, but her faith in Jesus anchors her through that trial. Every day, she draws strength from Jesus’ words in the Bible: “Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

When asked if she has been able to forgive the men who killed her father and blinded her, she smiles. “In ignorance he committed his actions,” she says passionately. “I have already forgiven them.”

This radical, counterintuitive love mystifies many. But for Suzanne, it simply emulates Christ, “who was killed for our sins.” Forgiveness amid such terrible suffering makes no earthly sense. By the world’s standards, it is utterly illogical. Yet Suzanne clings to this gospel paradox, defiantly proclaiming, “My faith is still unwavering.” ■

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Suzanne’s tragic experience

is an increasingly common one in northern Nigeria, where attacks against Christians have intensified in recent years. Boko Haram has been terrorizing Christian communities across the region since the early 2000s. Targeted assaults, kidnappings and church bombings are now regular parts of life for believers in the region. Today, our work in Nigeria is focused on critical emergency relief, medical treatment, safe shelter, food aid, discipleship and trauma counseling.

HOW WE WORK

At GCR, we understand that meeting immediate needs is only half the battle. Persecuted Christians are facing both urgent crises and long-term systemic issues, so if our relief efforts are going to be effective, they must be strategically holistic.

To do this, we've implemented what we call the five pillars for strengthening the persecuted church.



Spreading the Gospel

We equip Christians to share the gospel with those who need it most, ensuring that the Church continues to grow despite efforts to stamp it out.



Addressing Deep-Rooted Causes

Long-term drivers of persecution are often embedded deep within hostile cultures. We address these issues with education, vocational training and microloans, helping communities break free of difficult cycles of discrimination.



Fostering Generational Faith

Through discipleship training, literacy programs and education, we ensure the legacy of faith continues to future generations. We also work to provide safe houses of worship to strengthen the bonds of community among individuals and families during regular meetings for worship, teaching and fellowship.



Ensuring Survival

We provide critical assistance for Christians in crisis, helping get displaced believers to safety and providing them with food, shelter, clothing and medical assistance for their most immediate needs.



Creating More Freedom

We advocate for religious liberty in countries where Christians make up a minority of the population, working with local governments to change laws and provide legal support for marginalized believers.

EMERGENCY RELIEF IN ACTION

In Gaza, months of war have displaced Christian families, a minority in the region, many of whom saw their homes and communities destroyed by rocket fire. Now, they rely on food, water and shelter provided by GCR and its partners as well as counseling for young people who've been affected by the destruction and loss. The road ahead is daunting, but with critical support, these Christians are finding ways to stand firm in their faith.

In Sudan, the Christian population is suffering from drought and famine. The extreme scarcity of food and water disproportionately affects Christians, who are a minority in the region and face discrimination in food lines and shelters. By networking with the local church, we've provided direct food aid to 8,000 Christians in the Darfur region, increasing their food security and providing hope.

In Manipur, India's northeastern state, violent riots displaced more than 66,000 people and destroyed at least 200 churches. As these Christian groups fled into the jungles to escape mob violence, our partners on the ground were already reaching out to networks in the region, making plans to provide emergency relief.

In all these places and many more around the globe, GCR has provided rapid relief on the ground, reacting quickly to fast-moving situations and delivering emergency aid where people need it most. One of the most challenging parts of our work is providing timely, effective relief in sudden, volatile and quickly changing crises.



YOU PROVIDED CRITICAL AID IN GAZA

CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF OUR RAPID RESPONSE

1. OUR GLOBAL NETWORK

Our global network, with on-the-ground contacts in some of the world's most dangerous and hard-to-reach places. These courageous, experienced teams have deep ties to local Christian communities and provide us with up-to-date information on what people need and how we can quickly and safely get it to them.

2. RESOURCES

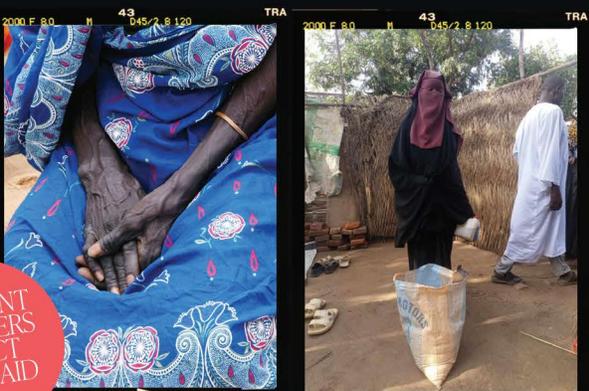
Resources provided by the generosity of Christians around the world who have partnered with us to ensure we have quick access to an abundant supply of aid.

3. PRAYERS

Your prayers. We simply would not be able to do this work without the strength and encouragement that comes as an answer to the prayers of the Church.

Emergency relief can be enormously complicated. Persecuted Christians often lack food, shelter, medical care and ways to contact their friends and loved ones, and they do not have the luxury of time.

Fortunately, God has given us the networks, experience and resources to meet these people where they are with the things they need most. We do not know when or where the next disaster will strike, but with your help, we know we'll be able to move quickly to provide for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.



YOU SENT BELIEVERS DIRECT FOOD AID

“Hardly a day passes without a new report of attacks on Christians...”

Arun Pannalal,
a Christian leader



YOU GAVE DISPLACED BELIEVERS RELIEF

SUMAN'S RADICAL FORGIVENESS IN INDIA

A PHOTO STORY



▼ Threats of violence intensified and finally spilled over into deadly reality. In July 2024, Suman's brother called to tell her that the worst had happened. While her family was working in the fields, they'd been ambushed by a group of Hindu extremists who attacked them with clubs. Suman's family ran, but her sister Bindu fell in the confusion and was beaten to death. Later, Suman learned that her own uncle and cousins had carried out the attack — a stark warning that no Christians were welcome in the village — not even family.



▲ When Suman's brother got sick, she and her family had tried everything in their Indian village to find a cure. As his condition worsened, Suman and her family turned to the church, asking God for healing. Miraculously, her brother's condition improved in a few days, and Suman and her family gave their lives to Jesus. However, in their small, predominantly Hindu community, this conversion came with great risk of violence and persecution.

IN MANY STATES,
CHRISTIANS ARE
NOT FREE



◀ Now, Suman and her family rent a small home in a new village. They grieve over the loss of Bindu and remain aware of the ongoing threat to their lives. However, Suman is facing the future with courage. She says her favorite Bible verse is Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it shall be given to you," which gives her strength to persevere. "I have faith," she says. "Even then, I don't lose my courage."

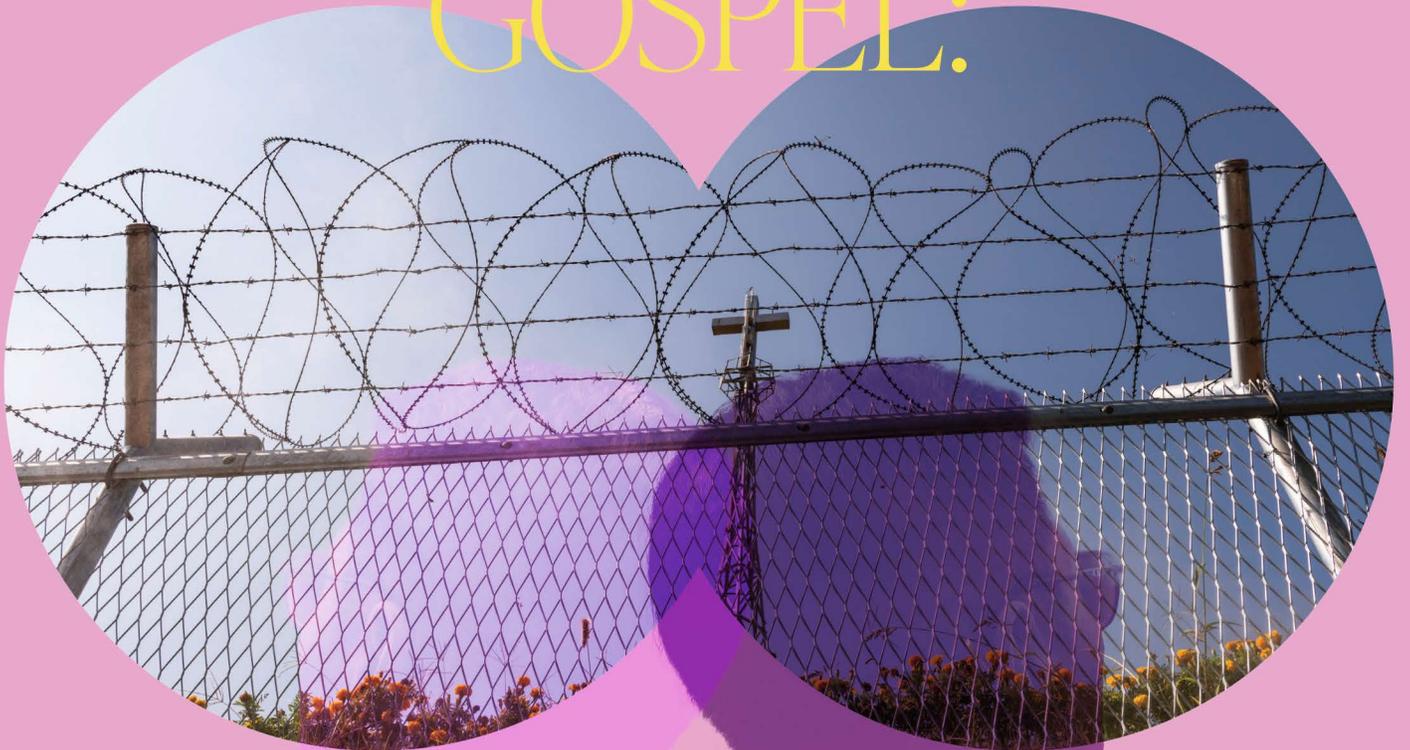
▼ Suman is not alone. In 2023, the United Christian Forum documented 731 incidents of violence against Christians in India, an increase from 599 in 2022. There is a movement to remove Christians from India entirely, and it's gaining momentum. "In many states, Christians are not free," says a local Christian leader. "They cannot travel on the train freely. Because the moment the co-travelers come to know that you are Christians, they treat you as if you are not human."



◀ Despite the intense pressure, Suman remains committed to her faith. She speaks for the many Christians in India who face similar discrimination and persecution from dangerous extremists in their communities. "No matter how many troubles I face, I found life in Jesus," Suman says. "My life has changed. I wouldn't think of turning back."

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ARE NOT HUMAN”

A FORBIDDEN GOSPEL:



ONE NORTH KOREAN'S
JOURNEY FROM FEAR
TO FAITH



On a sweltering July day, Dongwon* held a Bible in his hands for the first time. As a North Korean defector hiding in China, he had reached the depths of despair. “I cursed myself for being born into this world,” he recalls. Suicidal thoughts clouded his mind as the present felt unbearable and the future looked hopeless.

In this darkness, a flicker of light emerged when a local pastor shared the gospel message with him. “I didn’t even know he was a pastor,” Dongwon says. The pastor simply asked, “Do you know God?” When Dongwon replied “No,” the pastor gently explained, “Jesus is the Son of God. He came to this earth for you and me. If you believe in Jesus, you will have salvation.”

Initially, Dongwon was suspicious — in North Korea, Christianity is considered “mythical,” and missionaries are portrayed as “invaders.” Churches are banned, Bibles are forbidden and Christians face torture, imprisonment or execution. But as the pastor spoke, something changed. “Suddenly, my heart started pounding,” Dongwon says. As he heard the gospel message, he broke down weeping. “It was the first time in my life that tears poured out uncontrollably.”

In that moment, Dongwon surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. Although he had never heard the name of Christ before, a feeling of grace and peace flooded over him. When he looked outside after the encounter, even the clouds seemed brighter. “That moment was heaven,” he recalls.

Dongwon’s journey began in the coastal city of Cheongjin, North Korea. His father held a respected government position, which afforded Dongwon opportunities for education and comfort. Yet seeds of doubt took root during his teenage years as he grew disillusioned with the totalitarian regime and the succession of power from Kim Il-sung to his son, Kim Jong-il.

After graduating from university in Pyongyang, Dongwon worked for a Communist youth organization. When famine struck North Korea in the mid-1990s, he witnessed the regime’s failures firsthand. “I saw hundreds of thousands of people starving,” he recalls. “I started to think that North Korea is not a people’s democratic republic.”

On January 20, 2007, after months of planning, Dongwon made a daring escape across the frozen Tumen River into China. Leaving his family behind, he entered unfamiliar territory with no money, resources or contacts. Fearing capture, he went into hiding among the ethnic Korean population in northern China, constantly alert for security officials who might discover and forcibly repatriate him.

Shortly after his conversion, Dongwon was arrested by Chinese police while attempting to reach the South Korean embassy.

Although terrified of being sent back to North Korea, he clung to Isaiah 41:10: “Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will be your God.” The promise of God’s presence sustained him through a year of detention and uncertainty. Eventually, he was released and made his way to freedom.

Today, Dongwon lives freely in South Korea, where he helps provide aid and resources for the underground church in North Korea. “It’s a ministry that operates one to one,” he explains. “Small house churches and cell groups meet. Any larger gathering is too dangerous.”

Although banned in North Korea, some estimate up to 400,000 Christians now secretly worship in underground churches. Dongwon sees signs of spiritual awakening. His dream is to someday open churches in his North Korean hometown and reconnect with former classmates who now hold senior government positions.

“Our mission is to convey to these people the gospel message that Jesus loves the North Korean people and saved them with His blood,” Dongwon says. ■

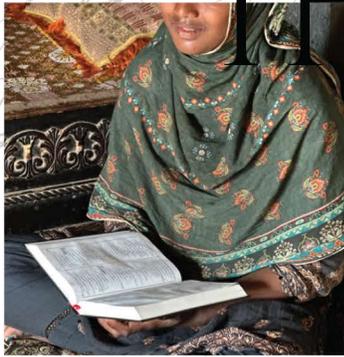


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Global Christian Relief serves as a lifeline for North Korean Christians. Through our partners on the ground, we provide discipleship, evangelism, emergency support, safe houses, counseling and much more. These tools empower North Korean Christians not only to integrate into new communities but also to envision a brighter future.

SHARING GOD'S WORD ALL OVER THE WORLD



Why Bible distribution is critical to strengthening the global church

“The Bible is very important to me,” says Kasim. “I believe that it is the truth.”

Kasim* is a Christian in the Middle East. We can't tell you what country he's from or what he does for a living. In fact, his real name isn't even Kasim. If local authorities knew about Kasim, he would be persecuted, arrested and perhaps killed. What we can tell you is that he's a partner of GCR and a pillar of the underground church in the Middle East. Kasim has devoted much of his life to smuggling Bibles to other secret believers.

“The Holy Bible is important,” he continues. “It is the Word of God, and I want to share it with everybody else, so they can understand it is the right Word of God.”

Getting God's Word to believers in remote regions of the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America is an enormous challenge. In countries like Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen and others, Bibles

must be kept hidden because of local laws and community pressure. However, having access to God's Word can make all the difference for believers suffering under the threat of persecution. A growing faith rooted in the truth of Scripture can sustain believers through difficult times. Just ask Ramesh.

Ramesh* is a Nepalese Christian who was arrested and accused of breaking his nation's strict laws regarding religious practice. Fortunately, he was eventually acquitted and credits the Bible with sustaining him during that difficult season. “If people are persecuted, they can lose their faith,” he says. “We need to make them strong thinkers, and they need to be rooted in the Word of God.”

We at GCR continue to work with underground churches to find innovative ways to get the Word of God to believers in the Middle East, Asia and other parts of the world where Bibles are scarce. Sometimes this means smuggling Bibles across borders. Sometimes it

means helping establish secret printing warehouses. In communities with lower literacy rates, this can mean providing believers with audio versions of the Bible and even helping establish literacy programs.

Through all these systems and more, GCR is working with our partners to provide 100,000 Bibles across the Middle East. Our partners are risking their reputations, their freedom and even their lives to achieve this goal. Although the risks are great, they believe the rewards are far greater. Christians in underground churches are overjoyed to receive Bibles in their own language.

That is why people like Kasim continue to labor for the gospel, operating in secret, bringing God's Word to communities desperate to learn more about the truth of Jesus Christ. With your help and the prayers of Christians around the world, more believers who have never held a Bible before are reading God's Word for the first time. ■



ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR IN REVIEW | 2024

Reflecting on 2024: A year of empowering the global church

Christian persecution dates back to the time of Christ and His apostles. But as I look back on Fiscal Year 2024, a significant change has taken place that we can't afford to ignore. Persecution strategies are evolving faster than ever in the digital age, and the rapid advancement of new technology is increasingly being used to isolate our suffering brothers and sisters.

Genesis 50:20 reminds us that the enemy can intend something for harm, whereas God can intend it for good. As oppressive governments and regimes find new ways to harm our fellow Christ followers, we must take a proactive approach by leveraging these same capabilities for the benefit of the persecuted church.

That's why at GCR we're committed to creating, growing and nurturing a global community of support for the persecuted church. And we're so thankful that you've chosen to be a part of it. This interconnected and resilient network, which operates online and in person, is designed to foster strong relationships among the Body of Christ so we can respond to the ever-changing needs of suffering Christians with speed and agility — sustaining hard-pressed believers in the most dangerous places across the globe.

Through your prayers and support, this global community is growing by the day, and it's sending a powerful message to the persecuted: You are not alone. You are never forgotten. We are united as one family in Christ.

Thank you for empowering the persecuted church to not only survive but also thrive amid adversity through the power of community. Because of generous supporters like you, we reached millions this year for God's glory. Please read on for details, and may God bless you as we collectively advance the Great Commission in all-new ways.

In Christ,

Brian Orme

Acting Chief Executive, Global Christian Relief

In 2024, you stood with your persecuted family to be a light

“Thank you so much. The support you sent has saved the lives of 400 children in one day in Zalingei (IDP camp). These children's lives have been made better because of your support. God is good for bringing you into this situation to say yes to the needs of these children. You can imagine how their lives would be without you. May God bless you, my brothers and sisters.”

— **Pastor Omar, Sudan**

“We praise God that after we fled (and became displaced), GCR partners and pastors in the area gave us crucial emergency aid. This food came at a crucial time. Thank you very much for feeding us.”

— **Pastor Michael, Nigeria**

“An aid team visited us, listened to our stories and empathized with us. They then acted quickly to provide us with the aid we needed. I was especially touched when I received this emergency package, which contains all the items necessary for us to restart our lives. Words cannot adequately convey the depth of my gratitude toward those who have helped us. They not only offered tangible aid but also renewed our faith in humanity. Our faith and trust in God have been strengthened. I extend my heartfelt thanks to GCR and their partners. I pray they continue to serve as a beacon of hope for those in need, like they did for my family.”

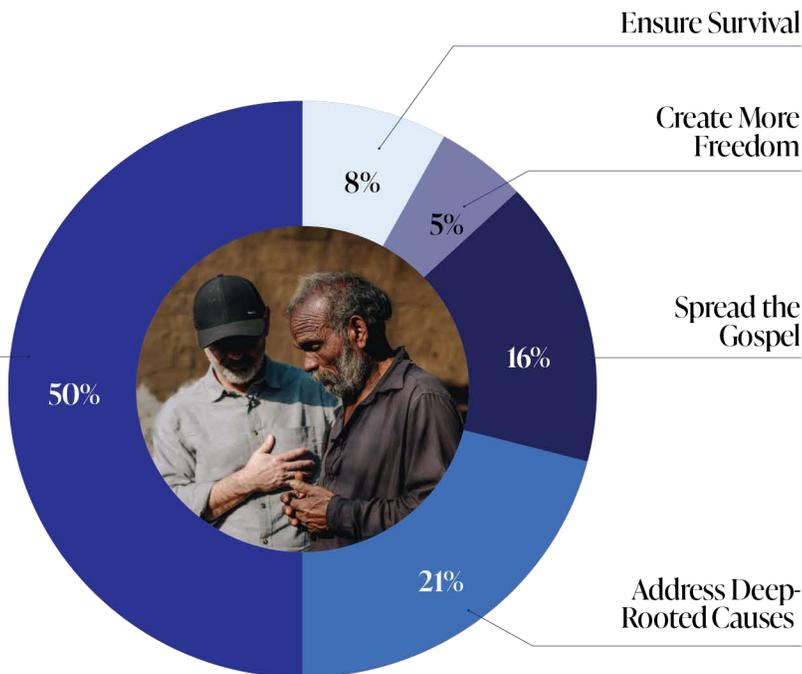
— **Daniel, Pakistan**

2024 Impact Areas



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Foster Generational Faith



BY THE NUMBERS

2024 Impact by Region



Central & East Asia

839,291
Beneficiaries



Middle East & North Africa

756,238
Beneficiaries



Sub-Saharan Africa

108,615
Beneficiaries



Southeast Asia

500,040
Beneficiaries



Latin America

75,000
Beneficiaries

2024 Project Impact

Bibles Distributed	238,100
Businesses Started/Supported	1,429
Trainings Conducted	321
Food Kits (230) & Shelters Provided (252)	482
Medical Checkups	37,446

Financials

TOTAL	\$21,892,572*
9.1% 12.5% 78.4%	
● PROGRAM	\$17,163,234
● FUNDRAISING	\$2,734,204
● ADMINISTRATION	\$1,995,134

*REPORTING PERIOD:
FISCAL YEAR 2024: 07/01/23 - 06/30/24

ADVOCACY AWARENESS



Advocacy for Christians Worldwide

In FY2024, your charitable gifts fueled Global Christian Relief's advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere around the world. Through this work, we seek to rescue persecuted Christians who are unreachable through traditional relief work. We take their stories to the halls of power — from the White House and Congress to governments around the globe — advocating for the release of unjustly imprisoned believers, protection of churches from violence and the repeal of laws that restrict religious freedom.

Caleb's Story

Caleb is a dedicated Christian pastor who faithfully pursues the Great Commission in the Middle East. Last year, Caleb's story took a turn for the worse. Sadly, he was apprehended and kidnapped while ministering to an unreached community in a Muslim-majority area. When the GCR Advocacy Team learned of Caleb's predicament, we sprung into action, advocating for his release through our network of influential contacts on the ground. And by the grace of God, Caleb was successfully released by his captors! Your prayers and support were undoubtedly a critical factor, enabling Caleb to safely return home to his family. Despite the persecution he endured during his time of captivity, Caleb remains undeterred in his mission, and he continues to share the gospel with those who are far from God.



Key Stats

1,000+
CONGRESSIONAL
STAFFERS
CONTACTED

to take action regarding
Nigeria, the world's
deadliest nation for
Christians

2 CHRISTIAN
FAMILIES
RESCUED

after being hunted by a
violent militia group

1 PASTOR
RELEASED

after being held hostage
in the Middle East

Awakening North America to Global Persecution

Global Christian Relief is awakening North Americans to the cause of our suffering brothers and sisters in the following ways:

RESEARCH: We have sponsored all-new initiatives like the Violent Incidents Database, which provides verifiable, quantitative data on persecution for journalists, members of the media and policymakers.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We have amassed millions of video views in the past year on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X (formerly Twitter), educating countless Christians in the West — including young believers — about persecution.

GCR PRAYER APP: Over the past year, we have generated thousands of prayers for the persecuted church through our mobile app, where we share breaking news and persecution stories from the field that the mainstream media won't cover.

PRAYER GUIDES: We have produced free educational prayer resources for North American churches throughout the year, raising awareness for persecution across five regions of the world.



YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS US TO BUILD AWARENESS FOR PERSECUTED BELIEVERS AND TO CONNECT CHRISTIANS ACROSS THE WORLD FOR DEEPER PRAYER AND UNITY.



10 Ways to Pray for the Persecuted

Prayer is the primary request we receive from Christians facing persecution worldwide. While there are many ways to support believers facing discrimination, threats, trauma, and oppression — prayer remains the most vital.

Here are specific ways to lift up our persecuted family in Christ:

1. PHYSICAL SAFETY

Protect believers facing violence from authorities, militias, and hostile neighbors and even family members.

2. SHELTER

Provide safe housing for Christians who have been displaced or lost their homes.

3. BASIC NECESSITIES

Supply food, water, and essential resources to believers in hiding or fleeing persecution.

4. MEDICAL CARE

Grant access to health care and medication for Christians facing discrimination, attacks, or isolation from medical facilities.

5. ACCESS TO SCRIPTURE

Help deliver Bibles — whether printed, audio, or digital — to believers in restricted areas where God's Word is forbidden or difficult to access.

6. MENTAL HEALTH

Bring healing and comfort to those experiencing trauma from lost homes, communities, and loved ones.

7. WISDOM AND COURAGE

Guide persecuted believers facing difficult decisions with divine wisdom and boldness to choose Jesus despite the risks.

8. LEADERSHIP

Raise up godly leaders who can shepherd and support underground churches effectively.

9. JUSTICE

Move the hearts of authorities to treat Christians fairly and release those unjustly imprisoned.

10. CHURCH GROWTH

Continue expanding Your kingdom, even in areas of intense persecution.



YOUR PART IN GOD'S GLOBAL FAMILY



DEVOTIONAL

Have you ever wondered about your unique role in God's kingdom?

The Apostle Paul paints a powerful picture in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14:

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.” (NIV)

Right now, millions of our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide face intense persecution for their faith. Their courage in the face of danger, their unwavering commitment despite threats, and their deep faith amid trials reflect their daily reality within the Body of Christ.

But what about us, blessed with religious freedom here in America?

Paul reminds us that God “has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any.” He continues in verses 25-27: “so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

This truth transforms how we see our role in God's family. When Christians in restricted nations face persecution, we're called to stand with them. When they rejoice in spiritual victories, we celebrate too. We're not isolated believers — we're vital members of a worldwide body, united in Christ.

Your part matters. Whether through prayer, advocacy, or support, God has uniquely positioned you to strengthen His global church. As persecution intensifies in many nations, your role becomes even more crucial.

WILL YOU ANSWER HIS CALL TODAY?

Stand together with Christians who are forced underground, imprisoned and targeted for their faith in Jesus.

