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Remember to pray for
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LIFE ON THE LINE...

As we approach Palm Sunday and Easter, it is common for us to think of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. His love, led Him to pay the penalty for our sins; suffer and die on the cross.



In our society, many experience ridicule and rejection because of their faith in Christ. Our beliefs and values are coming under attack.

In our world, the plight of Christians is even more drastic. Many are facing the loss of their business, homes, imprisonment, torture and even death, because of their faith in Jesus Christ. 150 countries are on a "watch list" because of their persecution of Christians.



EVERY MONTH

105: churches attacked, burned or vandalized each month, in the top 50 WWL countries.

EVERY DAY

11: Christians killed every day for their faith, in the top 50 WWL countries.

BY THE CONTINENT

1 out of 6: Christians in Africa that experience high levels of persecution.

1 out of 3: Christians in Asia that experience high levels of persecution.

1 out of 21: Christians in South America who experience high levels of persecution.

We were recently contacted by an Iraqi Christian in Sterling Heights who is seeking support for Christians in his home country. A small parcel of land (northeast of Mosul), called the Nineveh plain; had been designated as a safe place where Christians could live. Today the northern section is now controlled by the Muslims Kur. The Southern part is controlled by Shiaa Militia (backed by Iran). The threat of persecution and/or death, has caused many Christians to flee the region, but they have little choice of where to go. To the West is Syrai, to the north is Turkey, to the South is more Muslim controlled Iraq and to the far east is Iran.

This Iraqi Christians has been trying since 2000 to get more protection for these Christians from our government. The Bush, Obama and now Trump Administrations have been contacted. Senator Levin and Senator Stabenow has introduced resolutions that were passed calling for protection. The persecution continues.

Let us appreciate our freedoms in America. Let us pray for Christians around the globe that are facing dire threats; that they might have strength and courage to stand for Christ. Let us renew our zeal to reach others with the love of Christ. Only Christ can change lives and attitudes that such treatment would no longer take place.



Renewal & Growth

Palm Sunday, Easter, return of Spring, tribes who have never heard and primitive conditions missionaries face taking the Gospel to them and knowledge of what Christians are facing around the world; call you to renew your commitment to Christ and grow stronger? Read more how we can help that happen.....