



Mercy Funds
For Imprisoned Pastors
and
“Ministry Widows and Orphans”

Who?

Christians are considered the “Number one enemy of the State” in China, Laos, Myanmar (Burma) and Vietnam.

Targets of persecution in access-restricted nations of Asia (ARNA) are mostly Christian pastor-teachers. Second-level leaders, evangelists, and other Christians are persecuted as well - simply for being disciples of Jesus!

What?

Our brothers and sisters in Christ are often beaten or tortured when arrested. Once imprisoned, they are deprived of adequate food, clothing, and medical care. Of course, they are also isolated from their spiritual and natural families.

Wives and children of the imprisoned become “Ministry Widows and Orphans”. They are often forced to relocate, then suffer the loss of friends and home in addition to husband and father. Whether relocated or not, it is unlikely Ministry Widows and Orphans will receive living assistance from antagonistic villagers aware the authorities are nearby - watching.

- House church members are generally too poor to care for the imprisoned.
- Relocated family members are further prevented from assisting those in prison.
- Ministry Widows and Orphans are without husband, father **and** provider.
- Relocated families are not well received.

When?

Persecution of ARNA Christians has a long, painful history. Sadly, it has been on the increase in recent years.

Where?

Persecution of Christians is common throughout ARNA, however Laos, Vietnam and China are consistently among the top ten countries characterized by the worst persecution of Christians in the world!

Our ministry focus is Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar (Burma) and Vietnam.

China

From the first converts forward, Christians have faced persecution to the present day in China. Some early believers were evicted from their homes; others lost their lives. Under Communism, many were placed in labor camps or in prisons where they served 20-year sentences. Today as the government fights against the growing wave of converts in China persecution continues to increase.

Chinese Christian saying: 'Zhen jin bu ba huo lian.' - "Real gold fears no fire!"

Laos

Christian arrests all over Laos are long-standing and continue to be commonplace. In recent years, it seems that a net of persecution has been cast over this communist country. It's peaceful landscape of rice fields and gentle people belie the suffering of believers.

Government official's threat: "You have gone against the party rule and have formed an underground movement. You are defiant. You refuse to obey. We will close down the church and stop this rebellious movement."

Imprisoned Pastor's Note: "I heard that while I was in prison many people were praying for me. Thank you. That is why I felt that I was not alone in the prison cell. God also provided the medicines I need through you. Thank you for your many love and care. Because of you God gave me patience and encouragements in my heart."

Vietnam

Vietnamese Christian sayings: "Suffering is not the worst thing that can happen to us. Disobedience to God is the worst thing."

How Can You Help?

“Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be an equality.” (2 Corinthians 8:13)

- Sponsor a pastor-prisoner - \$25/month
- Sponsor the family of an imprisoned pastor - \$50/month
- Sponsor an imprisoned pastor and his family - \$75/month
- Make a one time gift of : \$ _____

I would like to know more about...

- Mercy Funds for Imprisoned Pastors & their “Ministry Widows & Orphans”.
- How to pray for the Persecuted Church in ARNA.
- How to sponsor an ARNA Pastor.
- Ministry opportunities in ARNA.
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