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Growth Despite Persecution

Pakistan is number 5 on the 2021 World Watch List for persecution and treatment of Christians. Being 96% Muslim, there is huge pressure on all who decide to follow Christ. If anyone makes a public conversion to Christianity, this will result in discrimination, potential terrorism and death penalty for apostasy.

So public conversion is uncommon, and Christians are not the only ones who are vulnerable to injustice and atrocity. Women, children, widows and those disabled are exploited too.

Yet the church in Pakistan grows. Every heart needs Living Water, therefore the gospel continues to spread in Pakistan despite the climate.

The history of Christianity in Pakistan goes as far back as the apostles. The apostle Thomas was the first to share Jesus with people of the region now called Pakistan.

When Pakistan was established in 1947, equal citizenship rights for Christians were promised, but this was not upheld when Pakistan was declared an Islamic Republic in 1956.

Religious tension between Muslims and Christians began to grow in the 80s and 90s and became worse after the 9/11 attacks. There became a rise in blasphemy cases against the Christian community due to an abuse of the blasphemy law often by people with personal grudges. There have also been

several attacks on Christian worship places in the bigger cities, resulting in many Christians being killed.

Conviction of blasphemy law is now quite common. This results in imprisonment, and even if proven innocent, Christians still may be killed while in jail or be in danger from local community leaders once released.



Christians can be forced to convert at their workplaces where they suffer further discrimination, or when families are paid off to marry their daughters to Muslim men. It is estimated about 1000 girls belonging to minorities are abducted each year and forcibly converted, many being underage.

As at January 2021, of 53 persons imprisoned for their faith (but not necessarily for blasphemy), 31 were Christians and at least 11 had been sentenced to death, whilst a further 9 were awaiting trial or sentence.

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Growth Despite Persecution ...

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Global hunger has been on the rise since 2014, and Pakistan is classified among countries severely affected. The situation was amplified with the COVID19 pandemic.

People in remote villages are poor and uneducated. Christians are subject to high interest on the debts of their forefathers, leaving them minimal to live on. Many of them travel from village to village to search for water and bread. While traveling, many women and children encounter sexual abuse and rape, but due to Honor killing many are forced to keep quiet and live with it.

For those who are educated or employed, Christians face discrimination by teachers and employers. Menial work is the allotment for the Christians. Students are often segregated and subject to physical and psychological violence.

The name Pakistan means “the land of the pure” and Jesus wants to fulfill this prophetic name, that its people would be among His pure and spotless Bride.

There are teams in Pakistan being the hands and feet of Jesus to the vulnerable, giving food, shelter and vocational training in conjunction with house church meetings and also outreach programs. MO is committed to the supply of Urdu Bibles to Pakistan to nourish and equip the church to multiply. A contact in Pakistan has said, “The new believers who accept Christ are usually very strong in faith thus we make sure to provide them with proper biblical training in order to prepare them to go out in the field.”

God is greater than any evil and his power is perfected in weakness. He is able to heal every wound, encourage and strengthen every heart, and give boldness and faith to all who are His. Let us contend for Pakistan to come under the Lordship of Christ and let us partner with Him in preparation of the pure Bride, made ready for His coming.

War for the Word

The last 35 years for Afghanistan have been full of terror and brought great distress to the country. There have been about 1 million deaths and 4 million children rendered orphans since the war began in 2001. About 60% of the Afghani population is under the age of 20, hence they haven't seen life without war.

Afghanistan received the gospel of Jesus Christ around the second century however you will not find any physical Church buildings there today. This country is full of religious and cultural hate for Christianity, and the lack of security makes it very complicated and difficult for missionaries to preach or share the gospel.

Those who do decide to follow Christ must keep their faith hidden and worship in seclusion. Instead of church buildings you will find house churches. Being a Christian is forbidden in this country especially in recent years which have seen multiple arrest cases.



Persecution and kidnaping has been increasingly common in the last few years, so much so that it's become routine in the life of believers. Every year there are reports of more martyrdom too. Muslims who accept Christ are usually killed by family members or extremists before any legal proceedings occur.

There is little or no access to printed Bibles and there is a huge risk of persecution to believers if they are found with a Bible, because it is forbidden by law to have one. Missionaries working in Afghanistan are always in a lot of trouble and under threat while preaching the Word of God.

Even so, God made a way where there was no way when two families taking the Word of God into the country, survived a huge bomb blast that exploded near a bus. God protected them and they were able to successfully deliver 200 Bibles into the country. - Hallelujah!

“The kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].” Matthew 11:12 (AMPC)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Bibles for Uganda, Africa

Uganda is a place of both physical and deep spiritual hunger. Pastors and believers cry out for Bibles. It is such an honour and blessing to be able to meet this huge need. Bibles are so important for the growth of the church in Uganda and will bring comfort and encouragement, give instruction and direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. Our commitment for these bibles is 100 English Bibles at \$7.50 each and 150 Lugandan bibles at approx. \$15 each.

Total Cost: \$3000 Balance needed: \$3000

Motorbike for Bishnu, Nepal

Pastor Bishnu often has to travel for days on buses and on foot to reach remote areas to share the gospel and pray for the sick. Knowing very well the type of terrain Bishnu works in, we agree with him that a motorbike would make his job far more efficient, and also reduce his risk of COVID-19 infection. MO would like to help buy a Honda Unicorn 160 motorbike for Bishnu.

**Total Cost: \$4000
Balance needed: \$3,250**



Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

This year we are working with our new Pakistan Partners to provide much needed Bibles. Their need is for 330 bibles each month at \$8 per Bible. We would love to be able to help them with this, and invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this project.

Monthly Need: \$2,640



DISASTER RELIEF - Feed the Hungry

While our core purpose is to feed our brethren with spiritual food - bibles, with so many disasters happening and increasing poverty and suffering, we must also show them Christ's love by helping meet their basic physical need of food. Our focus is on Nepal and Pakistan, but we will also help as we can in other nations such as the Philippines.

Tibetan Leaders

What an incredible journey of Yoseb, Sandrup and Gappel to complete and deliver the first Tibetan Bible manuscript for printing. This nation is still basically closed off to foreigners, but the Lord is faithful and gives his people strategies for getting the Word and help to His people. We plan to help up to 5 Tibetan leaders during 2021. We invite you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a leader.

Monthly support per Pastor: \$75

One year support per Pastor: \$900

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Reprinting Eddie's Book "To Catch the Wind"

We are delighted to report that fundraising for this project has been completed! Thank you to all who have supported this. We are making good progress on this and are at the stage now of checking the manuscript and updating it. We will keep you posted on our progress. Blessings to you all and thank you again!

CMTC Bible College - Monthly commitment \$1600

Nepal Radio Ministry - Monthly commitment \$850

RESPONSE COUPON

MAY 2021

Name:

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Nepal

Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....

CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

Motorbike for Bishnu (BISHBIK) \$.....

Disaster Relief -Feed the Hungry

Nepal (FTHNEP) \$.....

Pakistan (FTHPAK) \$.....

Other (FTHOTH) \$.....

Uganda Bibles (AFRBBL) \$.....

Pakistan Urdu Bibles (URDBBL) \$.....

Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH) \$.....

China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....

Where Most Needed: (WMN) \$.....

Payments can now be made from our website at: nzmo.org or via online banking to our BNZ bank Account number: 02 0466 0034018 00. Please specify your preferred project or funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'.

GLOBAL

1 & 2 Declare Jesus is Lord over the nations. By His stripes we are healed. Break strongholds of witchcraft. Let Jesus be glorified in the earth. He is our Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, and Light in the Darkness.

MYANMAR

3 Deaths, arrests, torture, crackdowns on anti-coup protesters, arson, and destruction of public properties continue. Pray that what was meant for evil will be turned for God's good purposes, and God would be glorified in this nation.

4 Pray for about 13 000 Karen people who have been forced to hide in the jungle as a result of military airstrikes. Border authorities are also sending food supply trucks back from reaching the Karens. Declare God as Way Maker and Jehovah Jireh over the Karen people.

5 Pray for the Rohingya people who have been a genocide target for years by the Buddhist military leaders. Refugees in Bangladesh have had their shanty village burned by radical Muslims, leaving dozens dead and over 1000 injured or missing. Declare divine restoration, comfort and provision over this people. Praise Him for many believers and evangelists among them and pray that they would be encouraged in faith.

TIBET & BUDDHISTS

6 Today Buddhists celebrate the birth, enlightenment and death of the one who was Buddha. Pray for revelation of Jesus as living Truth and Wisdom who never dies.

NORTH KOREA

7 Pray for a Holy Spirit awakening in the government, so that the leadership would submit to the Lordship of Christ. Pray that believers can freely share the gospel.

UGANDA

8 & 9 Continue to uplift Pastors John and Ruth in prayer as they minister amidst such suffering and opposition. Pray for the Word of God to be sown far and wide and achieve God's purposes of fruitfulness and transformation.

MIDDLE EAST

10 Declare Jesus as Lord over Pakistan, that this people would be made pure for the coming of their True King.

11 Pray in the midst of such a violent climate in Afghanistan, Jesus would be revealed as Peace and Hope.

MIDDLE EAST..

12 Pray that Jesus would visit believers and strengthen their hearts to not fear death and fill their hearts will the outrageous love of Christ for the lost, so that they may share the gospel boldly.

13 Around this date will be Eid ul Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan. Pray that Jesus would continue to reveal himself to Muslims as the only Way to be restored to Father God.

INDIA

14 Today Hindus celebrate the birth of Parashurama, who came to destroy Earth's burden and remove all kinds of evil. Pray that Jesus would be revealed as the only one who truly destroyed the works of the enemy, and took our burden of sin upon himself.

15 & 16 Pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit boldness and faith on believers. Pray for Holy Spirit signs, wonders and miracles to be poured out on India for the glory of Christ, that all may know He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 Pray for miraculous deliverance from anti-Christian violence, like Daniel untouched by lions or the 3 men unscathed by furnace. May these signs result in many worshipping the One True God.

ISRAEL

18 Yesterday and today the Jews celebrate Shavuot, the giving of the law to Moses and the Israelites at Mt Sinai. Praise God for showing us how to live pleasing Him, and also showing us our need of a Saviour. Thank Him for the Holy Spirit who now empowers us to live as God wants.

NEPAL

19 Praise God for 3 phase power to operate the printing press. Pray for wisdom for personnel and operations of the press and God's covering over this.

20 Praise God for overwhelming response to Blessing seminars. Pray that the goal this year of 77 seminars to train 11500 people with "Awesome Power of Blessing" book would be achieved. Bind any hindrance to the seminars. Declare Nepal COVID-free.

21 Pray for David who has stepped out in faith and planted a small Bible College. Pray that he would continue in faith hearing God clearly and seeing His provision and fruitfulness.

GLOBAL CHURCH

22 & 23 Today Christians celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. Pray that the Church be reminded to be continually filled and empowered for His purposes. Pray for believers to hunger and be filled today with the Holy Spirit.

24 Pray for divine wisdom for mission organisations as increasing restrictions and protocols regarding sending of finances overseas are discussed. Pray for divine strategies for the release of finances for their purpose.

CHINA

25 Praise God that He continues to move in China. Even so, pray that the gospel continues to spread to thousands of people groups that are still unreached. Pray for pastors and believers for wisdom and faith to follow Holy Spirit guidance in reaching the lost.

CAMBODIA

26 As coronavirus infections have increased, and the nation being ill-equipped to manage a serious outbreak, pray for hope and peace to dispel fear. Pray for the church leaders in establishing small groups so that fellowship and encouragement can continue.

27 For outreach, pray that social distancing does not result in spiritual distancing. Pray for Holy Spirit strategies to engage with people on a deep level. Pray for God's covering on teams ministering.

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28 Pray for MO founders Eddie and Betty. Bless Eddie's willing and enthusiastic heart. Pray for healing for Betty who had a fall and mini stroke, for full restoration and no further injury.

29 Pray for the radio ministry to increase in influence and fruitfulness, and the blessing of good equipment and resources.

30 Today, Trinity Sunday, let us meditate on the nature of God, his goodness, his faithfulness, his holiness and celebrate that through Jesus we can approach the throne boldly and enjoy intimate fellowship with our great God.

31 Pray for wisdom for the MO board regarding increasing restrictions and protocols regarding sending of finances overseas. Pray for release of finances for their purpose.



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Please note that your precious gifts and donations are now able to be given by credit card from our website at: nzmo.org or you can give via online banking to account: 02 0466 0034018 00

