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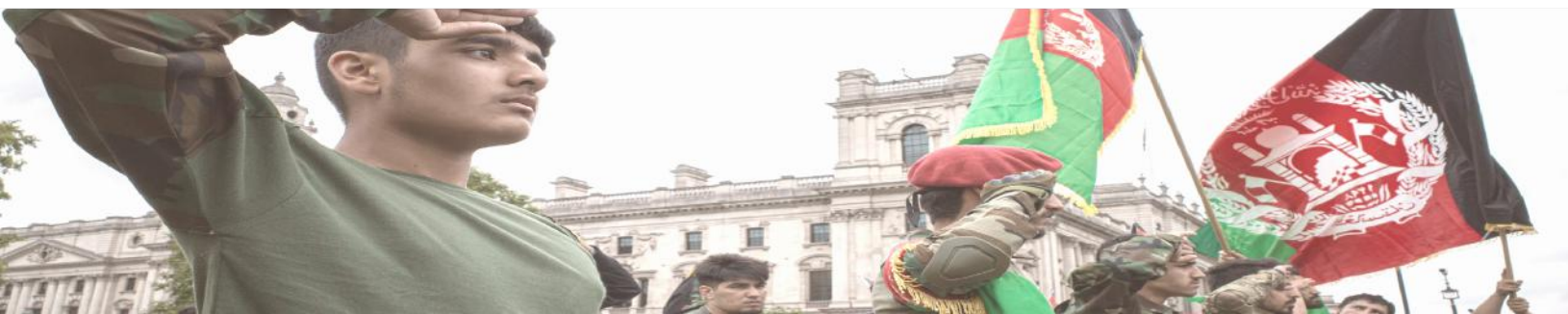




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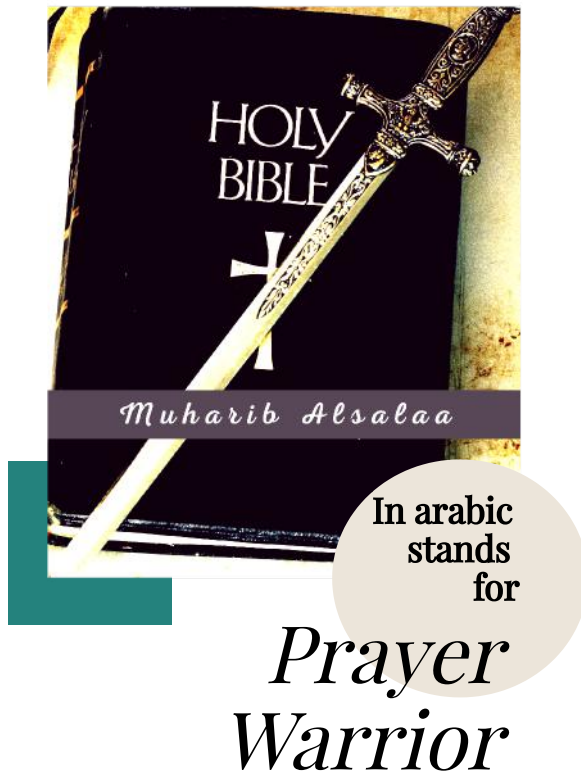
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Guide to the MENA



MENA stands for Middle East and North Africa

Window International Network includes 27 countries (Nine in North Africa, Seven in the Arabian Peninsula, and Nine in the Middle East) in the MENA region of the 10/40 Window.

Although classified as South Asian countries Afghanistan and Pakistan are sometimes counted as belonging to MENA .

The other countries that feature in MENA are,

- **North Africa:** Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, and Western Sahara.
- **Middle East:** Gaza Strip, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and West Bank.
- **Arabian Peninsula:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Afghanistan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

32,225,560

0.2%

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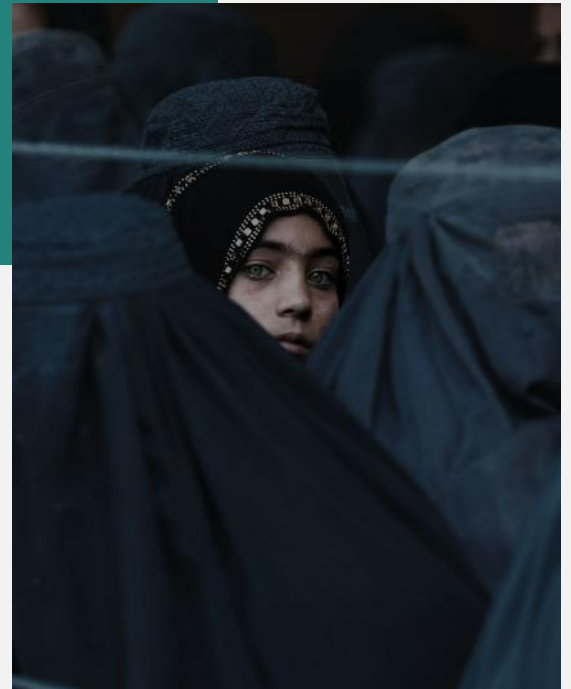
Afghanistan is perhaps best known as the birthplace of Islamic extremist group, the Taliban. Originally a group of radical Islamic scholars, the founders of the Taliban intended to bring political and economic stability to the nation after nearly two decades of conflict. However, its radical practices brought oppression and the country's poverty worsened. The subsequent 20 years of military intervention from international troops protected the development of an elected government. However, troop withdrawals in mid-2021 saw a rapid collapse and a return of the Taliban to power, prompting this year's most extreme large-scale evacuation of foreigners and vulnerable national staff. The future of this nation appears grim, particularly for Christian Believers, women and girls, and anyone who had been associated with foreign intervention in the last 20 years.

Praise Report

Praise God for all that was able to take place in the last 20 years, including the education of a generation of girls and women, and the opportunity for the Gospel to be widely shared resulting in significant Church growth both within Afghanistan (The Bible, Acts 13:49).

Call to Salvation

We declare over this nation that Jesus is the way, truth, and life. We speak out God's abundant life that brings hope, security and peace that the people of Afghanistan so desperately need (The Bible, John 14:6).



Prayer Requests

Pray that God's Kingdom will rule and reign in this nation, despite the Taliban's control. Pray for the protection of Christian Believers. Pray that many people who are afraid will turn to Jesus and find Him to be our ever-present help in time of need (The Bible, Psalm 46:1).

Pray that access to the internet, satellite tv and mobile phone networks will not be cut off. These are primary means that the Gospel has been shared and people have been discipled (The Bible, Matthew 9:31).



Algeria

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

39,542,000

1.5%

CHRISTIANS

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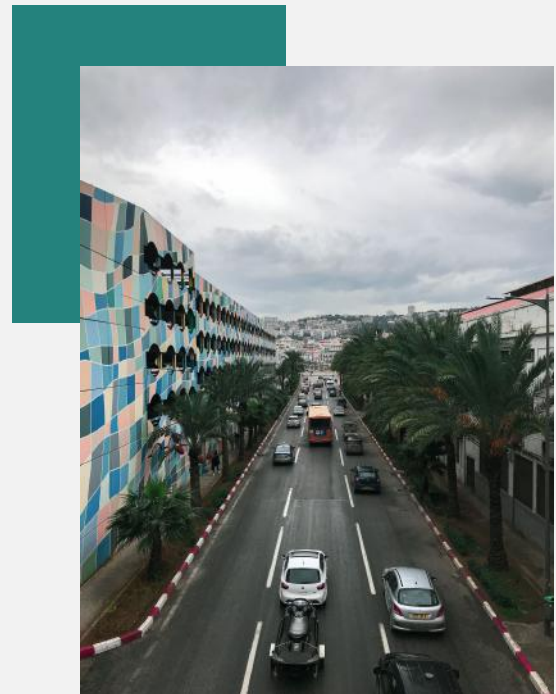
Algeria is listed in 24th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdelmadjid Tebboune is the president of Algeria and Aymen Benabderrahmane is the prime minister. Algeria is the largest nation in Africa. The Berbers were the native people and the nation's first inhabitants. Islamic expansions during the 8th and 11th centuries were highly influential, as the new religion and Arabic language were brought to the region. French ethos and socialist ideas became expressive during French colonial rule, which began during the 19th century, which similarly affected Algerian culture and thought. The struggle for political control cost the lives of over 100,000 people. Islamist factions continue to emerge, and the government, which identifies itself as Islamic, is making concessions to these extremists at alarming rates. During the 1990s, brutal civil war ensued between military forces and Islamist militants. The serious influence of Islam in Algeria and the government's promotion of extremist ideals continue to determine the nation's spiritual climate.

Call to Salvation

Pray that with wide distribution of the Christian literature and resources by the Bible Society in Algeria in the local language formats will enable the persecuted Churches to continue to grow and spread the Gospel across the country (The Bible, Mark 13:10).

Praise Report

Praise God the Christian organizations trying to reach out to Algerians through radio, literature, satellite TV, portable media, and Bible correspondence courses. Praise God for those responding positively for accepting the Jesus Christ as their Savior (The Bible, Hebrews 6:17).



Prayer Requests

We declare God's mighty power upon the community of the Christian Believers from a Kabyle Berber background to enjoy a spirit of unity, which will stand out from the long history of conflict among ethnic groups (The Bible, Psalm 133:1).

We bless Algeria with the grace of God to have more workers to help strengthen the local Churches and take the love of God to the unreached people all over the country for a real life (The Bible, Jeremiah 7:3).

Bahrain

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

1,347,000

8.2%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

Bahrain is not ranked in the World Watch list because it is relatively religiously tolerant compared to its neighbors in the Persian Gulf. It is a majority Islamic country mainly with Shia Muslims, but the ruling family is Sunni Muslim. Hamad bin Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa is the king of Bahrain. The Kingdom of Bahrain is the most open island country in the Gulf region and opened its doors to some Christian influence. The constitution of Bahrain officially grants freedom of religion, but a provision also states that this freedom cannot violate established customs, policy or morals, all of which are influenced by Islam. Only a few expatriate Christians in the country experience relative freedom to worship but are under close surveillance by the government and security forces. Converts from Islam experience the most severe persecution, as family members and local communities pressure them to recant their Christian faith.

Call to Salvation

We declare divine liberty and freedom over Bahrain that the Bahrainis will get real religious freedom and overcome the constitutional contradiction in the law. Embolden them with the power of the Holy Spirit to profess their faith Christ (The Bible, Acts 1:8).

Praise Report

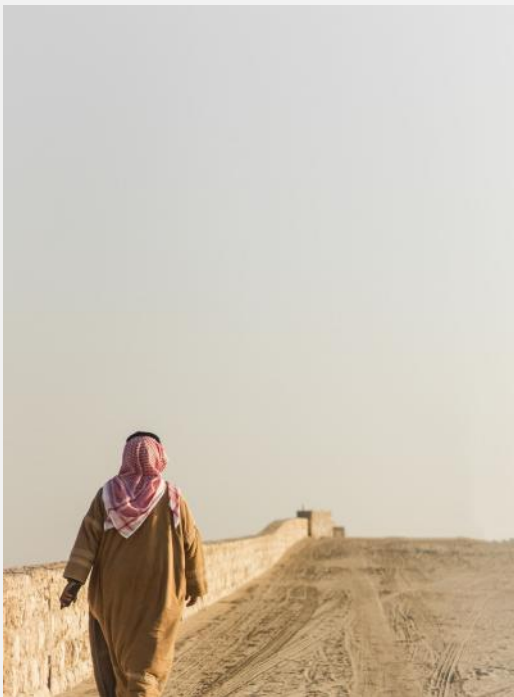
We praise God that the Gulf's only synagogue, based in Bahrain has started hosting its first weekly prayer service from March 2021. Jewish families in the kingdom will gather for the service at The House of Ten Commandments for the first time in years (The Bible, Psalm 99:9).



Prayer Requests

Pray that Christian Believers from Muslim backgrounds will grow in their knowledge of Christ and become secured in their faith in Christ. Pray for those who have been rejected by their families for conversion (The Bible, Psalm 140:1).

Pray that Bahraini Christian Believers will gain courage, wisdom and boldness to reach out to their Muslim friends, Colleagues and their family members (The Bible, Deuteronomy 31:6).



Egypt

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

88,487,000

13%

CHRISTIANS

16TH

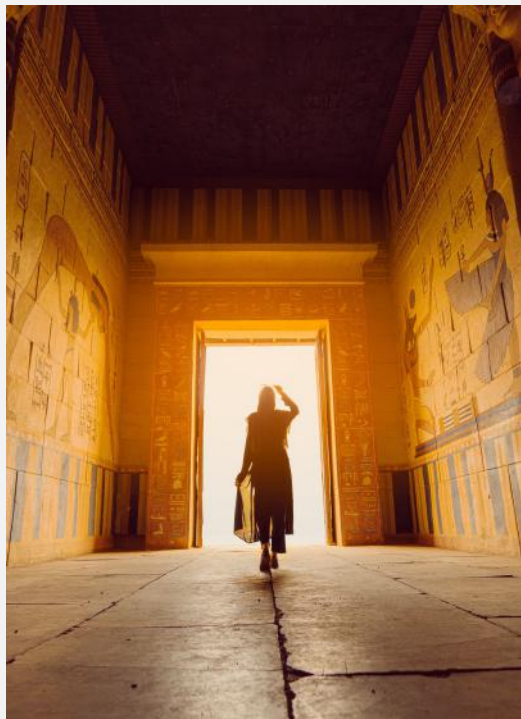
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Egypt is listed in 20th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution with a slight increase in overall opposition to Christians. The current president of Egypt is Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Although Egypt's government speaks positively about Egypt's Christian community, the lack of serious law enforcement and the unwillingness of local authorities to protect Christians leave them vulnerable to all kinds of attacks. Due to the dictatorial nature of the regime, neither church leaders nor other Christians are in a position to speak out against these practices. Christians of all backgrounds face difficulties in finding new places for communal worship. The difficulties come both from state restrictions, as well as from communal hostility and mob violence. Christians from a Muslim background often have great difficulty in living out their faith since they face enormous pressure from their families to return to Islam. The state also makes it impossible for them to get any official recognition of their conversion.

Call to Salvation

Pray that the Coptic and the Evangelical Christians will shine as Godly light and serve as healing salt among the sorrow stricken people and lead many to Christ (The Bible, Matthew 5:13).



Praise Report

We praise God for the Christian Believers though experiencing the worst human rights crisis in many decades, have stood firm in their faith in Christ. We thank God for human rights defenders, daring journalists and Christian leaders defending rights to worship (The Bible, John 4:24).



Prayer Requests

Pray for those who turned to Christ in spite of the increase in persecution. Pray for the Christian families in these uncertain times to receive timely help to withstand the deadly pandemic and persecution (The Bible, Psalm 12:1).

Pray for Egyptian Christian Believers affected by persecution from Islamic extremists. Pray that their needs will be met and God's glory will be revealed to them in an unprecedented way (The Bible, 1 Peter 4:13).

Gaza Strip

DOMINANT RELIGION

ISLAM

POPULATION

1,869,000

1.7%

CHRISTIANS

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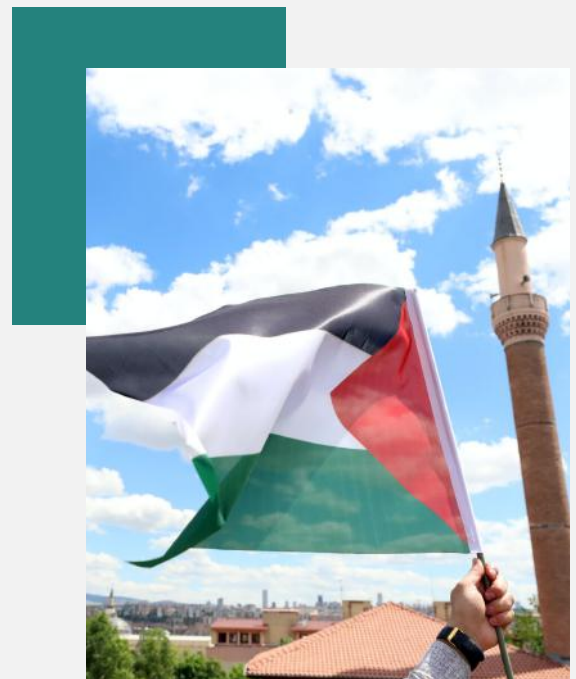
The Gaza Strip is a narrow strip of land along the Mediterranean Sea in the Middle East, bordered by Egypt to the southwest and Israel to the north and east. Ismail Haniyeh is the president and Mohammad Shtayyeh is the Prime Minister in Gaza. The Gaza Strip residents are severely constrained by the political rights and civil liberties. Blockade of the territory, periodic military incursions by Israel have imposed serious hardship on the civilian population. The Islamist political and militant group Hamas gained control of Gaza following its victory in the legislative elections and a subsequent conflict with Fatah, the ruling party in the West Bank. The subsequent schism between Hamas and the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority has contributed to legal confusion and repeated postponement of elections, which have not been held in Gaza. Israel launched a month-long air campaign against sites in Gaza in early August 2021, in response to a rocket attack launched from the territory. Israeli authorities tightened restrictions on the flow of materials, including fuel and construction materials, into Gaza

Praise Report

Praise God that more than a million refugees, the majority of Gaza's population have been receiving food aid from the U.N. agency and also health care and basic sanitation. Their families have fled or were driven out at the escalation in hostilities. (The Bible, Luke 10:34).

Call to Salvation

We exalt the mighty name of Jesus Christ over Gaza that God will send the light of His Word to the Christian Believers that they will spread hope and salvation (The Bible, Isaiah 51:5).

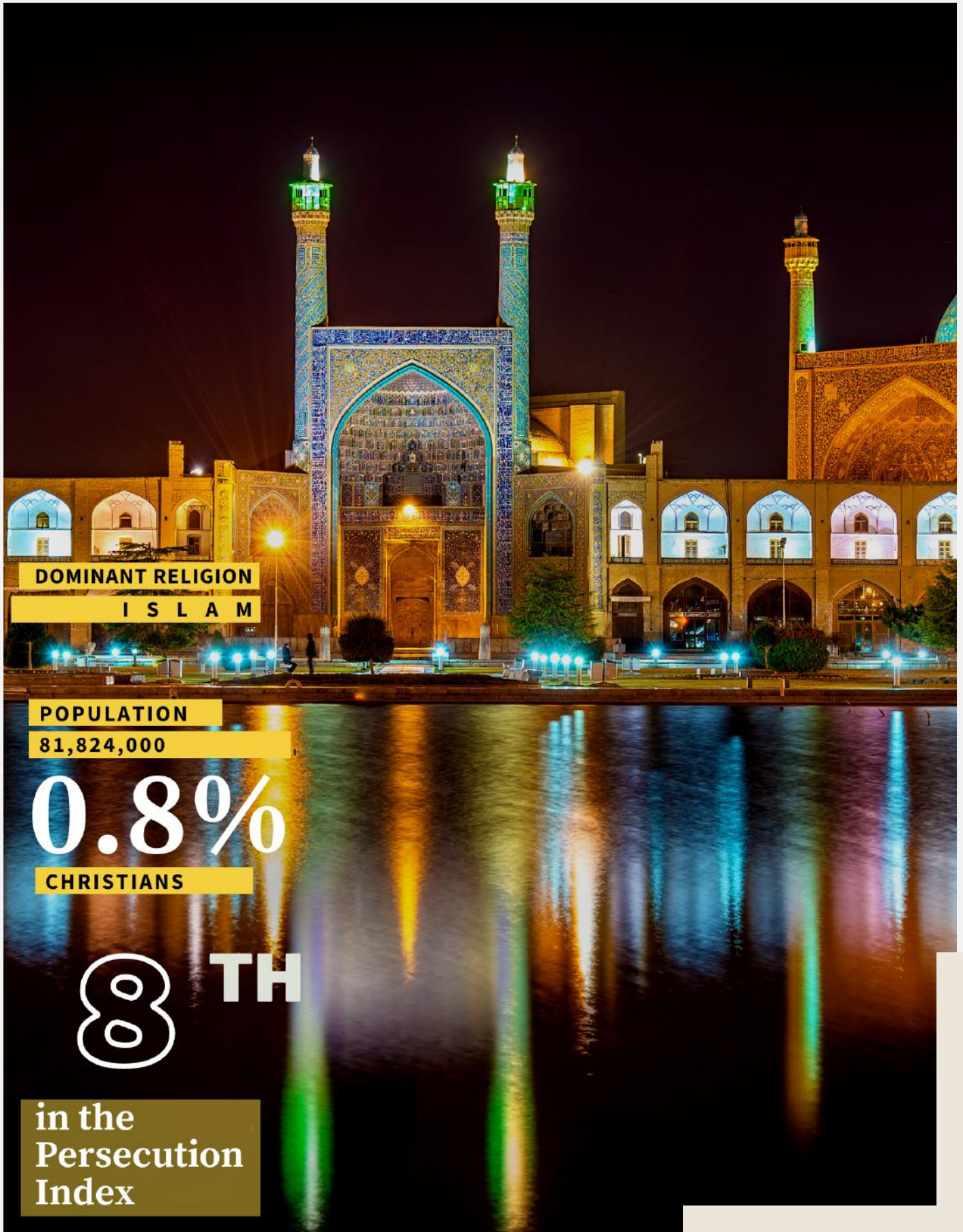


Prayer Requests

We declare God's grace over the people in Gaza as they fear of a bigger catastrophe: a wide-scale outbreak in a population of 2 million people confined to a territory where the health care system has been devastated (The Bible, Hebrews 2:15).

We pronounce the peace and divine rule of God that the periodic fighting and a longstanding feud between Hamas and the Palestinians will come to an end (The Bible, Proverbs 22:10).

Iran



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

81,824,000

0.8%

CHRISTIANS

8TH

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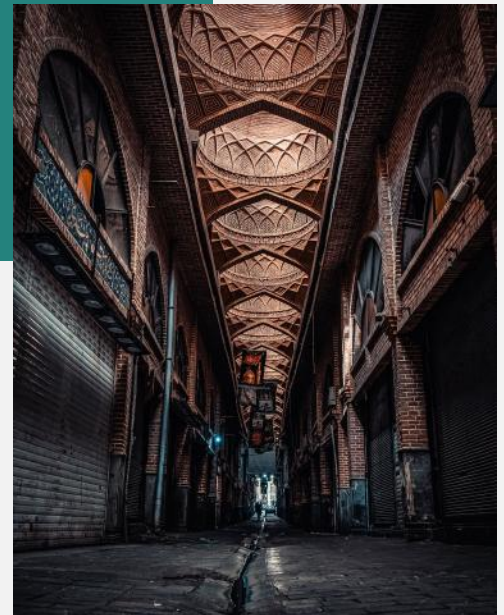
Formerly known as Persia, Iran retains its identity as one of the greatest empires of the ancient world. They have maintained their language, culture and Shia interpretation of Islam. In recent years there has been an increasing internal divide between hard-line and moderate Muslims. Internationally backed US sanctions have taken a huge toll on the economy resulting in protests on the street and greater dissatisfaction with the Islamic clerics. Protests were brutally squashed, only fueling the tensions. The COVID-19 virus has ravaged the nation, further exposing the government to criticism, however elections that took place this year returned a hard-line government to power. The evangelical church has continued to see incredible growth. House churches carry great influence and their growth has resulted in ongoing arrests and restrictions on Christians.

Praise Report

Praise God for many churches and Christian ministries reaching Iranians in Iran and in the diaspora who continue to report hunger, openness and growth (The Bible, Matthew 5:6).

Call to Salvation

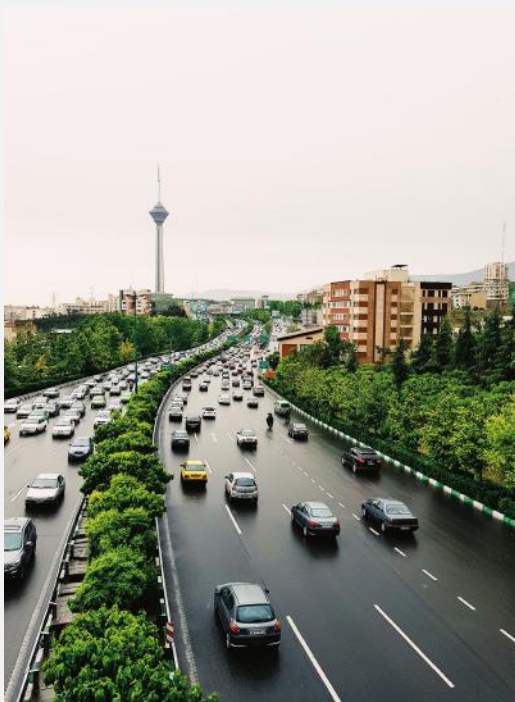
Pray for the Church to continue to grow in faith and boldness, engaging in outreach and missions, seeing many come to faith in Jesus Christ (The Bible, Matthew 24:14).



Prayer Requests

Pray that the increased dissatisfaction in the nation will also be a reflection of ever-deepening dissatisfaction with the Islamic faith (The Bible, Psalm 107:9).

Pray for protection over the Christian Believers at this time. Pray that they will not become the targets of government frustrations. Pray instead that the Church will experience a season of grace while the government grapples with the more urgent needs of civil unrest (The Bible, Acts 4:33).



Iraq

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

37,056,000

1.4%

CHRISTIANS

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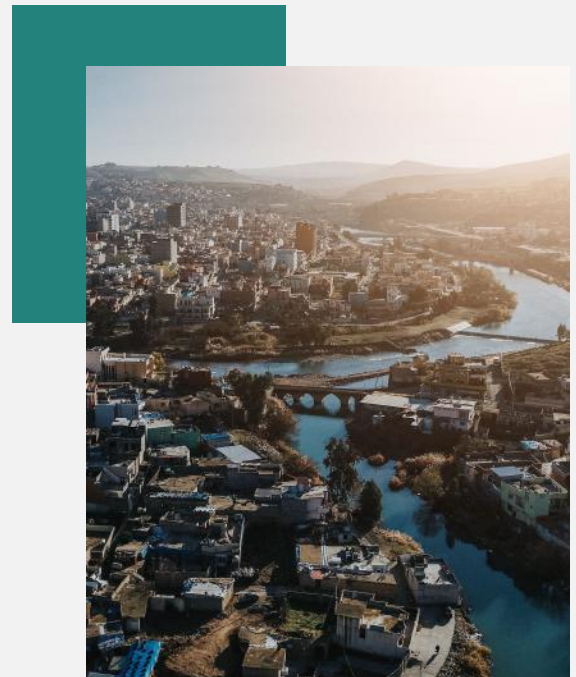
Iraq is listed in 11th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Modern Iraq occupies what was once ancient Mesopotamia and the world now knows Iraq less as a memorial to its vibrant history and more as a bloody battleground. The current president is Barham Salih. The incumbent Prime Minister of Iraq is Mustafa Al-Kadhimi, who holds most of the executive authority and appointed the Council of Ministers, which acts as a cabinet and/or government. In Iraq, the presence of Islamic extremist groups, and their ideology continue to influence society. Christians are pressured to conform to the Islamic way of life and are often faced with physical abuse or the threat of kidnapping. The Iraqi government discriminates against Christians in various contexts, from the workplace to travelling checkpoints across the country. Blasphemy laws can be used to punish Christians who try to spread the gospel.

Praise Report

We praise God for the Christian Believers standing firm in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and those converted from a Muslim background to keep their faith in spite of the risk of losing their inheritance or the right to marry (The Bible, Psalm 72:12).

Call to Salvation

Call upon the Lord of host to raise an army of Christian Believers in Iraq to support and care for those seriously affected by persecution in the country and proclaim the Gospel courageously and vigorously (The Bible, Acts 8:12).



Prayer Requests

Declare healing for the Iraqis suffering from the spread of COVID-19 and pray for divine protection upon His people (The Bible, Psalm 69:32).

Pray for wisdom for political leaders in Iraq so that they will save the people from the militias and IS. Pray that corruption will be abhorred in the country and their eyes are opened to God (The Bible, Luke 24:45).

Israel

DOMINANT RELIGION
JUDAISM

POPULATION
8,049,000

1.5%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

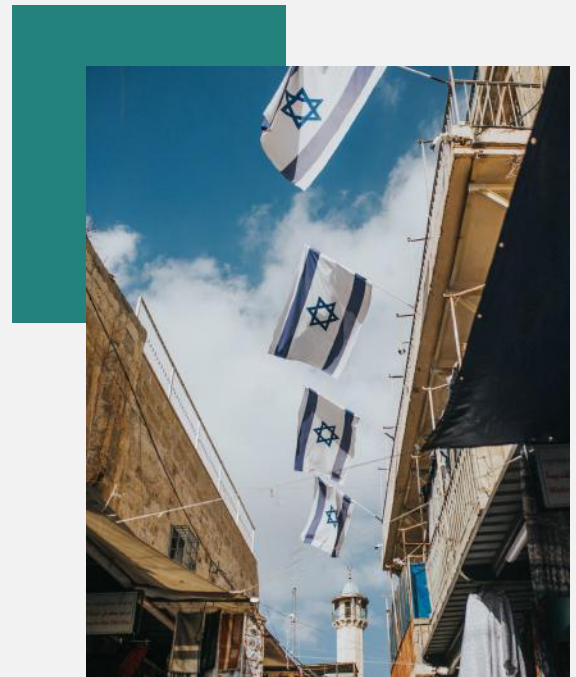
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Israel is a republic with a president as head of state. However, the president's powers are largely ceremonial; the prime minister holds the executive power. Isaac Herzog is the Israel President and Incumbent Naftali Bennett is serving as Prime Minister from 13 June 2021. Tensions between the nation of Israel and Palestine have existed for more than a century. Ever since the 20th century, the two nations have had to contest over land, especially in post-WWII in 1948 when Israel was established as a Jewish state in the area in which it surrounds today. But most recently, the group Hamas, frustrated with the restrictions placed on them by Israel, fired rockets close to Jerusalem. Israel retaliated. Violent clashes over Jerusalem escalated dramatically with Gaza and many were killed by Israeli airstrikes launched after Palestinian militant groups fired rockets close to Jerusalem.

Praise Report

Praise God that the Israeli army's Home Front Command, Gordin is now overseeing the military's CORONAVIRUS "task force", to bring one of the developed world's worst outbreaks under control (The Bible, Ecclesiastes 2:3).



Call to Salvation

We pronounce Aaronic blessings over the Israelites that they will turn to the Lord so the veil will be taken away and their spiritual blindness will be removed. Make the Chosen People and the Promised Land of scripture stand as testaments to the faithfulness of God's promises. (The Bible, Numbers 6:24-26).



Prayer Requests

Declare God's glorious Omnipotence over Israel and lift up the nation in prayer and all those involved in the conflict, that the Lord will provide protection, peace, and safety for those caught in the crossfire (The Bible, Luke 10:19).

Pray that a resolution will be attained and the multiple armed conflicts, ethnic and religious disputes and failed peace accords will come to an end (The Bible, Proverbs 1:33).

Jordan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

37,056,000

2.1%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Jordan is listed in 38th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein has been King of Jordan. Bisher Al-Khasawneh is the incumbent Prime Minister since 12 October 2020. There are about 8 million people living in Jordan. The original inhabitants of Jordan are the nomadic Bedouin people and many of their traditions still shape the culture, such as in the provision of hospitality. The prices for food and petrol increase constantly with salaries remaining at the same level. This is a particular challenge. Poverty is on the rise. Jordan's major population is Muslim; there is a small percentage of Christians. However, Jordanian Christians often live in isolation from Muslims.

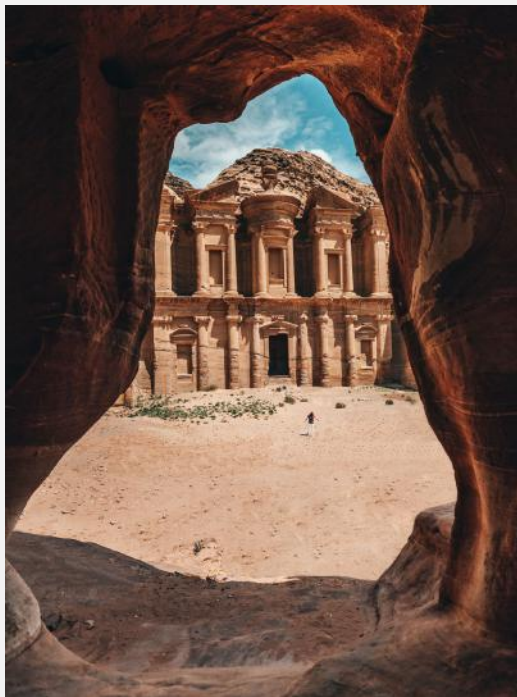
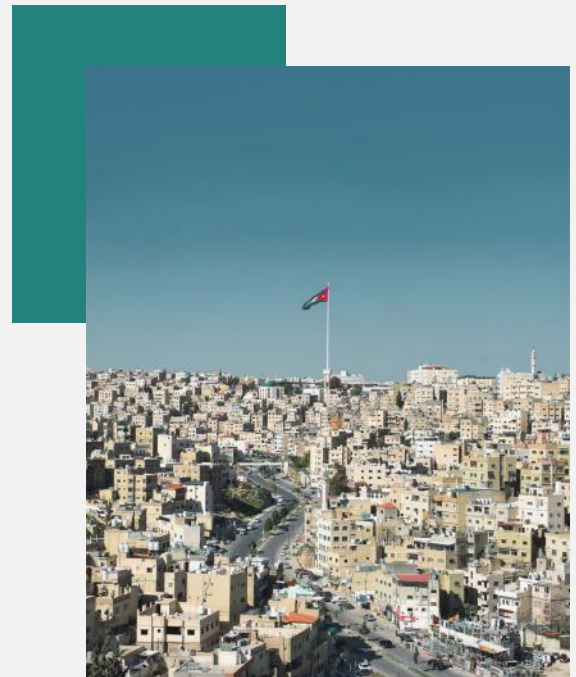
The Kingdom of Jordan and its people face many challenges with an influx of refugees from four regional wars and a lack of water and other resources. Millions of refugees from different conflicts currently live in Jordan.

Call to Salvation

Lord unleash Your mighty power over the Christian Media to be effective in Jordan, specifically the Christian satellite TV and radio broadcasts. Pray that the refugees will hear the gospel and be healed physically and emotionally (The Bible, Ephesians 4:12).

Praise Report

Praise God for the Christian-run clinic in Jordan which gives emergency treatment for those affected by the bombing from across the border in Syria. This creates opportunities for sharing God's love, comforting and help in healing (The Bible, Proverbs 16:24).



Prayer Requests

Embolden the Christians stopped from holding physical services in Amman. Pray that they will be steadfast in their faith and will follow the Lord diligently (The Bible, Romans 12:8).

Pray for the Muslim follower of Christ who are experiencing strong pressure from family and society and considered traitors to stay firm in their faith in Christ (The Bible, Colossians 1:23).

Kuwait

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

4,621,638

8.1%

CHRISTIANS

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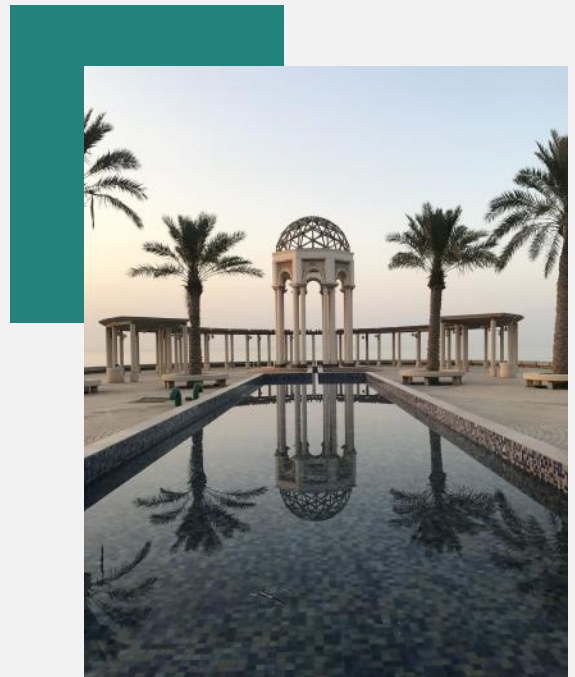
Kuwait is listed in 48 position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is the current emir in Kuwait. It is a very small country with the capital city (Kuwait City) being the center of all activities. It has developed a consensus style government. The Emirate of Kuwait functions as a constitutional monarchy with power vested in the Emir and a parliament. Kuwaiti citizens enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world today. Kuwait has a relatively liberal Islamic regime. Kuwaiti citizens are nearly all Muslim. Christians face risks especially converts from Islam to Christianity. Evangelism to Kuwaitis is forbidden.

Praise Report

We praise God that the Kuwaiti Christian Believers are growing into a community of indigenous believers and boldly sharing their faith in Christ to others (The Bible, Acts 4:29)

Call to Salvation

We pray that Christian Believers in Kuwait will live as powerful testimonies for the Gospel to their Muslim neighbors and co-workers and lead many to the love of Jesus Christ (The Bible, Acts 10:27).



Prayer Requests

Pray for Kuwaiti Christians who are sometimes detained and interrogated by the authorities and face severe threats if they continue to practice their faith and meet with other believers (The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 3:4).

Pray for those Kuwaitis who are willing to hear the Gospel and want to respond to God, and overcome cultural and familial pressures prevent many from following Christ (The Bible, John 16:33).

Lebanon

DOMINANT RELIGION

ISLAM

POPULATION

6,185,000

32.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Michel Aoun is the president of the Lebanese Republic and the head of state of Lebanon. Hassan Diab is the prime minister. Lebanon has suffered profound economic problems. The value of its currency has plummeted. Ramifications of the pandemic and explosion in Beirut are added to the ongoing crisis.

The weekend of October 9-10 was a time of widespread power outages in Lebanon that stemmed from the fuel shortage. Without the fuel, the Lebanese could not operate their power plants. Small shops were closed which are essential for the Lebanese to get food and other necessities. Perishable items like cheese and meats went bad without refrigeration. With shortages come much higher prices, making everything less affordable. Life-saving medicines were no longer available, and when they were, the prices had become exceedingly high. Lebanon imports 80 percent of their food, medicine, and fuel. Imported goods require more fuel which is already in short supply and therefore expensive.

Call to Salvation

We pray that local Church Evangelical Christian Believers will find a renewed passion for Christ and courage that more Lebanese people will seek His face and commit their lives to God (The Bible, 1 Corinthians 16:13).

Praise Report

We praise God for the Christian Children Workers team engaging the refugee children with actions to the songs, puppet shows, and games. May the illiterate children learn the spiritual content for change in their life (The Bible, Romans 8:14).



Prayer Requests

Pray for conducive conditions allowing the faith of the Christian Believers to flourish in Lebanon, and for it to be a sanctuary where persecuted believers may rebuild their lives (The Bible, Isaiah 35:1).

Declare God's love over the lives of numerous children in a refugee camp in Lebanon. Most of the children are not in school and some of them work to help their families survive (The Bible, 1 John 3:18).

Libya

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

6,412,000

3.2%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Libya is listed in 4th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Abdul Hamid Mohammed Dbeibeh is a Libyan politician who is the current Prime Minister of Libya's interim Government of National Unity. Libya's Presidential Council head Fayez al-Sarraj is ready to step down and pass his tasks and responsibilities to the new government to consolidate the principle of peaceful transition of power. The national general election is scheduled in December 2021. The situation for Christians in Libya changed drastically after the Gaddafi regime fell. The country fell into chaos, and weapons and Islamist ideologies flowed across the relaxed borders from Egypt. Islamist militia groups such as Ansar al Sharia, the Nusra Front, and ISIS had firmly embedded themselves in Libya and begun to hunt down Christians. The world will never forget that on a beach ISIS beheaded Coptic Christians for their faith in Christ.

Praise Report

Praise God that the global Christian communities and the Churches are praying for the Libyans with love and sympathy, standing at the gap interceding for the protection of the Christian Believers in Libya (The Bible, 1 Peter 3:8).

Call to Salvation

Pray that the Christian Believers will gain greater religious freedom, spread the gospel and be able to follow Jesus openly. Bless the work on translating Scripture into Libyan Arabic that it will be completed and that Libyans will read or hear the good news of Jesus Christ in their vernacular language (The Bible, Isaiah 66:18).



Prayer Requests

Declare liberty to the Libyan believers who are under immense pressure, particularly those who are arrested and mistreated because of their faith. Pray for protection and release of the new converts bringing them out of all bondages (The Bible, Isaiah 58:6).

Pronounce God's rule and reign over those in power in Libya. Pray for peace and stability, and for an end to the proxy civil war and the situation of lawlessness and justice restored (The Bible, Proverbs 29:7).



Mauritania

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

4,081,000

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

20TH

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Devotional

Mauritania is listed in 20th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania lies on the Atlantic coast of North Africa. The Sahara makes up 90% of Mauritania's land. The President is Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani and Mustafa Al-Kadhimi is the prime minister. Though filled with natural beauty and political peace compared to many of the surrounding countries, Mauritania is one of the poorest Arab nations with social and political problems, including racism, slavery, illiteracy, child marriage and female genital mutilation. The government is intolerant of conversion to Christianity; however, historically Mauritania has been welcoming of foreigners and appreciative of NGOs, businesses and development projects. The people of Mauritania are generally hospitable and kind, holding varying levels of devotion to Islam. There are three main people groups forming the population: Moors, Pulaars and Soninke. The COVID-19 risk in Mauritania is moderate.

Call to Salvation

We declare the rule of Jesus Christ over Mauritania. Embolden the small network of Christians that they can receive encouragement and discipleship (The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Praise Report

Praise God that over the last decade in different parts of the country there are the beginnings of a Church movement. Praise God that He is fulfilling His promises in the most unlikely places (The Bible, Isaiah 43:19-21).



Prayer Requests

Pray for peace between tribes. For God to soften the hearts of those who are close-minded.

Pray for God to bless the leaders with the fear of the Lord. For freedom of religion (The Bible, Psalm 67:4)

Pray that the handful of believers known to live in the country to find jobs and escape from the snares of the enemy (The Bible, Psalm 91:3).

Morocco

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

33,323,000

0.2%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

The Kingdom of Morocco is ranked 27th on the 2021 World Watch List for Christian persecution. The King of Morocco is Mohammed VI. This North African nation borders the Atlantic Ocean in the west, the Mediterranean Sea in the north; it shares maritime borders with Portugal and Spain. Morocco borders Algeria in the east and Western Sahara in the south. The non-self-governing territory, claimed by Morocco, borders Mauritania in the Moroccan-controlled part of Western Sahara. The average pressure on Christians in Morocco remains high. And, for converts from Islam, the pressure is even higher. They can lose their inheritance rights or even custody of their children. Converts face opposition from family members, who do not want them to practice their new faith publicly—often, this means new Christians are not allowed to be baptized, married or buried in a Church or Christian ceremony.

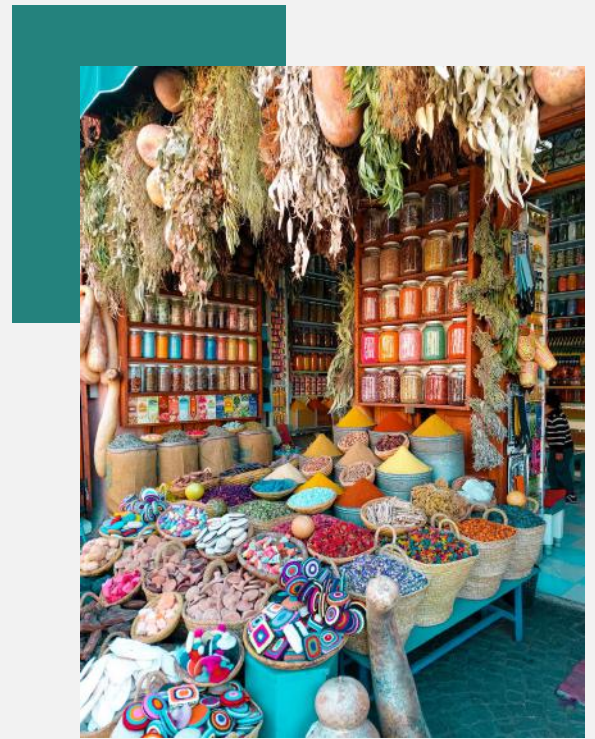
Call to Salvation

We declare God's mighty power over this desert land that it will receive streams of God's living waters. Pray that the internet Christian programs will reach people in the remote regions resulting in the mass of people coming to Jesus Christ (The Bible, Ephesians 1:9).



Praise Report

Praise God for the faithful Christian Believers stand firm in faith in spite of increased pressure in family, community and Church life. Bless the YouTube channel launched by Moroccan Christians to explain their faith (The Bible, Philippians 1:27).



Prayer Requests

Pray that the Moroccan Christians will emerge from the shadows of the past and begin to demand humanitarian rights and criticize discriminatory practices in the right manner (The Bible, Titus 1:9).

Pray against the Moroccan penal code that it is a criminal act to "shake the faith of a Muslim." This makes it very difficult for Christians to share their faith and chokes the ability of Churches to reach their community (The Bible, Psalm 18:29).

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DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

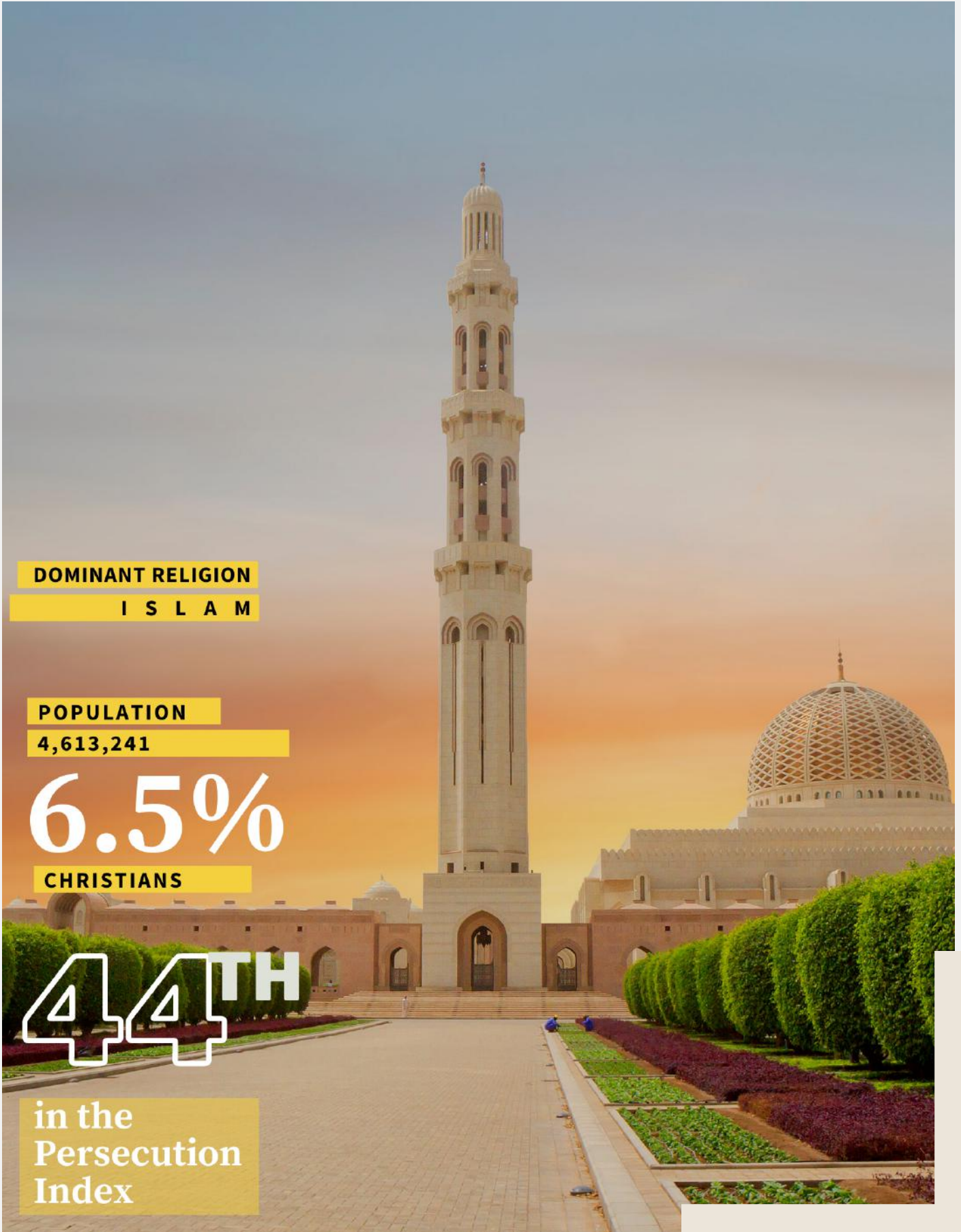
4,613,241

6.5%

CHRISTIANS

44TH

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Devotional

Oman is listed in 20 position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The Sultan of Oman is Haitham bin Tariq Al. The standard of living improved dramatically due to the discovery of oil. Omanis highly respect their Sultan and have enjoyed peace and prosperity under his leadership. Modern technology has vastly changed the lifestyles of Omanis. Smartphones, the internet, and social media command a great deal of the time of young and older Omanis. Oman's population has doubled in the past 25 years and around 50% of the population is under 16 years of age. Traditional family structures are also changing.

Pride, diversity, and rapid development describe the country of Oman. The people love the modernization that is re-defining their lives, yet at the same time, cling to traditional values and customs. The conservative and traditional nature of Oman's Islamic society, combined with material comfort, result in much resistance to the Gospel.

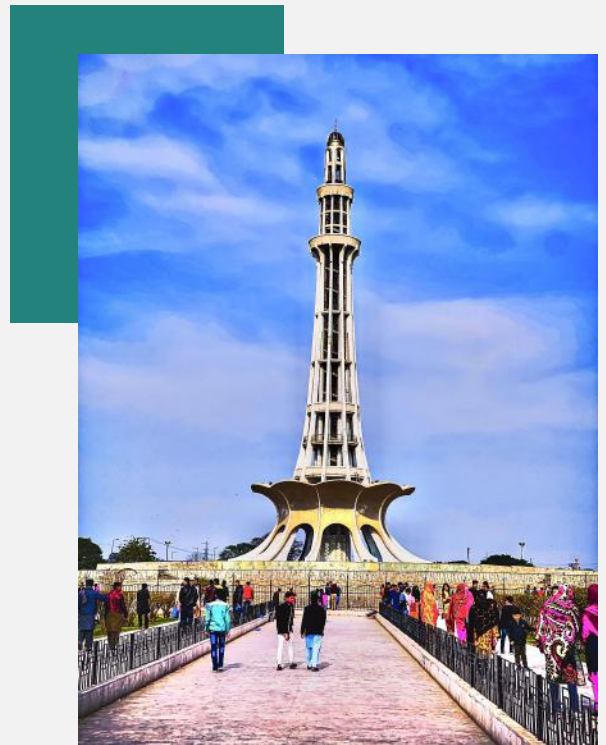
Call to Salvation

We pray that the Believers in Oman throughout the country will be bold and make use of the crisis time to draw many people to the Love of Christ for a joyful life making use of the media strategies radio, the internet, and mobile phones (The Bible, Acts 15:3).



Praise Report

Praise God that the sultan's rule is a benevolent absolute monarchy and his modernization program and moderate foreign policy have opened Oman's doors to the outside world and led to overall good relations in the Middle East. Cause this to evangelization in the country (The Bible, 1 Kings 1:48).



Prayer Requests

Declare God's mighty power upon the lives of the isolated secret believers that they will come into fellowship with other believers and refresh each other. Pray for the entire family members to come to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (The Bible, Proverbs 11:25).

Embolden the Christian Believers in Oman to make use of the situation to worship the living God with all faithfulness as there is a massive expatriate influence in the country and the people are free to practice varying faiths (The Bible, Joshua 24:14).

Pakistan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

199 MILLION

0.7%

CHRISTIANS

5TH

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Devotional

Pakistan has the world's third largest Muslim population. It is also one of the world's most corrupt countries. Pakistan's political and economic systems are crippled by the interference of refugees and radical Islamists. Pakistan hosts 14 million refugees and at least 48 terrorist and extremist groups – including the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and IS. The country's culture of Islamization with its notorious blasphemy laws has led to devastating consequences for Christian Believers, who experience more violence than almost anywhere else. Threats of violence and terror attacks are a very real part of life for the Christian community. Despite obstacles, the Church continues to grow, though lack of sound teaching opens the door to corruption, immorality, and low spiritual standards among Christians. Pakistan has been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic with numbers of cases and deaths high, and economic impact felt keenly among the nation's poor.

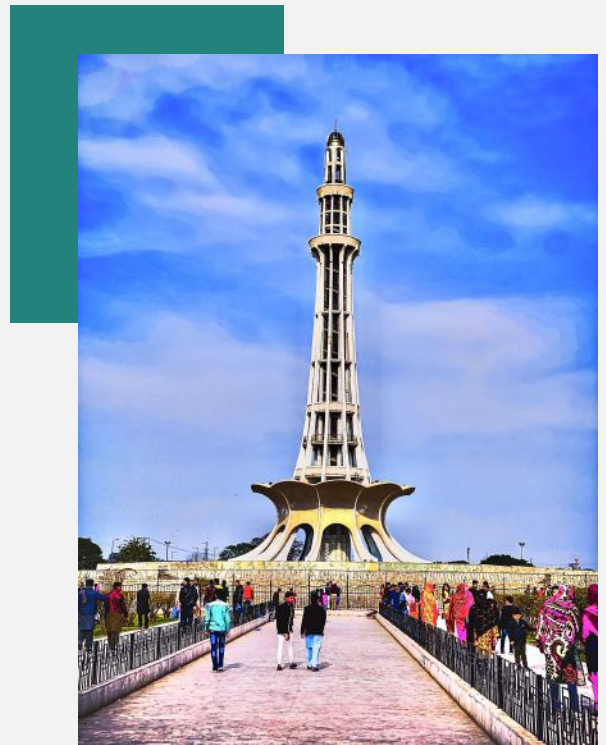
Call to Salvation

Pray for a mighty wave of salvations to flood this nation, transforming hearts and minds, bringing peace and stability (The Bible, Psalm 51:10-12).



Praise Report

Praise God that the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly opened the door for Christian ministries to be welcomed into communities, and increase cooperation and unity between churches (The Bible, Ephesians 1:9-11).



Prayer Requests

Bless the government with renewed commitment to appropriately address all the terrorist and extremist groups in the country, particularly considering the Taliban's return to power in neighboring Afghanistan (The Bible, Isaiah 1:26).

There are many sports ministries that are investing into discipling and training young people. Pray that through involvement with sports ministries, many people will come to know Jesus, and grow strong in their love for Jesus (The Bible, Zechariah 12:5).

Qatar

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

2,195,000

6.3%

CHRISTIANS

29TH

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Devotional

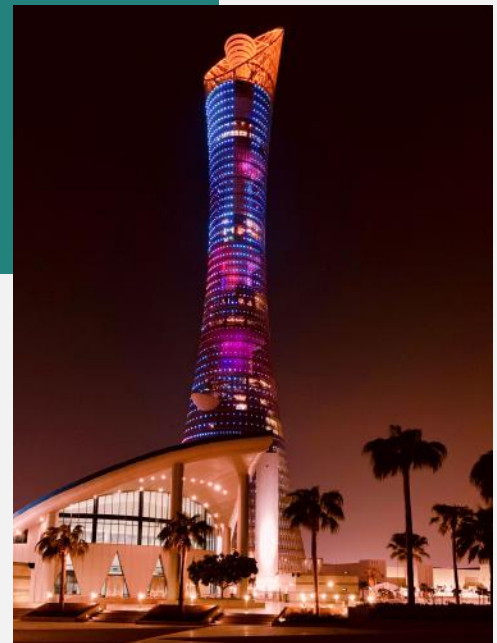
Qatar is listed in 29th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Qatar is an absolute monarchy ruled by Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani the Emir. The State of Qatar, unlike many other Middle Eastern nations, has successfully avoided the unrest and violence of the Arab Spring. The peninsula nation bordering the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia was part of the Turkish-Ottoman Empire and then operated under British protection. Nearly 80% of the population is Muslim, and it is forbidden to criticize the ruling family or Islam or to share the Gospel. Many expatriates have been forced to leave the country as a result of speaking about Christ.

Praise Report

We praise God that more souls can be added to the Kingdom of God as Qatar has the highest rate of population growth in the world. The population remains relatively small though, and Qatar has the highest net migration rate in the world (The Bible, Exodus 1:20).

Call to Salvation

We declare God's favor upon the lives of the Christian Believers so that new openings and more opportunities to lead Qataris to the Lord will be made possible. Pray for more workers from all over the world to come into Qatar creating a new atmosphere in this strict Wahhabi Muslim country (The Bible, Acts 10:36).



Prayer Requests

Pray that God will initiate local Churches and national Christian leadership within the nation. Pray that God will break the spiritual superiority of Qataris concerning Islam and prepare their hearts for the message of the Gospel of Christ (The Bible, Ezekiel 36:26).

Pray that God will mobilize the thousands of expatriate Christians in Qatar to pray for Qataris and to reach out to them with the Gospel of Christ. Pray for continued and greater unity amongst them so Qataris will see Christ's love through them (The Bible, Ephesians 4:3).

Saudi Arabia

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

33 MILLION

4.3%

CHRISTIANS

14TH

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Devotional

Saudi Arabia is listed in 14th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Mohammed bin Salman is the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia, the home of Islam, has outlawed churches and punished Christian worship for decades. The kingdom's 14 million Christians meet in secret places. According to human rights report,

Saudi Arabia held the presidency of the G20 in 2020 despite the country's longstanding human rights abuses. Authorities failed to hold high level officials accountable for suspected involvement in the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. Through 2020, the Saudi-led coalition continued a military campaign against the Houthi rebel group in Yemen that has included scores of unlawful airstrikes that have killed and wounded thousands of civilians. Expatriate Christians are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith with Muslims and in gathering for worship, which entails the risk of detention and deportation.

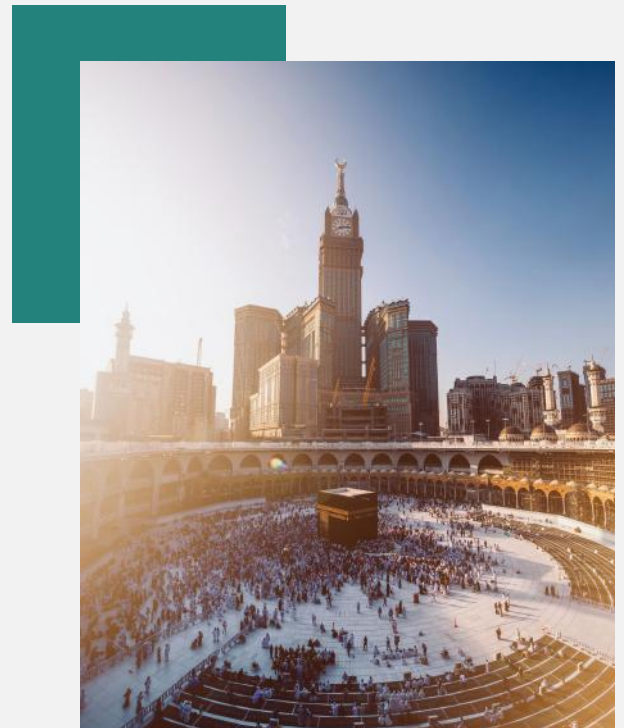
Call to Salvation

We declare the rule of Jesus Christ over Saudi Arabia. Embolden the small network of Christians that they can receive encouragement and discipleship. Use the internet and Christian satellite TV channels to strengthen and grow the Church in Saudi Arabia (The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 5:11).



Praise Report

We praise God that the small number of Saudi Christians has been slowly increasing worshipping the Lord in spite of the strict Islamic system and daringly sharing their Christian faith to the Saudi families (The Bible, 1 Peter 2:17).

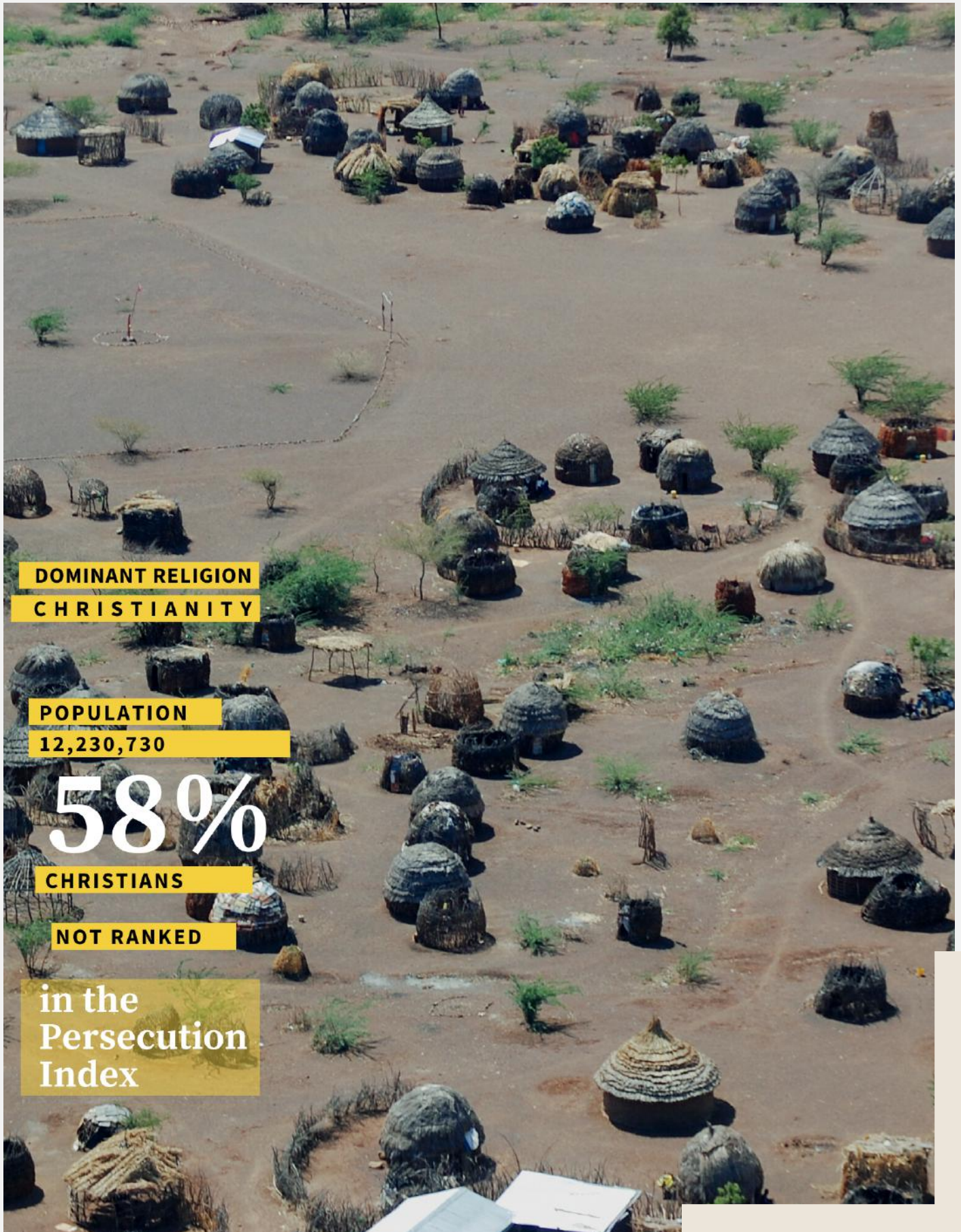


Prayer Requests

Pray for the majority of expatriate Christians in Saudi Arabia besides being exploited and poorly paid are regularly exposed to verbal and physical abuse because of their ethnicity and low status (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 1:5).

Pray that these, Asian and African workers will withstand the mistreatment and profess their Christian faith during their hardship (The Bible, Job 6:23).

South Sudan



DOMINANT RELIGION
CHRISTIANITY

POPULATION
12,230,730

58%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

Salva Kiir Mayardit is the President and the Prime Minister is Abdallah Hamdok of South Sudan. South Sudan, a nation of roughly 11 million people, is seen as one of the most diverse nations in the region, consisting of more than 60 different ethnic groups. Around 60% of its population identifies as Christian. Although it attained independence from Sudan in 2011, in recent years, political disputes have largely fallen along ethnic lines. South Sudan is only recently emerging from a devastating, multiyear civil war. However, it has been mired in political instability and violence since 2013. The new outbreak of war caught the Church unprepared in South Sudan.

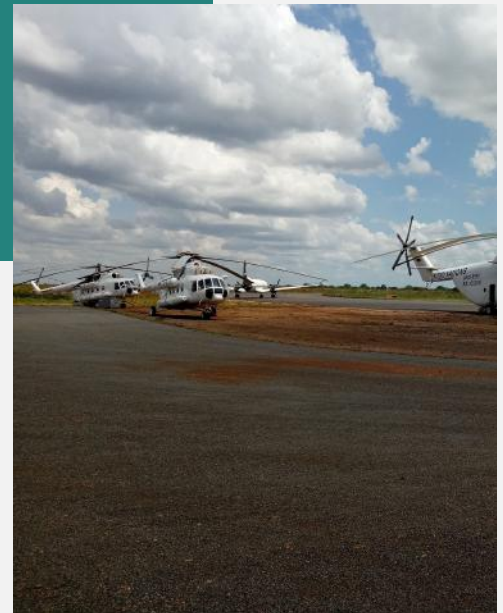
The Church played a major role in protecting people and mobilizing humanitarian support, and in mediating local peace and reconciliation processes rebuilding the capacity to implement national level initiatives

Praise Report

Praise God that throughout fifty years of struggles, South Sudan's different Churches have remained faithful. Praise God the Priests and Pastors from numerous denominations brought humanitarian relief to civilians during South Sudan's long wars for independence (The Bible, Isaiah 40:29).

Call to Salvation

We declare God's rule and reign over South Sudan. Cause the Independence Day celebrations to encourage national unity and acts of intimidation against the Church will be overcome and the Christian Believers will boldly profess their faith in Christ (The Bible, Mark 13:10).



Prayer Requests

Pray that amid destruction and failed politics, Church leaders will emerge as the only players left standing with any credibility and national recognition (The Bible, Ezra 8:23)

Pray that God will enable the Christian leaders to effectively lobby the international community to support peace between communities torn apart by war and ethnic strife (The Bible, Luke 22:26).

Sudan

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

41,592,539

5%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Sudan is listed in 13th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Incumbent Abdalla Hamdok is the present Prime Minister of The Republic of Sudan. Religious minorities, especially Christians have been treated badly for their faith in Christ. They have endured hate speech and terrible abhorrence. As it was illegal for Muslim women to marry non-Muslim men, many of such people were forced into reconversion. In many areas the Churches were vandalized and burned down. Today, Sudan is still overwhelmingly Muslim, but there is a substantial Christian minority.

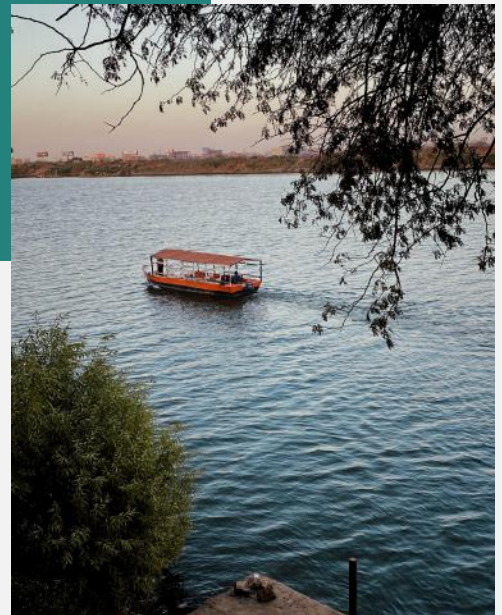
There was a military-led coup in Sudan on 25th October 2021 leading to the detention of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and several key Sudanese government officials. The Sovereign Council committee helped to keep the balance of power between the two hostile groups. Sudan has been in a tenuous situation ever since a coup in 2019 eliminated the rule of long-term dictator Omar al-Bashir.

Call to Salvation

We declare God's dominion over the rulership in Sudan that religious freedom in Sudan will become a reality as an answer to the prayers of Sudanese believer. Empower the Christian Believers to bring many people to Christ through vigorous gospel sharing (The Bible, 1 Corinthians 1:23).

Praise Report

Thank God that Christian celebrations and occasions are now recognized as official holidays in Sudan (The Bible, Nehemiah 8:12).



Prayer Requests

Pray for the Lord to raise up leaders who will serve the people of Sudan rather than use their power for their own purposes. (The Bible, John 13:3-5).

Pray for the innocent and powerless to be protected by the Lord's mighty hand. (The Bible, Psalm 91:7-8).

Pray for oppression and violence to be replaced by justice and truth. (The Bible, Proverbs 6:18-19).

Syria

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

17,065,000

5.9%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

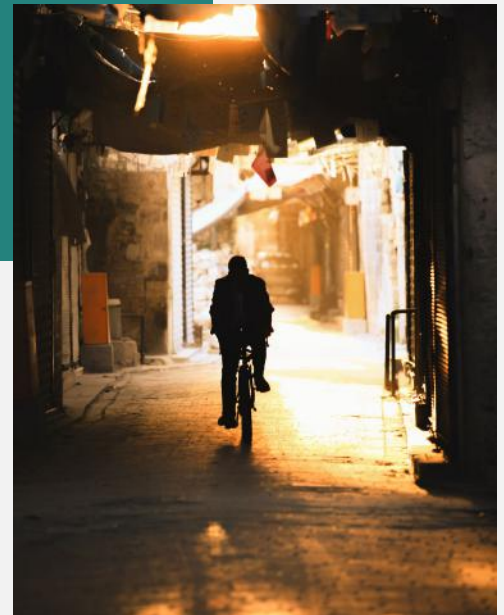
Syria is listed in 12th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The current president of Syria is Bashar al-Assad and the prime minister is Hussein Arnous since 11 June 2020. Syria has been shattered and decimated by war, violence, and terrorism in recent years. Multitudes have lost their lives. Millions have been forced from their homes, leading to a mass humanitarian crisis of historic proportions. Civil war has become a much more complex and multifaceted conflict. The many warring factions are armed opposition groups, rebels, the Islamic State and the Kurds. Numerous war crimes, such as use of chemical warfare, have been reported on all sides, leading to unspeakable horrors among Syrian civilians. The Islamic State has capitalized on Syria's instability and chaos and started taking control of huge areas across northern and eastern Syria. The terrorized people of Syria further suffer from the IS caused terror, and the war has caused the displacement of over six million people within Syria.

Praise Report

We praise God for the 10% Christian population of Syria around 1.2 million before the civil war started and increasing in this pandemic time. Most Syrians are members of either the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch or the Syriac Orthodox Church (The Bible, Acts 16:5).

Call to Salvation

We pray for physical and emotional healing of the Syrian Christian Believers who are directly affected by COVID – 19 pandemic. We pray that God will heal their bodies and use them to comfort others and bring them to Christ (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 1: 3).



Prayer Requests

Pray against the complex conflicts and the resulting humanitarian crisis leading to one of the largest recently recorded refugee exoduses. These millions have sought refuge in neighboring countries and around the world for a living and help (The Bible, Psalm 40:13).

We pray for the small and persecuted Syrian body of Christian Believers to rediscover the zeal and faith of their fathers to cause Christ's love and hope to be poured out on a nation in great turmoil believing that all things are possible with God (The Bible, Mark 10:27).



Tunisia

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

11,722,038

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

Tunisia is listed in 26th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The current President of Tunisia is Kais Saied and the Prime Minister is Najla Bouden Romdhane, the first woman Prime Minister of the country. Modern Tunisians are the descendants of indigenous Berbers and people from numerous civilizations that have invaded or migrated to Tunisia. The Arab Spring enabled the country to have one of the most progressive and open societies in the Arab world. Tunisians felt frustrated by high unemployment, corruption, political oppression, and poor living conditions. Protests led to government changes, and inspired similar protests across the whole Arab world. Tunisia's new constitution is truly progressive, and positive fruit came from the suffering of the Arab Spring. However, unemployment and economic decline remain big challenges to the new government.

Call to Salvation

We declare the move and the anointing of the Spirit upon the lives of Tunisians that God will empower His Church to serve Him wholeheartedly by working for a rich harvest of people accepting Christ (The Bible, Ephesians 6:7).

Praise Report

We praise God for the surviving Church staying in faith believing that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, battling hardship, atrocities done against them and still trying to reach their neighbors with the Gospel of Christ (The Bible, Numbers 32:17).



Prayer Requests

We declare God's decrees over the lives of Tunisians that consistent intercession will break down the long-time barriers to the Gospel that many will turn to Christ and have their lives changed (The Bible, Leviticus 18:4).

We pronounce the great commission of Jesus Christ to the zealous Christian Believers in Tunisia to raise as strong workers to reach the millions of unevangelized in Tunisia (The Bible, Mark 16:15).

Turkey

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

79,414,000

0.3%

CHRISTIANS

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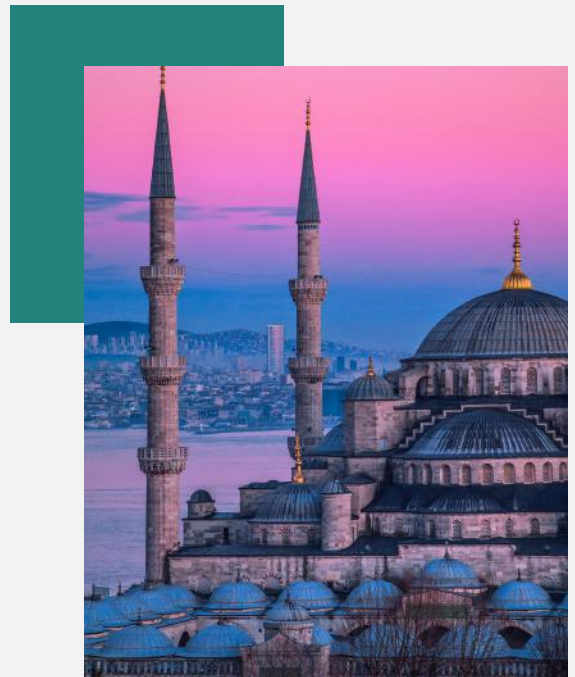
Once the land of Paul's missionary journeys, Turkey is now predominantly Muslim. In response to a failed coup in 2016, Turkey has continued to clamp down on anyone President Erdogan deems an enemy. Anyone seen to be anti Erdogan can be arrested or removed from their positions, increasing the atmosphere of state control. Dozens of long-term Christian missionaries have been deported or refused entrance. Predominantly Syrian refugees have overwhelmed Turkey, numbering about four million – the most in the world. Due to the deteriorating situation, the UN pulled out, the Turkish government stopped registering refugees, and closed camps forcing refugees to find work in the cities or risk being deported. As a result, anti-refugee attitudes have increased in the wider community. The COVID-19 impact has been significant across the nation, both on the health care system and the economy. Interest in the Gospel has also increased significantly in recent years.

Call to Salvation

Pray for all those who are seeking spiritual truth right now to take the final step to follow Jesus. Pray for a mighty revival to sweep Turkey (The Bible, Psalm 85:6).

Praise Report

Praise God that Christians in Turkey report a sharp increase in interest in the Gospel since the 2016 coup shook many people's faith. This is ongoing until today (The Bible, Psalm 16:8).



Prayer Requests

Pray that the Church in Turkey will step up to the challenge of following up interested seekers, welcoming them into Church fellowships and committing to disciple new Believers (The Bible, Deuteronomy 32:2).

Pray for Christian ministry among the millions of refugees from Syria and other parts of the Middle East and Africa to bear fruit (The Bible, 1 Corinthians 16:8-9).

United Arab Emirates



DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

5,780,000

8%

CHRISTIANS

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Devotional

The UAE is a federation of seven states on the eastern side of the Arabian Peninsula, called emirates, ruled by tribal chiefs called Sheiks or Emirs. The largest and richest of the emirates is Abu Dhabi with significant oil and gas reserves. The present Emir is Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Islam is the prominent religion practiced in the country. Apart from being the largest religion, it is also the official religion in Dubai, UAE. Around 76% of the population in the country are Muslims. Christians represent around 8% of the country's population.

The population of this religion in Dubai seems to be growing with increasing immigration to UAE. Both Catholics and Protestants have a significant presence as of now. Christians in UAE belong to different denominations, from Baptists to Anglican and Coptic. There are roughly 40 Churches and there exists a freedom of providing Christians with land to build Churches in the country.

Call to Salvation

We declare God's mighty rule over the conservative Islamic society that is the biggest threat to Christians in the United Arab Emirates. Embolden the Christian Believers to speak boldly about their faith and lead many Emirates in to the Kingdom of God (The Bible, Matthew 5:16).

Praise Report

We praise God that there has been an increase in Emiratis converting to Christianity especially in the recent generations. It's a result of inter-faith marriages which have been getting more culturally acceptable in recent years (The Bible, Psalm 81:6).



Prayer Requests

Pray for leaders and authorities of the UAE to rule with wisdom and tolerance and to allow citizens to change their faith. Pray that the government will be able to keep the country safe from insurgents and terrorist groups (The Bible, 1 Timothy 2:2).

Pray that more people will come to Christ in the United Arab Emirates and connect with the small fellowship groups. Pray God blesses the Emirati believers with new brothers and sisters with whom to share Christ the Savior (The Bible, Isaiah 43:11).

West Bank

DOMINANT RELIGION
I S L A M

POPULATION
2,785,000

1.7%

CHRISTIANS

NOT RANKED

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Devotional

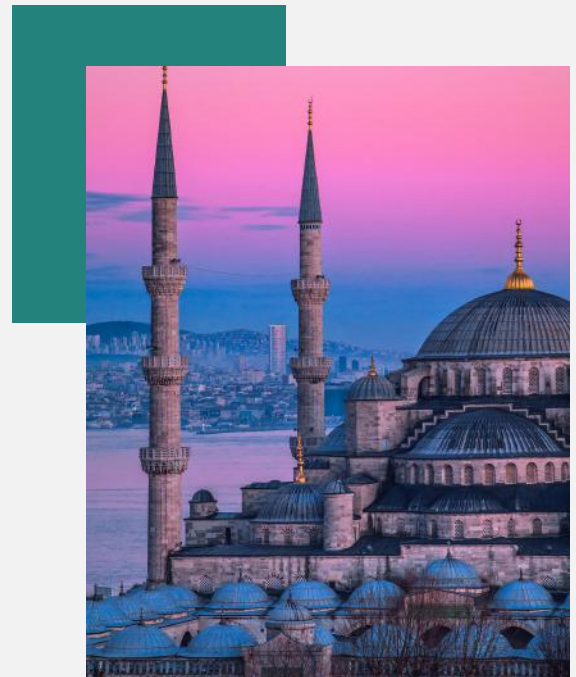
Mahmoud Abbas is the president and Mohammad Shtayyeh is the Prime Minister of the West Bank. Israel's army said it was extending the closure on the West Bank and Gaza due to a manhunt for six Palestinian escapees who tunneled their way out of jail. To locate the escaped prisoners, it has been decided to extend the general closure. However, all of the other crossings will remain closed, and Palestinians could pass through them only under special or medical circumstances and on a humanitarian basis. The closure has been imposed right before the Jewish New Year. Israel considers the main Jewish holidays as prone to attacks by Palestinian militants and regularly closes off the occupied territories during these times. The increased violence has brought grief as there was loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives that could, and should, have been avoided.

Praise Report

We praise God that more than 871,000 registered refugees who live in the West Bank in refugee camps are surviving with humanitarian aid. Most of the others live in West Bank towns and villages. Some camps are located next to major towns and others are in rural areas (The Bible, Psalm 46:1).

Call to Salvation

Pray for the Christian Believers in the West Bank who suffer because of their faith and ethnicity. Pray that God will enable them to be peacemakers and share the love of Christ during this trying times (The Bible, James 3:18).



Prayer Requests

We declare God's justice and blessings over the people and the refugees in West Bank. Strengthen the Christian Believers of their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence (The Bible, Romans 14:19).

We pronounce God's guidance the leaders of the peoples of the Middle East to settle for God's will. Pray for God to breathe love and compassion into their lives with a desire for peaceful settlement (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 5:18)

Western Sahara



DOMINANT RELIGION

ISLAM

POPULATION

571,000

0%

CHRISTIANS

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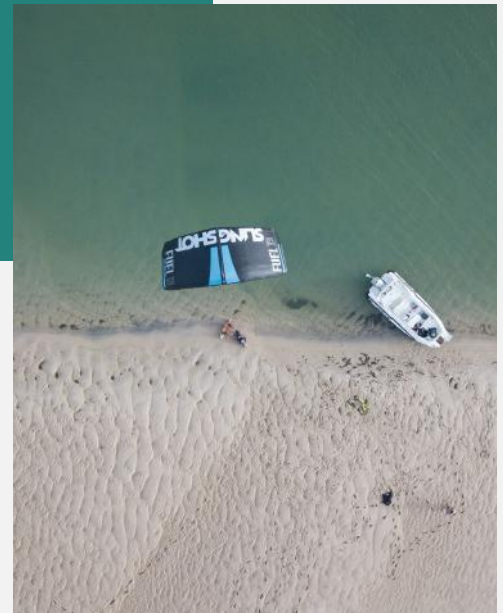
Western Sahara is one of the most sparsely populated territories in the world, mainly consisting of desert flatlands. It has been a disputed territory since 1975. Morocco controls 80% of the land, while the remaining 20% is controlled by the Polisario, an independence movement established in 1973, and the government of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. Presently, camps run by the Cuban-backed Polisario Front exist in southern Algeria, where thousands of indigenous Sahrawi people are sequestered and treated inhumanely. Public beatings are common and young children are taken from their families and sent to Cuba for re-education. It is a country in tremendous need of the Gospel. It is estimated that there are only about 10 Christian workers in the whole country, making it so about 80% of its population have never heard the Gospel. It is a closed country, so being a "missionary" there is not officially allowed. Christian workers must be creative in why they go and how they minister there. Its Christian prospect is considered bleak and the nation of Western Sahara remains a disputed territory.

Call to Salvation

We declare the peace of God over the country and people of Western Sahara. We pray that the continuing conflict of Western Sahara with Morocco will be a miraculously resolved by the mighty hand of God and peace will be established by the love of God (The Bible, Proverbs 10:12).

Praise Report

We praise God that the few evangelicals in the whole country are trying to establish fellowship and discipleship of all Christians few Believers in Western Sahara. Thank God for the spread of the love of Christ during this pandemic time to most of the people who do not know Christ (The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 3:2).



Prayer Requests

Pray that God will raise up more workers for the harvest in Western Sahara and that He will protect and encourage the few workers that are there (The Bible, Matthew 9:37).

Pray for healing and restoration of the Sahrawi people. Pray for whole families, heads of households and men of influence to find Christ. (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 13:11)

Yemen

DOMINANT RELIGION

I S L A M

POPULATION

26,737,000

0.2%

CHRISTIANS

7TH

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Devotional

Yemen is listed in 7th position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. Yemen's President is Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and the Prime Minister is Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed. Yemen was facing the worst humanitarian crisis in the world prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yemen was historically known as Arabia Felix or the "Happy Land." That's because this small nation used to be one of the most fertile regions in the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen's mountain ranges were welcoming sites for rain and agriculture. But today, Yemen is sadly the poorest Arab nation and is currently facing the world's largest humanitarian crisis.

Decades of war and unrest have torn this nation apart, leaving it crippled by long-standing social, political, and economic instability. Most Christian believers are first-generation. The majority of expatriate or migrant Christians have fled due to war and violence. Of the few believers that remain, most have converted from Islam. If discovered, they are often banished from their tribe or brutally murdered.

Call to Salvation

We declare God's mercy and compassionate grace upon the Yeminis that they will endure the many hardships in life and receive enough providence to survive the severe famine and the pandemic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ in their distress (The Bible, Psalm 116:4).

Praise Report

We praise God that despite unrelenting restrictions, Yemeni Christian Believers have found ways to meet together through social media and secret gatherings, the Church continues to grow, and more people are turning to Christ than ever before seeking His help in their dire straits (The Bible, Psalm 46:1).



Prayer Requests

We declare God's mercy upon more than 20 million people in the country, roughly 80% of its population, having a hard time getting enough food and water to survive to escape the worst humanitarian crisis in the world 9 The Bible, Job 36:15).

Pray against the direst issue in Yemen that it remains one of the least evangelized nations on earth. Only 0.2% of its population knows and follows Christ; 99.7% of the population is Muslim. Increase the zeal in the hearts of the Christian Believers to witness about Christ (The Bible, Romans 1:15).



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