



Double Persecution: A survey of 192 countries confirmed Christian women are more devoted than Christian men. And they also bear the brunt of persecution. Some 40% of them, larger than any other group, suffered due to their faith and gender, especially in majority Muslim countries where they are told how to dress, sexually harassed, forced into marriages, raped, and trafficked.

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United Kingdom: As the Church of England steadily slides to record low attendance, about 100 sanctuaries might become "Festival churches," worshipping only on Christmas and Easter as many British people do. But an analysis by The Times, found that more than three Pentecostal churches opened since 2010 for every Anglican church closed in London. More religious literacy required to accommodate "more assertive faith."

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China: Over past 25 to 30 years, people have more wealth, economic and religious freedom. Many are seeking spiritual truth. An agency was invited recently to seminaries of Hubei and Fijian provinces, where they helped out with youth ministry, modern church music and leadership training in some of the towns. Everywhere they found people very eager to learn.

<China Partner, www.chinapartner.org, 6/10/16>

Indonesia: A mission agency airplane has landed on a new airstrip successfully in Tibul, Papua, a rugged region with many mountains and rainforests. This new airstrip will provide easy access to education and medical care to nearby 15-20 villages of hundreds of people in each. In the past, these accesses took more than a day. Missionaries came to this region in the 1980's. They travel back and fore so that their children can get an education. Plans are being made to bring in materials to build a school for these children. The airstrip also enhance missionaries' ability of reaching people and discipling believers in remote villages.

<Mission Aviation Fellowship, www.maf.org, 6/9/16>

Nigeria: There are 2 million+ refugees in northern Nigeria and the surrounding nations in dozens of camps. Most are Muslims and over half are children. Mission agencies and local Christians have brought in humanitarian aid along with audio Bibles. They find the refugees appreciate these efforts and are open to the gospel. Some have come to Christ even doing so is risky there.

<World Mission, www.worldmission.org, 6/8/16>

Arab World: Media and social media have grown significantly. Whether they are refugees or riding donkey carts, they use their beloved iPhones. Sensing this, an agency launched a campaign at the beginning of the year using smartphone to reach out to Muslims with the live-changing news of the gospel. In three months, they have identified over ten thousands who were interested about the conversation and referred them to the field teams to follow up. Evidently, the Holy Spirit is using the media. People now have broadened their views from the access to a world of information. And, finally, the horror and cruelty of the extremists have brought disillusion to their Islamic faith.

<Pioneers, www.pioneers.org, 6/6/16>

Turkey: Since early April, Greece has begun deporting refugees to Turkey where there are 3.5 million from Syria alone with many children, mostly in urban areas some without camps. An agency is setting up tent schools, hiring teachers among the refugees, and giving out jackets, blankets, food, shoes, and cuddly stuff animals for lonely-tearing days. The refugees express their gratitude saying Christians are the ones helping them. Realizing this is a long-term project, the agency plans to develop evangelical churches from the friendship and collaboration with these refugees.

<International Needs, internationalneeds.us, 6/3/16>

Canada: After the election of a new government, it has been over a month the nation is without its Office for Religious Freedom. Many Christians are apprehensive that "there will more stress on the system and on those who are trying to live their faith daily." An agency is planning to establish an office in the capital to inform politicians and members of Parliament about religious persecutions around the world, helping them to think through on the trajectories things that could happen in the country.

<Voice of the Martyrs, Canada, persecution.net, 6/3/16>

Germany: People are beginning to realize that the god of secular humanism really has no answers for these times and crises, and they need divine help. But the new generation probably has never heard the gospel presented to them in a relevant way. An agency has gotten together with nine local organizations to initiate a "Marketplace Missions." They gather Christian businessmen and women from all over the country, who by nature are apt in interacting daily with different people, to encourage and mentor them how to bring Christ to people. They have met overwhelming positive response. People are meeting more on regular basis and more active in dealing with the current refugee crisis by serving the refugees, giving money, or getting the churches involved.

<Global Advance, www.globaladvance.org, 6/13/16>