



“Niacha interesie Amlach Yiresiani” **May God forget me...if I forget you**

...an Eritrean saying

Dear Ministry Partner,

Imagine for a brief moment that you are a Christian in North Korea, Eritrea, or Sudan. You know the dangers you face if you witness about Jesus. But you love Him too much to be silent.

Then, at a blink of the eye, you are arrested and thrown into prison. Your life, the way you knew it, no longer exists. What would you do if you were separated from your family?

What could you do?

Imagine being tortured day after day for your faith. Would your faith in Christ be sustained?

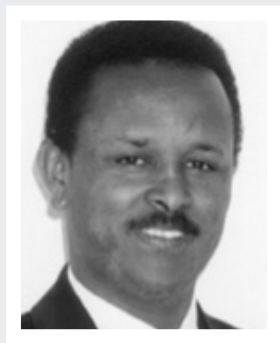
Thousands of Christians in these countries face this reality. Without warning they vanish. Many undergo such horrible tortures. Over time, they are forgotten.

North Korea

Under the unstable Communist dictator, Kim Jong Un, North Korea is the most oppressive country in the world. High surveillance over all the country makes it virtually impossible for Christians to gather to pray or worship. It is mandatory to only worship Kim Jong Un. If you don't, whole families are arrested and imprisoned. Christians are being systematically tortured in Nazi and Stalin style concentration camps. According to the United Nations, up to 120,000 men, women and children are imprisoned in labor camps known as “kwanliso.” They are gradually being eliminated through deliberate starvation, forced labor, executions, and torture.



Canadian Pastor Hyeon Soo Lim – Lim travelled more than 100 times to N. Korea doing humanitarian aid. He was sentenced to life in prison for “plotting to overthrow the government.” In February 2017, because Canada and the US have no diplomatic relationship in N. Korea, Swedish Ambassador Torkel Stiernlof met with Lim for 40 minutes. Because of the sensitivity of the situation very little is being said about Lim’s situation.



Eritrea

Under President Afwerki's brutal dictatorship more than 3,000 Christians have vanished, held captive in dark isolation cells under the ground with limited food, or squashed in metal shipping containers in the unbearable African summer heat.

Pastor Haile Naigzhi - arrested May 23, 2004. He was taken from his home in the early hours and moved to a dungeon-like prison in Asmara. He has been languishing in prison for 13 years. His wife and three children escaped Eritrea after receiving information that she was about to be arrested.

Sudan

The Islamic dictator, President al-Bashir, insists on Sharia law and Islam to be the official religion. His systematic "cleansing" of the country to implement a one-religion, one culture and one language (Arabic) policy is wiping out freedom of religion and closing down Christian churches. Many pastors have gone to jail.



Rev. Hassan Abdelrahim Tawor and Abdulmonem Abdumawla – arrested Dec 2015. Sentenced to 10 years for assisting Czech missionary, Petr Jasek. We are so thankful to God and many of our praying friends that led to Petr's release from prison.

Clinging to a thin spiritual rope of hope

We cannot just read about these Christians like a story to be read once and move on to another.

We can't imagine how dark the darkness of evil is that is inflicted on them behind closed doors. We don't know their physical or emotional condition or how thin the spiritual rope of hope is that they cling to.

You may remember the case of Christian lawyer Chunfu Heping who was held for 18 months in China. He was severely tortured and drugged to confess to crimes he didn't commit. He returned home an emaciated, paranoid man. Chunfu was hospitalized and diagnosed with schizophrenia. He was never the same again.

Many prisoners are going through a horrific time. We must stand in prayer for them. Each one has a name. As my father use to pray when he was in prison "please let people remember to pray for me."

If you, or your father, mother, husband, wife, children, brothers, sisters were languishing in prison under horrific conditions, would you want people to remember...to pray?

The ultimate evil is the hatred of Jesus Christ

Prayer can break down the evil fortresses of those who hate the Lord Jesus Christ. It is crucial for the survival of each individual prisoner!

Please join with me in Prayer & Action!

With your continued financial support we are able to bring financial aid to the families of Christian prisoners, advocate and petition governments on their behalf and keep them in the forefront, "lest they be forgotten."

Most of us will not be pastors or great preachers, but every one of us can kneel down and pray.

Together in His Ministry,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul H. Popow". The signature is stylized and cursive.

"The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses." 2 Cor. 10:3,4

Others still imprisoned...

North Korea: Otto Frederick Warmbier - sentenced March 2016 to 15 years hard labor; Kim dong-Chul - sentenced to 10 years hard labor;

Eritrea: Rev Ogbamichael Teklehaimanot - arrested Jan 9, 2005; Rev. Kidane Weldou - disappeared 2005; Rev. Dr. Kiflu Gebremeskel - taken from his home 2004; Dr. Million Gebreselasie, arrested 2004;

China: Alimjan Yimit, sentenced to 15 years; Pastor Yang Hua; Ma Huichao, sentenced to three years; Zhao Chunxia and Li Yuan, sentenced to five years; Shi Jinyan, sentenced to three years; Pastor Li Dongzhe and Piao Shunnan, sentenced to seven years.

For detailed information on these Christian prisoners and how you can help, please visit: www.dohi.org

Dear Paul,

I am saddened by the horrible situation of so many Christian prisoners and their families and want to help!

- Please use my gift for where most needed.
- Here is my gift for the needed support for Christian prisoners and their families. I will continue to uphold them in prayer that God will remove the evil fortresses that keep them bound.

Enclosed is my gift:

- \$30 ● \$50 ● \$150 ● \$200 ● other _____

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