

WORLD WATCH LIST 2016

Guide to Global Persecution



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COLOMBIA

PERSECUTION IN COLOMBIA

Despite the peace talks between government and left-wing guerrillas, violence continues against Christians and others.

In areas where the government has lost control of public security, drug cartels and illegal armed groups continue to operate with impunity. Criminal gangs persist in targeting Christians, instilling a culture of fear. Persecution mostly affects the more outspoken believers who play prominent roles in social or public life. Tribal antagonism expresses itself in indigenous communities, with family and community persecuting believers. Sometimes guerrillas conspire with indigenous tribal leaders against Christians.

PLEASE PRAY...

- ▶ For pastors receiving death threats; thank God for their shining witness and pray that they will find a place to live in freedom and safety
- ▶ That the Open Doors Children's Centre would provide a place of protection, nurture and education for children whose families have been threatened or displaced
- ▶ That the peace talks will positively impact the churches in areas controlled by guerrilla organisation, FARC.

Leader: President Juan Manuel Santos

Population: 48.7 million (46 million Christians)

Main Religion: Christianity (Roman Catholicism)

Government: Republic

World Watch List Rank: 46

Source of Persecution: Organised corruption/ Tribal antagonism/ Secular intolerance



THE WORLD WATCH GUIDE 2016

The World Watch Guide 2016 highlights the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. Based on the World Watch List, the most rigorous and detailed report of its kind uses data from Open Doors field workers and independent experts to track the deep structures of persecution, measuring the degree of freedom Christians have to live out their faith in five spheres of life : private, family, community, national and church life. It's an ideal resource for individuals wanting to discover more about the world of the persecuted church.

The World Watch Church Pack is the perfect way to introduce the persecuted church to your church. It includes: a step-by-step Church Service Guide, with prayers, readings, talk outline and discussion questions; a DVD featuring the World Watch film, with testimony from North Korean Christians; and a poster-sized World Watch Map, perfect for displaying in your church.

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