

WORLD WATCH LIST 2016

Guide to Global Persecution



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LIBYA

PERSECUTION IN LIBYA

Libya has descended into lawlessness since the fall of Gaddafi in 2011, giving groups such as the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) free rein to attack Christians.

Libya is a deeply Islamic culture, so Libyan Christians must keep their faith completely secret; churches for Libyans and Christian literature in Arabic are forbidden. While migrant Christians are allowed to practise their faith in Libya, many have paid the ultimate price; dozens of Christians from Eritrea, Ethiopia and Egypt were kidnapped or killed by extremists in Libya in 2015.

Leader: Disputed
Population: 6.3 million (20,000 Christians)
Main Religion: Islam
Government: Provisional government
World Watch List Rank: 10
Source of Persecution: Islamic extremism



PLEASE PRAY...

- For protection for Christians in Libya - hundreds are reported to have been abducted by paramilitaries and imprisoned
- For Christians to find ways to meet together - religious gatherings are illegal for Libyans if they are not Islamic, which makes Libyan believers afraid to meet
- For ongoing peace talks between different ruling factions to be fruitful, and for a stable and safe Libya to be formed.

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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