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We all need rescue and restoration at some point in our lives, and that is what the Lord is doing for the persecuted through your giving that leads to ICC’s work around the world.

I chose Rescue and Restore as the theme for this year’s annual report after pondering our mission in 2021.

The year’s big story was the Taliban’s speedy rise to power in Afghanistan after the U.S. military withdrawal. The Taliban takeover didn’t catch us by surprise. We had begun the work of pulling the most vulnerable Christians out months before.

After the takeover, though, the lives of many of Afghanistan’s 10,000 Christians—almost all converts from Islam—hung in the balance. For many, it meant a flash decision to flee the country (and lose everything), or stay hidden and risk torture and death.

We have been at work caring for both those who fled and those who stayed.

For now, we are in the rescue phase but soon we will turn to the work of restoration. After this crisis phase we will focus on getting the gospel into Afghanistan and move from bandaging to building.

I often refer to ICC as the Special Forces of the Church. We have cultivated contacts in hotspots like Afghanistan over many years that allow us to move quickly to rescue, restore, and build the church in the world’s most dangerous places.

Come with us on our journey to rescue and restore the Church kingdom on the front lines. It is His work and we find it a privilege to serve the persecuted.

Thank you for your partnership. All the work you see in these pages is simply a product of that partnership!

God bless you.

JEFF KING
President
International Christian Concern / Persecution.org
ICC AT A GLANCE
A HOLISTIC ATTACK ON PERSECUTION

WE ADVOCATE
ICC works with government leaders to free imprisoned Christians and challenge countries that persecute.

WE ASSIST
ICC builds and bandages the persecuted Church.

WE AWAKEN
ICC works daily to bring awareness to secular and Christian world of the suffering of the persecuted.

BANDAGE AND BUILD

WE BANDAGE
We bandage the wounds of victims, caring for the wives and children of martyred pastors and rebuilding communities when attacked.

WE BUILD
We build the Church by broadcasting the Gospel, delivering Bibles, training pastors, and installing Bible presses in the most hostile areas of the world.

OUR MISSION
Since 1995, ICC has relieved the suffering of the worldwide persecuted Church and helped it grow in strength and breadth by providing effective assistance, advocacy, and awareness with integrity toward God and donors.

OUR MANDATE
The Father calls us to remember the prisoners (Hebrews 13:3), to speak up for the voiceless (Proverbs 31:8), to seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow (Isaiah 1:17).
WHERE WE WORK

AFGHANISTAN
ALGERIA
ARMENIA
BANGLADESH
CHINA
DRC
EGYPT
ERITREA
INDIA
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
KENYA
LAOS
MALAYSIA
MYANMAR
NEPAL
NIGERIA
NORTH KOREA
PAKISTAN
SYRIA
TURKEY
UAE
UGANDA
VIETNAM
WASHINGTON, D.C. (ICC HEADQUARTERS)
When the persecuted Church suffers from a major attack or widespread discrimination, it often requires more than a quick fix. ICC created the Restore: Lives and Communities fund to address larger needs that impact entire communities.

One of the most common ways believers are persecuted is when they are stripped of their ability to provide for themselves. We developed the Rescue: Wives and Kids fund to help families get back on their feet when the world has knocked them down.

With the Messengers: Underground Workers Fund, ICC supports indigenous church planters, pastors, and church workers in the world’s most dangerous places. Their witness and mission is incredibly brave, but they need resources to fulfill their vision to penetrate the darkness.

The Bible is a living message, a spiritual fertilizer that brings life wherever it spreads. Through the Gospel: Bibles and Broadcasts Fund, ICC spreads the gospel using printed Bibles, gospel radio broadcasts, and discipleship-oriented materials in areas that are hostile toward Christianity.
WHAT SETS ICC APART

SPECIAL FORCES
We are fast, nimble, and get in where others can’t and execute difficult missions on the ground.

LONG TERM CARE
We don’t parachute in. We work with victims for the long term when needed but don’t create dependency.

TRACK RECORD
We have a 5-Star Charity Navigator Rating with 26 years in ministry. We have a long history of growth.

MINISTRY 1ST MONEY 2ND
We focus on ministry over fundraising, serving the Lord and the persecuted first. We believe funds follow Godly work.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

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After the Taliban gained control of Afghanistan, many Christians found themselves facing life-threatening consequences if their faith were discovered.

Before the takeover, we had moved several of the most vulnerable families out of the country. After the takeover, some Christians began receiving calls saying, “We know you are a Christian and we’re going to kill you.”

We are now sheltering more than 100 Afghan Christians at the time of writing (details purposefully withheld). Please keep them in prayer as the number grows—they live in a precarious state!

If you want to know the future of the Church in Afghanistan, look to Iran.

The radicals there singlehandedly drove more Muslims to Christ than any other source in the history of Islam.

God’s river of the Holy Spirit will wash over Afghanistan and wash the Taliban away once they have served God’s purpose and soon we will be focused on bringing the gospel to Afghanistan like never before.

PSALM 44:26

“Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.”
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RESCUE FUND

BELIEVERS WE’VE SERVED:

1,595
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

550
IN THE MIDDLE EAST

400
IN AFRICA

1,555
IN SOUTH ASIA

4,000+
BELIEVERS SERVED
O
n September 22, 2013, the con- 
gregation of All Saints Church, lo-
cated in Peshawar, Pakistan, was 
fil ing out of the church building follow-
ing a typical Sunday service. As a crowd 
gathered in the church’s tight courtyard, 
two strangers passed through the gates 
and stood amongst friends and families. 
At 11:44 a.m., the two strangers deto-
nated the explosives hidden under their 
clothing, unleashing a hail of shrapnel, 
body parts, and blood. More than 600 
Christians were exposed to the deadly 
blasts and when the dust settled, over 100 
were killed and scores more injured. 
The bombing of All Saints Church re-
 mains Pakistan’s deadliest incident of 
Christian persecution. Many do not think 
beyond the attack’s initial carnage or im-
mediate victims. Those who survived the 
days and weeks that followed the bomb-
ing are often forgotten. 
Among the most vulnerable survivors 
were the children orphaned and the chil-
dren whose parents were injured so se-
verely that they could no longer support 
their families. 
In the months following the bombing, 
ICC launched an education program sup-
porting the children severely affected. The 
goal of this program was, and is to this 
day, to support the education of children 
who would have been forced to drop out 
of school because of the bombing. 
Joyce William’s father, brother, and sis-
ter were killed in the bombing of All Saints 
Church. Joyce’s mother, her only surviving 
family member, was also severely injured. 
After the bombing, Joyce had to support 
her mother for two years as she recov-
ered. 
Joyce was in eighth grade when she was 
enrolled in ICC’s All Saints Church school-
ing program. Now 21, she looks back at the 
importance of the support she received. 
Now studying English at the University of Peshawar, Joyce hopes to follow in the footsteps of her father, a renowned teach-er in Peshawar. 
As a part of the new Generation Trans-
formation program (read more on page 
14), ICC will continue to support Christian 
students like Joyce as she further her stud-
ies at university. This program will allow 
ICC to not only help the Christian commu-
nity of Peshawar recover from the 2013 
bombing, but also build up the next gen-
eration of Christians to be even stronger.

“The importance of ICC’s school-
ing project of course lies in the 
fact that it helped remove the financial burden of my education from my mother’s shoulders,” Joyce explained. “In the midst of such a troubling time, the sup-
port paved a way for my studies. I am highly grateful to ICC.”

BOMBS DON’T KILL HOPE 
ICC PAYS FOR SCHOOLING FOR SURVIVORS OF THE ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOMBING
SUPPORT FOR A GRIEVING MOTHER

In 2019, Rahlia’s life turned upside down when Fulani militants stormed into her village in Kaduna State, Nigeria. When the dust settled, 70 people were killed and many more were injured, including Rahlia herself. Two years later, the physical and emotional scars of the attack remain.

During the chaos of the attack, Rahlia’s 5-year-old son became confused and ran away. When Rahlia, who was pregnant at the time, realized that her son was missing, she hoisted her 3-year-old daughter onto her back, cried out to Jesus, and began searching. Eventually she caught up to her son, but as they sought shelter together, the militants surrounded them. Tragically, the attackers fatally shot Rahlia’s young son, cut off Rahlia’s hand, and slashed her daughter who thankfully survived.

In the aftermath of the attack, Rahlia was left grieving in a village that was reduced to rubble. In order to support this young family until they get back on their feet, ICC provided her with food staples such as rice, beans, maize, sugar, and milk, as well as diapers.

Rahlia expressed, “I am very grateful for the items purchased. I pray that God will continue to bless your organization, the staff, and everyone who supported us. I promise to make good use of the items purchased and to work hard to multiply it and to support my daughter and her well-being.”

PSALM 25:20
“Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.”

RESCUE FUND PROJECTS:

NIGERIA
In Nigeria, ICC helped a Christian widow launch a small fruit and vegetable business after her husband was killed by Fulani militants during an attack on their village.

PAKISTAN
In Pakistan, a Christian woman was abducted, forcefully converted to Islam, and married off to one of her assailants. ICC supported the family financially.

ARTSAKH
ICC assisted six Armenian Christian families in Artsakh who were displaced by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia in fall 2020.
Hope House serves as a way to help children get quality education and escape generational poverty that Christian families often experience in Egypt. In many Muslim countries, Christians are considered third-class citizens. Christian children are denied a quality education, while their parents are without access to capital to start businesses and suffer constant job discrimination. This leaves them stuck in an unending multi-generational cycle of poverty.

Right now, about half of the children at our Hope House locations do not have a sponsor. These children need funds that will go to their spiritual, physical, and mental well-being. Each week on persecution.org, we highlight a child’s story and dive into detail the unique challenges they face.

All of the Hope House children picture are unsponsored. Child sponsorship provides all of the following at no cost to the family:

- Routine medical check-ups and eye doctor visits, and provides medication and glasses when needed
- Clothing distribution a few times a year
- School supplies (backpacks, pens, paper, etc.)
- School fees
- Fun and educational group outings (pre- and post-COVID)
- Other miscellaneous (special food at Easter and Christmas, informative medical sessions for parents, etc.)
- Monthly food packages for the whole family

If you feel led to sponsor a child at Hope House, please visit www.persecution.org/initiatives/hope-house or scan the QR code with your mobile device. To inquire about sponsoring a child, contact ICC at icc@persecution.org.

Psalm 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
RESTORE FUND
LIVES AND COMMUNITIES WE'VE RESTORED

41 COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

630 INDIVIDUALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

3,500 INDIVIDUALS IN AFRICA

4,499 FAMILIES IN SOUTH ASIA (MOSTLY-COVID-19 AID)

26,000 INDIVIDUALS RESCUED
In 2021, ICC awarded 10 to 20 college scholarships, 40 to 60 vocational training scholarships, and 20 to 40 small business grants, all within one community of persecuted brothers and sisters.

When most people think of persecution, they think of a pastor being threatened, beaten, or even killed for his faith. While this is the visible end product of persecution, there are roots that feed this violent expression of hatred.

The core of persecution goes so much deeper.

Job discrimination often leaves only the most menial of jobs available for a persecuted family. The education Christians receive in persecuted communities is terrible—children as young as 8-10 years old are pulled from school to work full time.

Our dream for years has been to help the persecuted out of their prisons and equip them with the tools needed to break the system.

In 2016, we started Hope House to minister to the youngest of the persecuted. We provide classes after regular school hours to supply them with an advanced education. We teach them marketable skills like English, math, and reading and writing in their native language.

This year we’ve launched Generation Transformation.

We pour investment into one Christian community. We supply college scholarships, vocational training, and small business grants for entrepreneurial young Christians.

ICC enrolls kids in private high schools, college, and vocational training. Ultimately, we are working toward distance learning under U.S. Christian schools.
VIETNAM
When a pastor was wrongfully imprisoned in Vietnam, ICC covered living expenses when he was released. ICC also paid for medical expenses for an imprisoned pastor’s daughter’s surgery.

INDIA
ICC provided emergency aid to seven families who were beaten and displaced from their village in India after they refused to recant their Christian faith.

KENYA
After the Otamba Pentecostal Church in Kenya was set on fire and destroyed by a local gang, ICC repaired the roof and replaced items for the congregation.

PAKISTAN
A man was a victim of anti-blasphemy laws and kicked out of his village in Pakistan. ICC helped him begin anew with an auto-rickshaw business.

JEREMIAH 17:14
Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN
Nigeria’s troubled Middle Belt region was just entering its rainy season when two staff from ICC headquarters landed in Abuja in June—their first trip to the country since COVID broke out.

Farmers in the surrounding states were busy readying their fields for the rain, looking forward to the satisfaction of seeing shoots come up and crops ripen as the wet summer months progressed.

But others, victims of religious persecution, experienced devastation as ravaging malicious groups swept through their farmland, hacking down hundreds of acres of crops, setting fire to houses, and attacking and killing villagers. Their livelihoods were destroyed, and many were left directionless asking themselves, “What do we do now?”

ICC’s communal farms are a huge part of the solution for these persecuted communities. Each farm serves 75 families who suffered violent attacks and lost family or property to the destruction. We provide all necessary means to start large communal farms where families share the burden of work and the reward of harvest. In 2021, we’ve worked to build 10 additional farms.

Through this program, hundreds of parents have regained the dignity of working and providing for themselves and their families.
$185k IN AID
20 FARMS
3,250 INDIVIDUALS HELPED
ICC launched an initiative in India to train and send out 200 church planters to grow the church in the second most populous country in South Asia. Candidates will participate in a yearlong training program that will include a mix of in-depth classroom instruction and fieldwork—designed to prepare them for a lifetime of ministry in India. This effort will complement ICC’s robust bikes and Bibles program designed to spread the Gospel to India’s rural and unreached communities. ICC equips each pastor with a bicycle and 100 Bibles to distribute to new believers.
**REACHING MBBs BY PROVIDING JOB COVER**

Jakub is an evangelist in Indonesia who actively reaches out to Muslim farmers in his region. Because he conducts his ministry independently, he lacks financial support for his outreach efforts. ICC stepped in to provide farming equipment both for Jakub and the Muslim-background believers (MBBs) whom he is discipling. With these tools, he will be able to earn an income by harvesting and selling rice.

Jakub shared, “Thanks to ICC who has helped develop my ministry, with the assistance provided by ICC, it makes it easier for me to [share the Gospel with] Muslims.”

**MESSENGER FUND PROJECT:**

**CHINA**
ICC provided six months of training to more than 500 house church leaders and pastors in China.

**2 TIMOTHY 4:18**

“The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
Radio is an incredibly powerful tool to spread the Gospel in dangerous places like North Korea. That’s why we are sending the Gospel into North Korea through daily radio broadcasts. This is what Ju Il-Kyung, an escapee from North Korea, says about radio broadcasts:

“Nine years ago, I started listening to the radio with my father. It opened our eyes. All varieties of getting information into North Korea are important, but radio is crucial.”
SUPPORTING FELLOWSHIP

Over the past decade, Christians in Iraq have faced one hurdle after another and countless families have been pushed out of their homes. Without a strong local church, many believers have been left struggling spiritually, driving some to even renounce their faith. In order to encourage this community amidst their despair, ICC facilitated group Bible studies to build up the faith of approximately 40 displaced families.

GOSPEL FUND PROJECTS:

SYRIA
ICC donated 300 Arabic language Bibles in war-torn Syria to young Christians who did not have one.

INDIA
ICC provided 178 evangelists/pastors across India with a bicycle and 100 copies of the New Testament.

INDONESIA
Muslim-background believers in Indonesia received Bibles from ICC.

GOSPEL FUND

PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL:
(Bible distribution and broadcasts)

10,000+
in Southeast Asia

200,000+
in the Middle East
(Digital Bibles)

300,000+
in South Asia
(Bikes and Bibles)

500,000+
People have heard the Gospel

PSALM 44:26
“Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.”

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN
2021 PROJECTS
BIG AND SMALL INITIATIVES THAT MAKE AN IMPACT

**ARTSAKH**
Four Armenian Christian families in Artsakh were displaced by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia in fall 2020. ICC helped with farming supplies and home amenities.

**EGYPT**
To break the power of generational persecution and job discrimination, we provide after school education to more than 200 school age kids and Bible studies.

**NIGERIA**
Radical Islamists have killed 50,000+ Christians and pushed 2 to 3 million Christian farmers off their farmlands. We have built 10 large communal farms that provide livelihood and food for more than 3,000 Christians. We can restore the life of just one Christian for only $35 through this program!

**UGANDA**
In Uganda, ICC stepped in to assist several Muslim-background believers who put their faith in Christ. One man lost everything, including his job and family. His wife left him for another man, taking their two daughters. ICC helped him recover and start a fast-food restaurant. Another husband and wife were kicked out of their home and had their possessions stolen. ICC helped them relocate and resupply.

**KENYA**
- In Kenya, ICC provided food to more than a dozen Christian families who were discriminated against in the distribution of aid by Muslim authorities.
- A man’s home in Kenya was burned and vandalized after he took a strong stance against community vices. ICC provided food, clothing, and funds to help him.

**IRELAND**
In Iraq, a Muslim man who turned to Jesus was shot with a nail gun because of his conversion. ICC covered relocation and medical expenses.
AFGHANISTAN
ICC moved six of the most vulnerable Christian leaders out of Afghanistan prior to the Taliban takeover. We are now sheltering more than 100 of the most vulnerable Christians outside the country.

CHINA
ICC supported a pastor’s family after he was imprisoned for making Sunday school materials.

NORTH KOREA
We supported the radio broadcast of the Gospel into North Korea twice daily.

NEPAL
A church in Nepal was destroyed by Hindu extremists and the municipal government. ICC gave funds to the church to help it rebuild.

MYANMAR
ICC provided COVID-19 aid to church leaders in Myanmar.

VIETNAM
ICC paid for three cows to the families of three imprisoned Christians in Vietnam.

MALAYSIA
A Christian MBB couple were kicked out of their community in Malaysia because of their faith in Christ. ICC covered the costs for their house rental, two months of groceries, and repairs to their lorry.

INDONESIA
Following a terrorist attack on a Salvation Army Church, ICC helped rebuild their church and provided aid to the martyrs’ families.

PAKISTAN
ICC provided food assistance to 30 Christian women in Pakistan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

INDIA
- India’s constitution provides religious freedom for Christians, but the police ignore it. We train pastors in the law so they know their rights and avoid arrest.
- ICC provides salaries and training for church planters in the most persecuted areas. We’re training and sending out another 200 church planters into the field!

JEREMIAH 1:8
“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

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“DON’T GO. NO ONE GETS IN.” BUT WE GOT IN. ICC MOVES THE CONVERSATION ON ARTSAKH.

The United States has long discouraged Americans from traveling into Artsakh, a warning that has only intensified after the recent war. The conflict stopped almost all international travel. So, traveling from the United States, we knew there was a very good chance we would not get in.

Prior to traveling into Artsakh, we spent the days in Yerevan, Armenia’s capital. Every journalist, humanitarian worker, researcher, and press person we met with emphatically told us the same thing: “You will never get into Artsakh.”

The Turks and the Azeris want to stop all travel into Artsakh, so they block everybody from getting in. They clearly don’t want the world to know what has happened.

Waiting in Yerevan, we braced ourselves for disappointment, but then the call came: we had been granted an entry permit! It was valid for only 24 hours, and we had to leave immediately.

The process to get into Artsakh took almost an entire day. As we passed through territory captured by Azerbaijan, we suddenly found ourselves confronted by the scars of war.

Soon afterward, we were stopped at the first of 12 checkpoints that we would have to pass through, staffed by the Russian military. The Russians are there as peacekeepers, keeping the Azerbaijanis (and Turkey’s transplanted ISIS fighters) from finishing off Artsakh’s Christians.

It felt like a war zone, and the air was thick with the possibility of ignition. Tension gripped every sign of life.

The checkpoints were incredibly intimidating, and we were repeatedly and forcefully asked, “Why have you come? What are you doing here?”

Yet somehow, we were let through each Russian checkpoint. We couldn’t understand how it was happening, but it was. Finally, we made it through and into Artsakh.

We visited home after home of the victims of war. “Home” is the wrong word, however, for these were shelters, nothing more! None of the victims had belongings. Nothing that makes a shelter a home.

They fled the war with nothing: no
identification cards, no items of sentiment, no clothes. One survivor we met with said, “I came out of there without anything, like being naked.” So many of those we met with told us the same thing.

We saw a lot of bravery in Artsakh. They had lost so much—70% of their homeland. Yet, they were picking up the pieces. A sense of uncertainty underscored every conversation about the future. Yet, they owned their story, and they were going to share it with whomever would listen. They desperately wanted outsiders to listen.

Azerbaijan and Turkey committed genocide against Artsakh because those nations believe that Armenian Christians are less than human. Artsakh’s residents want their humanity to be seen in all its vulnerability, in all its bravery.

The hotel we stayed at was used as a bomb shelter during the war. A few steps away was one of the city’s churches, where even more people had sought shelter. The city square was just a few minutes’ walk further, where many people were gathered. As we drove around, our country representative asked us, “Can you see people’s faces? They still carry the war on them.”

A memorial was built in the middle of the city square. On one side were photos of churches captured during the war. On the other side were headshots of local men who died while trying to defend their homes. The memorial’s message was clear; the war came, and many died solely because they were Christians.

Back home, in meetings on Capitol Hill, many policy experts were amazed that we had gotten into Artsakh. They said, “No one can get in there. High-level UK politicians and press people can’t get in. How did you do it?”

Other government officials were equally blown away, saying that we had to have been approved by the top of the Russian Ministry of Defense to get past the military checkpoints.

In response to their inquiries, we shrugged our shoulders, but inwardly we knew the answer.

*We saw a lot of bravery in Artsakh. They had lost so much—70% of their homeland.*
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN PRESENTS

PERSECUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

THE ANNUAL LIST OF THE WORLD’S TOP PERSECUTORS
International Christian Concern embarked on its most ambitious awareness and ministry initiative in its nearly 30-year history. In a relaunch of its annual list of top oppressors, ICC published a more ambitious and comprehensive 150-page report: 2021 Persecutor of the Year Awards.

The document included a detailed analysis of 24 leading persecutors and named the top (dis)honorees in three categories: Country (Nigeria), Entity (Taliban), and Individual (Kim Jong-un).

ICC relied on numerous victim interviews, insights from ICC staff and contacts in trouble spots worldwide, and the expert analysis of its regional managers and employees in Washington, D.C.

“After looking through the report you get a sense of the magnitude of our team’s effort behind this report and I want to publicly thank our gifted and talented ICC staff,” said ICC President Jeff King. “Our ten-plus analysts, our fellows, and our 50-plus international staff, have put in thousands of hours of research to produce this report.”

The evidence shed light on the types of persecution brothers and sisters face and provided journalists and those on Capitol Hill with a powerful resource.

### ICC is an industry leader for information and analysis on the more than 200 million Christians who are under direct threat annually. Because of their long-standing track-record as trusted sources, ICC analysts are routinely sought out for their valuable analysis and insights by journalists and government officials.

ICC announced the Persecutor of the Year Awards at a Nov. 16 press conference at the Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill.

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<td>The successive Kim dynasties have tortured and killed millions of individuals viewed as political threats in North Korea. While most people are familiar with the Kim methodology dealing with political threats, it is less well known that the Kims have targeted Christians with a special vehemence. For that reason, Kim Jong-un is our 2021 awardee for Top Individual Persecutor.</td>
<td>With the withdrawal of U.S. forces in August 2021, the Taliban quickly regained control of Afghanistan. The group immediately began to search for the roughly 10,000 Afghan Christians in hiding. Given the disregard for any religion other than their own, the Taliban receive our 2021 award for Top Entities Persecutor.</td>
<td>Nigeria is one of the deadliest places on earth for Christians, as 50,000 to 70,000 have been killed since 2000. Nigeria is home to the infamous Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram, Fulani militants, and conservative Islamic communities. With these groups operating in the country and the government’s complacency, Nigeria is our 2021 awardee for Top Country Persecutor.</td>
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Podcast’s popularity soared in 2020 and continued to grow throughout 2021. Not only are they easy to fit into the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, they inform and entertain us like few mediums can do. It’s easy to consume a podcast while working, doing chores around the house, or working out.

ICC’s president, Jeff King, launched his Into the Deep podcast last year. The podcast features weekly interviews and stories about persecution and the spiritual growth that comes from it.

This year’s episodes feature newsworthy guests including former United States Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback, Finnish Parliament member Päivi Räsänen, and more newsworthy hot topics.

Each interview offers a deep-dive into the lives of the persecuted, international policy experts, and spiritual leaders.

Want to hear the latest episode?

Tune into the Into the Deep podcast, hosted by ICC President Jeff King. Available on Spotify, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Apple Podcasts, and persecution.org.
THE DIGITAL FRONTIER

Despite its flaws, social media is a powerful tool that can be used to bring about positive change for those in need.

As we enter a digital age, we’ve been finding new ways to expand our online presence. Daily on our Facebook and Instagram, we’ve been posting prayer requests from persecuted believers around the world. Social media has a powerful way of uniting Christians around the world to pray for and bring awareness to the persecuted.

Follow along to get the latest breaking news, projects updates, and more.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

Your prayers can have a powerful impact in the lives of Christians who are suffering for their faith. By committing to pray yourself, you can speak up for persecuted Christians and encourage your church to pray as well.

To download, visit: https://www.persecution.org/take-action/prayer-calendar/

MARK 16:15

“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’”

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ADVOCACY FOR THE PERSECUTED

ICC WORKS TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF AND BESIDES PERSECUTED BELIEVERS

ICC and a handful of other NGOs birthed the first International Religious Freedom Summit in July. The summit was the largest ever civil society event focused on religious freedom. ICC served on the leadership committee that laid out the agenda and focus for the whole event.

The Summit provided for organizations around the world to collaborate and strategize on how to push back governments that persecute their own citizens.

The agenda covered everything from the legal aspects of persecution to the problem of religious genocide taking place around the world.

At the Summit, ICC hosted an event focused on India’s egregious religious freedom violations.

A variety of guests spoke at the Summit, including members of Congress, scholars, activists, and other members of the international religious freedom community.

Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback, Templeton Religion Trust, Alliance Defending Freedom, Open Doors USA, Samaritan’s Purse, Family Research Council, and others played crucial roles in helping to organize the event.

To view the recorded livestream of the event, please visit irfsummit.org.
INDIA
ICC put a tremendous amount of effort into bringing to light India’s increasingly violent attacks on Christians. These attacks are fueled by the India’s Prime Minister and his political party, the BJP. India has a potent U.S. lobbying effort that blocks most criticism of the country but our efforts to highlight India’s use of anti-conversion laws to “legally” discriminate and arrest Christians gained a lot of traction in the U.S. government.

We heavily advocated for the U.S. Congress to push President Biden to label India as Country of Particular Concern (a designation that leads to sanctions and various forms of punitive measures).

ARMENIA AND ARTSAKH
The ICC team led the world in publicizing Turkey and Azerbaijan’s attack on Artsakh of Armenia. Most the world had no idea of Turkey’s war on Christian Armenia.

We met with Artsakh’s ambassador, former members of the British Parliament, and numerous Congressional offices as well as the press on the issue. We also traveled into Artsakh when everyone in the NGO world said we couldn’t get in (no other groups could). Our efforts brought the issue forward and allowed the U.S. government to pressure Turkey to end the conflict and pull back Azerbaijan, their attack dog.

NIGERIA
ICC traveled to Nigeria to document the increasing level of insecurity and violence to Christians.

ICC lobbied the U.S. Congress to sanction one of Nigeria’s governors for his involvement in persecution of Christians.

ICC kept up the pressure to maintain Nigeria’s status as a Country of Particular Concern.

ICC published two reports exposing government complicity in Nigeria’s persecution problems and hosted a virtual event to highlight the reports.

MYANMAR
ICC hosted two virtual events on Capitol Hill focused on our Myanmar report and the BURMA Act.

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