

They were stoned, they were
sawn in two, they were killed with
the sword. They went about in
skins of sheep and goats,
destitute, afflicted, mistreated—**of
whom the world was not worthy**—
wandering about in deserts and
mountains, and dens and caves
of the earth. —Hebrews 11:37,38

Persecuted Church

Kurdistan/Iraq

Where is the persecution?

Top 10 Nations:

- North Korea
- Somalia
- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- Sudan
- Syria
- Iraq
- Yemen
- Eritrea



Primary Cause

- Islamic extremism – Middle East
- Ethnic nationalism – Asia esp China & India
- Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. Christians throughout the world continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, rape, and even death as a result of their faith.
- Pastor Andrew, in jail, Turkey

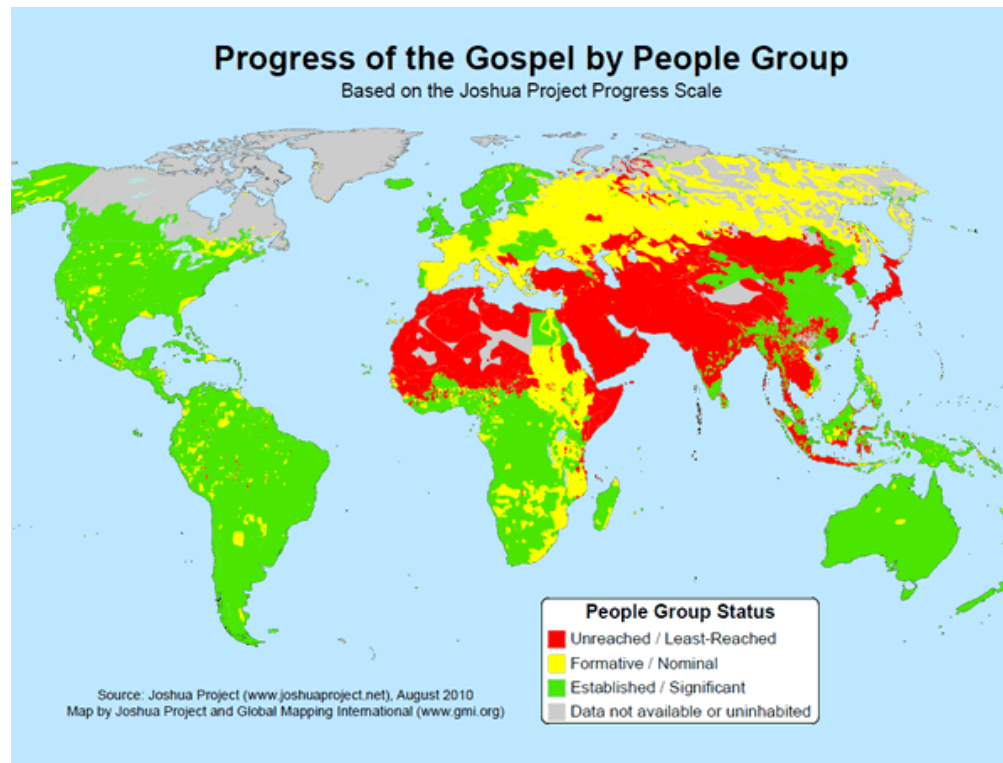
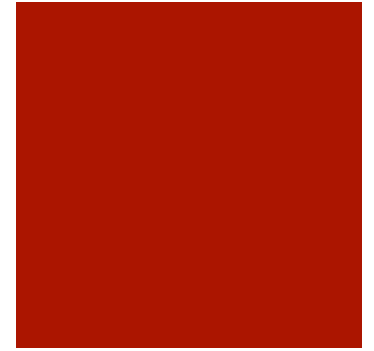


2016: Worst year yet

- About 215 million Christians experience high, very high, or extreme persecution
- 3rd year in a row of increased persecutions
- Most violent: Pakistan
- Killing in Nigeria: 62% increase
- Worst increase: Mali, from No. 44 to 32
- Close to home: 23 Christian leaders in Mexico and 4 in Columbia killed for their faith



Global View: 10/40 Window



3 Billion Unreached

- 16,800 People Groups
- 6,554 Presently Unreached
- 39% of world's People Groups (41.9% of total population) Unreached
- 9 out of 10 missionaries from US go to **already reached** People Groups
- The U.S. Church gives FIVE PENNIES on the dollar to the Great Commission. She keeps .95 for herself
- The U.S. Church gives ONE HALF PENNY to the 3 billion unreached!



Persecution



Commitment?

- The average American Christian spends more annually on dog food than the Great Commission. What does God think about this?



Commitment?

- The average American spends \$20.00 a week on coffee.



- The average American Christian spends 1.5 cents a week on the unreached.



What happens when you send missionaries?

300+ IMAMS baptised in ONE DAY in the Horn . . .



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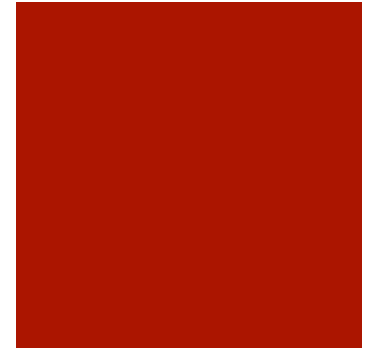


Fr. Joseph splashed with acid in Stone Town
40 churches have been burned in recent history

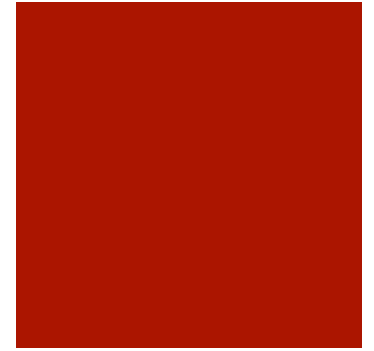
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Our “son,”
Bernard,
killed in a
motorcycle
accident.

He was our
most fruitful
leader.



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Where the Kingdom advances, there is persecution. Where there is persecution, the Gospel is advancing. BAPTISMS & NEW BELIEVERS!

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Reach out and make friends.



Iraq 2014 ... ISIS on the march!



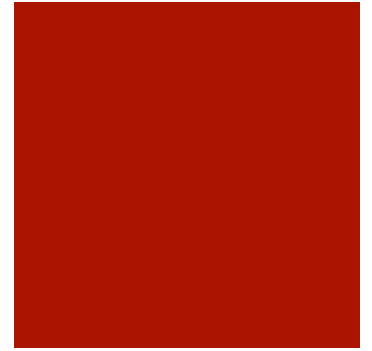


Iraq Relief Mission

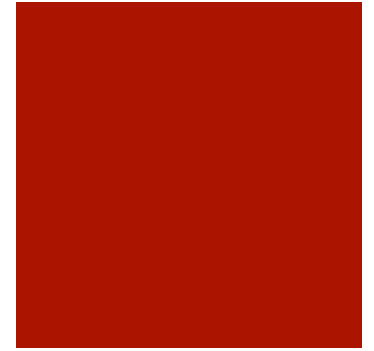
Iraq 1 – 2 weeks after ISIS invaded!



Welcome!



Their Home Since 2014



Healing the Broken: Women Rescued From Sex-Trafficking



Healing the Broken

Artwork by a young girl in N. Iraq.

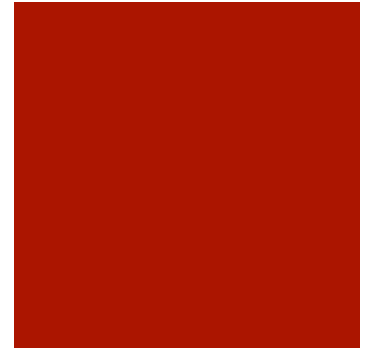


The Last Christians

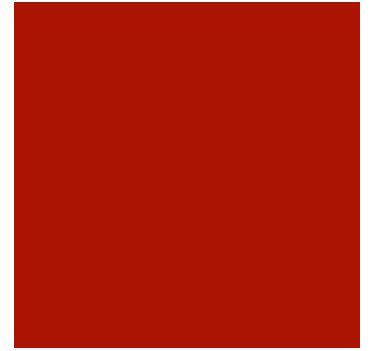


- Modern day Iraq was a Christian region up until the 14th Century.
- There were 2 million Christians in Iraq in the time of Saddam.
- Today there are just 200,000 Christians. You bring them hope.

A Last Christian



Bringing Hope



Bringing Hope: Advent Conspiracy 2016



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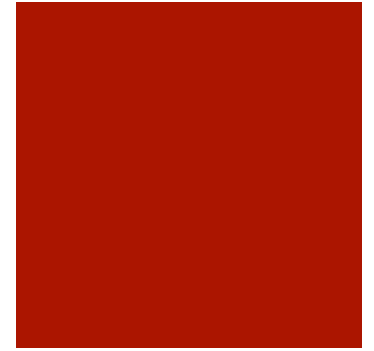


From a Christian Village Mayor:



- **“You have no idea how much these gifts mean to us. We feel very alone here and people keep leaving the village. It is very discouraging and very sad . They leave their brothers and sisters and neighbours and friends and don’t even know where they will go or if they will find work. But you have come half way across the world to be with us and to bring these gifts - it means so much. You will never know how much. Thank you.”**

Dreams & Visions



TIME OF REPENTANCE



“If I had
cherished
iniquity in my
heart, the Lord
would not have
listened.”

Psalm 66:19



PRAYER POINT # 1

Don't lose heart

- The number one reason a Christian falls away is because they lose heart.



PRAYER POINT #2

Pray they stay!

- 2 million Christians at the time of Saddam; Now only 200,000; Half want to leave.
- We need healthy, obedient Christians to stay, obey God & multiply
- Pray they use Holy Spirit gifts to multiply!



PRAYER POINT #3

More workers & provision

- Pray for more workers to UNREACHED AREAS
- Pray they have enough Support: prayer & financial
- “The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few. Pray to the Lord for more workers for the harvest.” - Jesus



PRAYER POINT #4

More Dreams & Visions

- 30% of all Muslims who accept Christ do so from a Dream or Vision of Jesus
- Bless what Jesus is doing and pray for **increase**
- Pray they meet a Christian Disciple-maker



Cry out at the Altar



How can I help?

The Wilberforce Model ...

PRAY

Join our Prayer Team

Join our Dream Team

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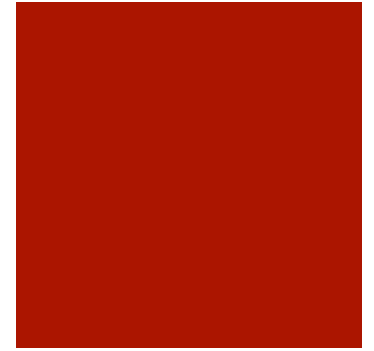
GIVE

Support missionaries to UNREACHED areas

ADVOCATE

Tell 10 people what you heard tonight. Get your church, home group, work involved!





Stay in Touch!

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