



GLOBAL PRAYER

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INDIA: Charges for Alleged Conversion of Youth



Indian authorities have charged **ten chaperones** for allegedly converting Hindu youth to Christianity. While taking the children to a Christian summer camp -- with the parents' approval -- the accused were detained. Authorities say the parents had allegedly failed to file the necessary legal paperwork with the government in order to make the conversions official, meaning the children are legally still Hindu. However, according to the accused Christian leaders, these families were already Christians and, as such, were not engaging in conversion.

The Indian Express newspaper reported that the adult chaperones originally faced charges of engaging illegally in conversion and kidnapping, because it was uncertain at first whether the parents had been aware of the youths' trip to the camp. Later, the kidnapping charges were dropped, and news coverage mentioned only charges for illegally trying to convert people to a non-Hindu religion. The officials stated that they had "rescued" the 71 children and placed them in "welfare homes" until they could be interviewed. "The traumatization of these tribal and Dalit children from the villages of western Madhya Pradesh is symptomatic of the paranoia and targeted hate that is currently sweeping across north India," explains John Dayal, spokesperson of the United Christian Forum. The children and their families are part of the nation's lowest caste, known as Dalits, a group that is sometimes called the "untouchables" because their touch is believed to defile higher-caste Hindus. Although discrimination against Dalits was outlawed in 1955, the problem still persists today -- especially among Dalit Christians.

ERITREA: One Hundred Christians Recently Detained



The Eritrean government has stepped up its campaign against Christians, arresting almost a hundred followers of Christ in recent weeks. The arrests came as believers in the repressive East African country marked ten years since government officials placed the Eritrean Orthodox Patriarch, Abune Antonios, under house arrest and incommunicado, and 15 years since the forced closure of many churches. Since the government passed a law shutting down many churches, some Christians meet in secret. Evangelicals are at particular risk since a 2002 law was passed -- prohibiting churches other than those of Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran affiliation. However, as the Orthodox leader's incarceration shows, members of permitted churches are also at risk if they criticize the regime. The fresh wave of arrests took place early this May, leading up to Eritrea's Independence Day (May 24th). Many Christians found themselves under added scrutiny around the time of the country's Independence Day celebrations because they are reluctant to participate in ceremonies that go against their conscience. According to Christian Solidarity Worldwide, at least 28 Christians have died during their incarceration -- or shortly after being released -- as a result of harsh treatment in prison or withheld medical treatment. Those who have survived imprisonment recount facing torture, hard labor, filthy conditions and insufficient food.

IRAN: New Satellite Doubles Potential Audience



A Persian Christian television channel, SAT-7 PARS, is now live on a platform called "Yahsat," one of the most viewed satellite platforms in Iran. Attracting an estimated ten million viewing households in the country, Yahsat provides a focused high-power beam specifically covering the countries of Iran and Afghanistan. It also requires a much smaller, cheaper and less-conspicuous dish than would typically be required for other satellites. Furthermore, the quality and variety of Farsi-speaking channels offered by Yahsat has made it an increasingly popular choice for families. "This has been our dream for several years as Yahsat is an increasingly popular satellite with Iranians, and it will enable us to interact with a whole new audience in Iran and other parts of Central Asia," explains the Christian channel's Senior Manager, Panayiotis Keenan. "By broadcasting on Yahsat, we have a whole new viewership; industry data indicates that it probably doubles the number of potential viewers for SAT-7 PARS in Iran," further explains SAT-7 Founder and CEO, Dr. Terence Ascott. "In addition, there are no other Christian channels on this satellite, and so this is actually quite a unique and special opportunity for us." The SAT-7 PARS channel has been broadcasting for ten years to a wide audience -- reaching viewers in Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, the rest of the Middle East, Europe, and via online to Farsi-speakers around the world. Its positive, politically and culturally sensitive Christian programming has won the trust of many viewers in the region.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Mike and Renee Delorenzo – AIM (working in Atlanta)

Jonathan, Jodi, Jessica, Joshua, Joseph & Josiah Thar – Taiwan

The Sterns – Argentina via International Teams

C&MA: Carolyn Thorson – Gabon; The Wendels – Latin America; Westergrens – Spain; Cheryl P – Germany; Brian W – Malaysia; The Iversons – Taiwan; Dee Krueger – Guinea; M M – Israel; T & K – Bosnia; Livingstons – Ivory Coast

The Muhotas in Kenya

The Churo School

The Gideons

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

Beryl J. Pierce, Major, Salvation Army (Kinzi Wass Pierce's mother-in-law) – Zambia; **Christon & Kinzie Pierce** – Salvation Army – Logansport; **Kirk & Janis Reynolds**, Navigators (Kowalski) – Chicago Regional Ethnic Ministry; **Steve, Heather, Austin & Evan Webb** (Leonard & Linda Webb's son) – Thailand; **Jeff & April Davies** – Captivated Praise; **Vincent Mekubo** pastor & teacher of orphans in the Kissi-Kingoris area.



Mark & Dee Krueger, Nathaniel, Rachel, Ruth & Rebekah -- Guinea



We traveled to another town about 3 hours from here for an eyeglass clinic the first part of March. We worked with some of our sister mission workers to provide eyeglasses to over 200 people during our three days of clinic. They also received Scripture portions in print or digital forms and were prayed for. Our colleagues there are continuing to see fruit from this ministry. The end of that same month we as a team traveled by road to Senegal for a joint sub-region field forum. It was for us as a team to work on some team dynamics via the seminar focus on learning about each of our unique personalities and how they mesh together. During

this past dry season, we saw the coming to Christ of one of our neighbors during the Easter meetings. Let me tell you a small bit of his story. Mr. S.D. has been our neighbor for at least 10 years. It was on the Saturday morning before Easter after we had finished studying that being prompted by the Holy Spirit I asked if he would like to attend the spiritual retreat we were holding that weekend. He said yes, and so spent that whole day and into the evening soaking in the Word as it was shared. Then on Easter Sunday, I asked if he was ready to go again and he replied that there was a “small” problem but he worked it out and went again and when the call was given for those who wanted to follow Jesus, he stood with those who did. Later, he went to the river and was baptized then too. Since that time he has not ceased to have a hunger to study and understand the Scriptures. We are praying that his whole family will come to know the Savior. We also experienced some sad goings during this time period as two of our good Fulbe friends, Mamadou and Mariama passed into eternity. They both had the chance to hear the good news of Christ and we have prayed that they made a decision to follow Jesus at some point. In April and May, we hosted our regional Orality teacher team as they came to Guinea to do training workshops throughout the country. We were able to participate with them in the first and fifth one. Using the oral method of Biblical storytelling is a powerful way to reach so many in this oral based society. One of our newly baptized believers Mr. A.D., was able to attend the last seminar with us and now we are working together to prepare a story set to use here in our area. He also is studying almost daily with us the Scriptures. Our local pastor also attended and it is our hope that he too will soon apply this method with the local Forest people Christian assembly. One other coming event happens this next week as we welcome an Envision team coming to help us do an eyeglass clinic in the village that our friend who died was from. In fact, because of the caring relationship we had with the young man and his family we are being given a warm welcome to come and do this clinic. We will also take some time while the team is here to do some prayer walking events around town as we seek to see the spiritual climate change. This is a difficult time right now as we are in the middle of the fasting month called Ramadan and so many of our neighbors are seeking to please God with their refraining from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset for the whole month. Finally, we too will be going someplace the end of June as we leave for a month of vacation and visits with family in the US. We will be spending time with all of our children and grandchildren that are spread out over four different states. We look forward to sharing our belated birthday and holiday celebrations with them.

1. Pray for the upcoming clinic and time with the Envision team as they join us here from the 10-14th.
2. Pray for the continuing spiritual growth of Mr. S.D. and Mr. A.D., as we study with them over the next few weeks, pray also for God to give them family members to come to Christ also.
3. Pray for our colleagues who are finalizing their things for their return to Guinea in July.
4. Pray for another spiritual son of ours who is seeking the Lord about marriage in the near future.
5. Pray for us as we travel to the states that we will have restful and meaningful times with our family there.

This posting was edited. Read the complete posting:

<http://www.cmalliance.org/worker/krueger-mark-dee>

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS JUNE 18, 2017

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK OF JUNE 18 – JUNE 24, 2017

Pray for one another.....

✠ Donna Draper ✠ Mike & Sharon Doty ✠ Josh, Jen, Allie, Jace & Jaxson Flater

PRAISES

Praise God for being a faithful father who cherishes all of His children and provides a way back to Him!

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Bill Bedwell has MRSA and seriously ill. **Donna Draper** is now using a boot. Marilee Skillern's granddaughter, **Elizabeth (3)**, is scheduled for surgery July 6th to correct eye muscles. **Jim Davidson** as he adjusts to his new work schedule and route. **Bea Jones' brother, Dale**, had his pacemaker replaced. His chemo has been postponed to June 21. **Becky Brush** (Sharon Black's sister) is now in rehab. **Kim Hyten** in his job search. **Pray** for the hiring process of the Associate Pastor God has chosen for us. **Pray** for families in crisis. **Health concerns: Kathy Thompson; Bob Mitchem; Rich Roth; Sumner Brown; Marianne Ash; Sue Neier; Kay Dlugos; Pam Miller;** Miller's granddaughter, **Natalie; Rita Bedwell's** step-daughter, **Crystal;** Wass' daughter-in-law, **Vickie,** (Crohn's & ulcers); **Pastor Chet Berry,** Hope Church; **Pastor Buddy Goss,** New Winchester Baptist, (diabetes, kidney & heart problems), his wife, **Phyllis. Dealing with pain: Vicki Kendall; Ann Nesbitt; Debbie Arney; Bob Mitchem; Sharon Doty; Mike Black; Rich Roth; Kay Dlugos; Claudia Wooden; Donna Draper.**

MILITARY PERSONNEL

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| Adria Stephens – (Beard's grandtr) | Mitchell Stephens, Adria's husband – stateside |
| Rob Skillern— deployed to Syria | Christopher Barger (Ron's grandson) –Iraq |
| Robbie Skillern—stateside | Andrew Schwarz – airborne/ranger school (Gruner) |
| Carlos Kline, USMC (Raley's grandson) Afghanistan | Todd (friend of Mike Anderson) |
| Daniel Wass, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana | Jared Holtane – Iraq |
| Brad Royer – Marine Boot Camp | |

KEEPING OUR PARTNER CHURCHES IN PRAYER

Local Church Fellowship Cluster

Lighthouse Fellowship (Coatesville)
New Winchester Baptist
Calvary Chapel Fellowship (H Lake/ Greencastle)
Bainbridge Christian Church
Roachdale Christian Church
Lifespring Christian Church
Whitestone Christian Church
Greencastle fellowship of churches

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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| Ashley Arney | Jaclyn Davidson |
| Haley Purcell | Virginia Muhota |
| Jonathon Redman | Anna Simms |
| Claire Simms | Rachel Simms |
| Olivia Benner (Roth) | Abby Schubert |
| Katie Schubert | |

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CANCER CONCERNS

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| Claudia Wooden | Sue Neier (breast, bladder) |
| Tracy Morehead (Rick Miller's sister) | Judy McEachern, Kathy Thompson's sister |
| Cheryl Roth (Rich's sister-in-law) | Bob Srstka (Brenda Anderson's uncle) |
| Bob Stern (missionary) leukemia | Avery (6) (Marilee Skillern's gr grandtr) |
| Tammy Richman (Bonnie Gibbs) | Jerry Morris (Eric Young) |
| Sarah Dvorak (Jaclyn Davidson) | Mel Medin (Anderson) |
| Kathryn Spiars | Dawn (Cindy Ware's stepdaughter) |
| Joe Shepherd (HL resident) | Natalie Ring (Beasley's daughter) |
| Paulita Ream | Larry Dalton & Morgan Myers Audrey B |
| Gary (Donna Draper) | Heidi, Linda, Joe, Aliza (Kowalski) |
| Heather (Pastor Kevin's sister) | Carolyn Ditto |
| Kelly (Collins) Thompson (Zac's mom) | Lucille (Katie) |
| Leanne (Mitchem's daughter) | Kay Dlugos |
| Sue (Roth's daughter) | Jeff (Marilee's brother) |
| Dale McCloud (Bea Jones' brother) | |