THE TOP TEN

1. AFGHANISTAN

It was bad before, but since the Taliban took over, things have got worse. Those suspected of having a Christian faith are identified on lists and are likely to be killed. In Afghanistan it’s illegal for an Afghan person to be anything other than a Muslim and owning Christian materials is outlawed.

2. NORTH KOREA

The previous number one country is now at number two because the violence is so bad in Afghanistan. In North Korea, believing in Jesus means you’re a threat to the leaders who want to be thought of as the only gods, so they try and control all parts of North Korean life. Suspected Christians are sent to prison and labour camps.

3. SOMALIA

In Somalia most people are Muslim and if you are even suspected of being a Christian, you could be murdered on the spot by groups of dangerous Islamic militant groups.

4. LIBYA

In Libya telling others about Jesus can mean arrest and violent punishment or being immediately attacked. Christians are at serious risk from being kidnapped.

5. YEMEN

Yemen is very tribal, so choosing to follow Jesus is seen as a betrayal of traditional values and culture - something that might mean exclusion or violent attack. War and famine have put Christians at risk from extremist Islamic groups.

6. ERITREA

In Eritrea only three styles of church are allowed. All other Christian groups are at risk of arrest. Many are imprisoned in horrific conditions, sometimes in shipping containers.

7. NIGERIA

Islamic extremists violently raid Christian towns and villages in Nigeria hoping to get Christians to leave entire regions for good.

8. PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, churches have to have security because of attacks and Christians can be falsely accused of insulting Islam and arrested on false charges.

9. IRAN

Across Iran Christians are watched by secret police, often facing arrest and imprisonment in terrible prisons. House church leaders and their families are specifically targeted.

10. INDIA

Thousands of Christians and dozens of churches are attacked each year because influential Hindu extremists want to rid India of all Christians and other minority groups.

FACT: ONE IN SEVEN CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD FACE PERSECUTION AND DISCRIMINATION FOR THEIR LOVE OF JESUS

“LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS”
2 Corinthians 4:6

“IT’S ONLY THANKS TO YOU, TO YOUR PRAYERS, THAT WE’RE STILL HERE. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR YOUR PRAYERS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN LONG GONE, BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS VERY DIFFICULT.”

Secret Christian in Afghanistan

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