THE TOP TEN

1. NORTH KOREA
- Where believing in Jesus means you’re a threat to the leaders who want to be thought of as the only gods. Suspected Christians are sent to prison and labour camps.

2. AFGHANISTAN
- Where it’s illegal for an Afghan person to be anything other than a Muslim and owning Christian materials is illegal.

3. SOMALIA
- Where most people are Muslim and if you are even suspected of being a Christian, you could be murdered on the spot.

4. LIBYA
- Where there are just 150 estimated Libyan Christians and no churches for Libyans. It’s illegal to take Arabic Bibles into Libya or share the gospel there.

5. PAKISTAN
- Where churches have to have security because of attacks and Christians can be falsely accused of insulting Islam and arrested on false charges.

6. ERITREA
- Where Christians are thought of as spies for Western governments and many are imprisoned in horrific conditions, sometimes in shipping containers.

7. YEMEN
- Where sharing about Jesus is illegal. War and famine has put Christians at risk from extremist Islamic groups.

8. IRAN
- Where Christians are watched by secret police, often facing arrest and imprisonment in horrible prisons and where leaving Islam can mean death.

9. NIGERIA
- Where different groups of Islamic extremists violently raid Christian towns and villages hoping to get Christians to leave entire regions for good.

10. INDIA
- Where thousands of Christians and dozens of churches are attacked each year because major political parties say that being Indian means being Hindu.

FACT: In North Korea, simply owning a Bible could get you and your family arrested and sent to a labour camp.

FACT: Every month, an average of 13 Christians are unjustly arrested, detained or imprisoned for their faith.

FACT: Every week, an average of 86 churches or Christian buildings are attacked.

FACT: Every day, an average of 13 Christians are killed for their faith - that’s nearly 400 Christians every month.

FACT: Persecution is getting worse for Christians. In previous years the Open Doors World Watch List has included a scale of three or four levels of persecution. Because things are getting worse, the top 50 places where Christians face the worst persecution features just the two highest levels, extreme and very high.

KEY

Countries facing extreme levels of persecution
Countries facing very high levels of persecution
Countries to add your stickers to

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