



# Family Under Fire – The Persecuted Church

Galations 6:2 - Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

## SUDAN

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim was sentenced to death in Khartoum on 11 May for 'apostasy' as well as to 100 lashes for committing adultery because the judge ruled that her marriage to a Christian man, Dr Daniel Wani, was not valid under Islamic law.



She was imprisoned with her 20 month old son and recently gave birth to a daughter while in prison and restrained by shackles.

**Claims on Saturday 31 May that Meriam Ibrahim would be freed have since been denied.**

The couple's son, Martin, has been in prison with his mother since her arrest because the authorities regard him as a Muslim and so will not allow him to be raised by his father. If her death sentence is upheld, custody of her children would be granted to the government, as the husband is not granted any rights over his children because he is a Christian.

**Please pray for her release and on her release, for the safety of the whole family.**

## NORTH KOREA

remains the most restrictive country in the world to be a Christian.

Being caught with a Bible is grounds for execution or a life-long political prison sentence.

50,000 to 70,000 Christians live in concentration camps, prisons and prison-like circumstances under the present regime

This month it was reported that as many as 33 people had been sentenced to death because of their alleged contact with Kim Jung-wook, a South Korean Baptist missionary arrested by North Korean authorities in October on suspicion of trying to establish underground churches. It is possible they have been killed by now.

## NIGERIA

**200 girls kidnapped by Boko Haram - Open Doors worker has reported on a recent visit to the parents in Chibok:**

"What they are going through is unimaginable. Many we met were simply too broken to say much at all. They just cried."

Since the abduction, two separate parents have died of heart attacks.

**Please pray for the safe return of the girls and for their families**

## Home Family

**Pray for Our Vision**

**We will commit to Increased Provision of Resources**

*'There will be a spirit of even greater generosity, to fully resource both present activities and future opportunities. The levels of people resources and finances within the church will over-supply the needs.'*

It was reported at the church meeting that the demands on finance are exceeding the income. This is a situation that cannot be sustained.

Please also pray for current gaps in services provided to be filled with new volunteers and there would be an outpouring of offers so that even where there are less obvious vacancies, people who have served a long time can have a rest.

**Pray particularly for Stepping Stones, Sunday Club, Children's work.**