

November, 2013

Dear Families of Gilead Bible Church,

\*\* In the traditional church calendar, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stand out in the month of November, set apart to remember the saints of the church and the souls of those who departed this world. It is fitting, then, that the modern church has set apart the month of November to remember and pray for the persecuted church, through the *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*.

Believers in countries such as Egypt, Eritrea, India, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan and Vietnam face violence, imprisonment and even death because of their faith in Jesus Christ. There are other places in the world such as North Korea where acts of persecution take place, but we don't see or hear of it. Brother Andrew of Open Doors once said: 'Our heroes are not with us simply because they are in prison.'

*International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church* is a time set apart for us to remember thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who suffer persecution, simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

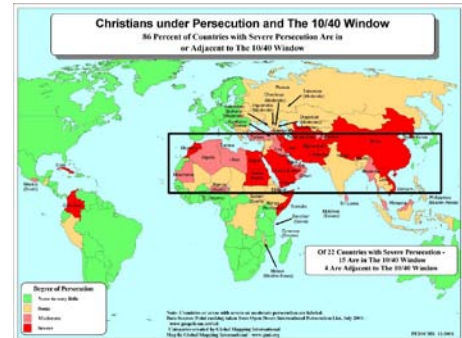
This year our focus includes the plight of Christians in India, who are suffering increasing persecution by militants who want a Hindu-only India. Please download the new 7-minute video at <http://idop.org/>, and make use of the prayers for India, as well as those for Nigeria and Azerbaijan.

We invite you to explore the variety of resources on this website and hope you will join Christians worldwide in praying for persecuted Christians this Sunday, November 10.

God Bless,

Pastor and Helen Moy

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親愛的基列教會弟兄姊妹，

在傳統的教會年曆，聖徒日和萬靈節是十一月份中特別的日子，

分別紀念教會的聖徒和那些離開這個世界的靈魂。這是恰當的。

現今的教會特別在十一月裏發起國際祈禱日紀念那些為主受逼迫的教會。

信徒在一些國家，如埃及，厄立特里亞，印度，伊朗，尼日利亞，巴基斯坦和越南等地因為他們對基督耶穌的信仰而面對暴力，監禁甚至死亡。在世界其他地方，如北韓被迫害的事情常常發生，只是我們沒有看到或聽到。安德烈弟兄在“敞開的門”曾說過

“我們的英雄不與我們一起是因為他們正在監獄裡。”

受逼迫教會國際祈禱日特別為我們設定時間，紀念數以千萬的基督教弟兄姊妹在世界各地遭受迫害，乃因為他們承認耶穌基督是救主。

今年會國際祈禱日的工作重點包括在印度基督徒的困境，他們正遭受越來越多來自希望只有一個印度教的印度武裝份子的迫害。請於<http://idop.org> 下載新的七分鐘視頻，[並為印度，尼日利亞和阿塞拜疆](#)加進禱告日程。

我們邀請您來探索此網站上的各種資源，並希望您能加入在十一月十日與全世界的基督徒為受迫害的基督徒祈禱。

願神祝福你

梅建邦牧師及師母

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