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State Government in India Orders Investigation into All Christian Missionaries

Colombian nun released in Mali after four years in captivity



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India (International Christian Concern) – According to the International Business Times, the government in India's Karnataka state has ordered officers to investigate both official and non-official Christian missionaries. The order comes as Karnataka prepares to enact an anti-conversion law that would regulate religious conversions and criminalize forced religious conversions.

The decision to investigate Christian missionaries was taken during a meeting on Wednesday by the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Committee. Several state legislators, including BJP MLA Goolihatti Shekar, took part in the meeting. Shekar reportedly advocated for the registration of Christian missionaries and claimed that 40% of churches in Karnataka are unofficial and not recognized by the state. In addition to these actions, members of the

committee also discussed withdrawing government benefits from individuals who convert from Hinduism to Christianity.

In recent weeks, BJP members of the Karnataka government have made statements supporting the enactment of an anti-conversion law. According to these politicians, conversions to Christianity in Karnataka have gotten out of control and a law must be brought to regulate conversions and punish forced conversions.

"The government is studying laws implemented in this regard by the various state governments in the country," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, said. "The law in this regard will be enacted soon in Karnataka." Shekar raised the issue of religious conversions on the floor of the Assembly during the Monsoon Session, claiming his mother converted to Christianity without his knowledge. Earlier this week, Shekar reported to the media that his mother participated in a 'Ghar Wapsi' program and converted back to Hinduism.

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Resolution in Texas to declare the Holy Bible as the official book



AUSTIN — A Texas lawmaker filed a resolution Wednesday to designate the Bible as

the official state book. The resolution, filed by State Rep. Glenn Rogers, explained the Bible has served as a source of "wisdom and inspiration" for

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Abducted Christian Killed During Rescue Mission

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Nigeria (International Christian Concern) – According to Morning Star News, 78-Year-old Julius Oshadumo was killed on Satur-



Pastor Arrested, Falsely Accused of Forcefully Converting Hindus

Apple Bows to Communist China, Removes Koran App ; Bible App Withdrawn



"Apple has taken down one of the most popular Koran apps in China, following a request from officials," reported the BBC.

In addition, the popular Olive Tree Bible app withdrew its app from

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FEAR OF THE LORD AND OBEDIENCE

What does it mean by “the fear of the Lord”? Does it only mean “reverence to God” as popular views hold? It is not so! The Fear of the Lord demands activities that go beyond just reverence towards God. It leads to obedience!

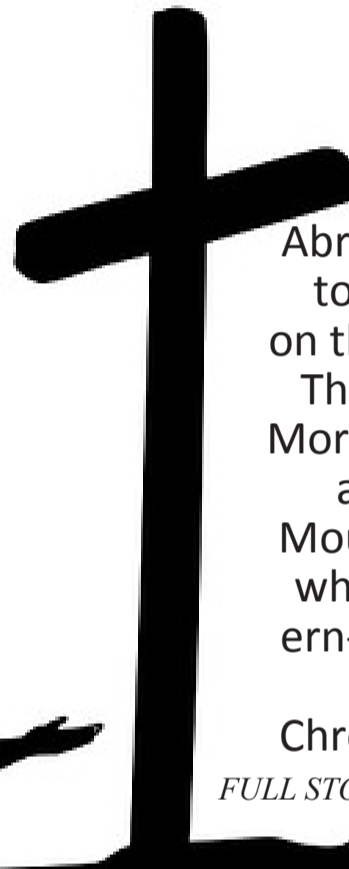
We examine a case from Genesis 22 where Abraham is asked to offer his son Isaac in the mount of Moriah. Significantly, God called Isaac “your only son Isaac”, when in fact Abraham had another son, Ishmael. Since Ishmael was put away from Abraham’s family (Genesis 21:8-14), as far as God’s covenant was concerned, Abraham had only one son. God told Abraham to offer him as a burnt offering. This was not an offering that was burned alive, but one with the life first taken by sacrifice and then the body completely burnt before the Lord.

So Abraham rose early: There is no sign of hesitation on Abraham’s part. Abraham rose early in the morning to do this. It must have been a sleepless night

for Abraham. He saddled his donkey and he split the wood. Though he had plenty of servants to do this for him, Abraham did it himself, even in his old age. Then Abraham went right to the spot which God had told him. He did this even though it would have been easier in Abraham’s eyes if God had asked Abraham to lay his own life down instead of the life of his son Isaac.

Abraham came to the place on the third day. The region of Moriah is associated with Mount Moriah, which is modern-day Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 3:1). He made all the arrangements for the offering and he bound Isaac on the altar. Then “Abraham

stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now



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FEATURE!!

Five Bible Verses to Remember When You're Overwhelmed by the News

Social media can be great; it provides a bridge to people with whom we might otherwise rarely — if ever — connect. As believers, it can also give us access to specific details, so that our prayers can be more attuned to the myriad needs that exist in the world. But if ever there was a double-edged sword, this is it.

There is all kinds of research showing social media use is inextricably linked to increases in depression and anxiety. It's no wonder: we're trying to force a round peg into a square hole. As image bearers of God, we are designed to be co-creators through communication, but social media is a poor tool for that. Rather than establishing space to create, social media calls upon our worst instincts: to react, repress, and retreat.

We are unendingly assailed by the churn of social media, constantly bombarded with discouraging,

complex, and sometimes even scary information, left with only a small arsenal of often unhelpful options: reacting rather than acting, repressing rather than expressing and processing, and retreating or isolating instead of pressing in and adapting.

Human beings weren't designed to take in so much information, particularly when there is little immediate action we can take to address it. There's no doubt in social media's usefulness, but we have to learn to master it so it doesn't master us, and that starts with setting boundaries, such as taking time away from it all, limiting who we follow, and remembering we don't always have to engage, and focusing on our purpose, which is to glorify God in all

things, to simply do the next right thing in front of us, and take our burdens to the Lord in prayer.

The 20th century pastor and author A.W. Tozer once wrote, "Sometimes, when we get overwhelmed, we forget how big God is." What a profound truth, particularly in the social media age.

Below are five Bible passages to keep in mind as you use social media:

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present



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I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me (Genesis 22; 10-14). The Angel of the Lord confirmed that the act of Abraham that day was a testimony of his "fear of God" as it was said...I know that you fear God".

Fearing God should result in obedience to Him. Those who do not obey do not have any fear of God. Amen!

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E-TRACTS

**GETING OUT OF THE WAY
OF GOD'S PROMISES**



Geting Out of the Way of God's Promises

One could reason that God might, at least, give the church a little worldly power.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe" (1 Cor 1:21).

It is an outright scandal that God, in all the power thereof, has flat out turned the divine nose up at power. At least as the world defines it. As shocking as that is, it is an even greater shock that God has also refused to give the church authority to exercise any of that power, either.

Yes, God's ways may not be our own. But one could reason that God might, at least, give the church a little worldly power. After all, the church is God's chosen instrument here on earth. And as anyone living on this side of eternity knows, a little power goes a long way. A show of grandeur could do the church a bunch of good.

Such logic, while reasonable, is unfounded. God's eschewal of all that the world considers powerful runs deep. In fact, this upside-down operation is confessed each week in the Apostles' Creed. It is none other than Jesus Christ who sits at God's right hand. In other words, God gets things done by the Son who flexes his muscles on the cross. It is in weakness and death that God's power shows most clearly. And this is no less true on earth as it is in heaven.

I will grant you, theoretically, we can wrap our minds around this notion. The truth, though, is that none of us will ever stake our lives on it. At least, not of our own volition.

Nowhere is this demonstrated more plainly than the knots church leaders tie themselves up in. While the crucified savior may be the only power God has given the church, all too often, the church's stewards think they can do better with a show of worldly power. The secular shrug these antics tend to evoke ought to disabuse clerical CEOs out of such nonsense. But the temptation to prove one's merits by the world's standards doesn't go away easily. Not even in the church.

Unfortunately, though, worldly indifference is not the worst seed to be sown by such aggrandizing. While it may be easy to understand why someone would be tempted to gin up the church's operation, the impact of these escapades is a bit more ambiguous. An ecclesial spectacle may dazzle for the moment. In the end, though, doubt is all that's left in their wake.

Pastor Arrested, Falsely Accused of Forcefully Converting Hindus

India (International Christian Concern) –According to Asia News, a Pentecostal pastor was arrested on Tuesday after distributing evangelical pamphlets and Bibles in Lalas village, Himachal Pradesh.

Pastor John, accompanied by two Christian brothers, was confronted by a group of Hindu nationalists who ordered him to stop the distribution process. They then accused the trio of forced conversion activities, including giving people money in exchange for their conversion.

Pastor John pleaded not guilty, stating: "I only offered the Bible, and I gave it to those who freely accepted the Good News. Some people rejected the gospel I was giving them, and I didn't insist."

He continued, "I am even willing to offer the Bible, which is the Word of God, to the police. What we do is share the Good News with people, tell them about Jesus, but without forcing anyone to convert. The accusations made against me are totally false: I



have never offered money to convert people." In states where anti-conversion laws are enacted, including Himachal Pradesh, they are widely used to spread disinformation about minorities and provide legal cover for radical Hindu nationalists and their activities. Christian leaders and evangelists are often falsely accused of forcefully converting individuals to Christianity to justify harassment and assault. Local police often overlook this

harassment due to the false accusation of forced conversions.

In 2020, the religious freedom situation in India deteriorated to such a degree that the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) recommended India be designated a Country of Particular Concern ("CPC"), a designation reserved for the world's worst violators of religious freedom.

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day during an attempted rescue mission in Kogi state.

Oshodumo and two other Christians were being held by militant Fulani herdsmen, who kidnapped them on September 19th while they were at church.

Nigerian security forces attempted to save the three Christians by storming the enclave in which they were being held. One of the abducted Christians was shot multiple times and is now receiving hospital treatment. The other remains in captivity, according to police.

During the September 19th attack, militant Fulani stormed the Evangelical Church Winning All church in Okedayo-Kabba, killing church member Reuben Gbenga, 45, and seriously wounding Oshadumo's wife.

"There were six armed herdsmen who stormed the church while I was conducting the call to worship, and they were shooting randomly," Pastor Atayi said in a text message to Morning Star News. "They disrupted the worship service as members of the church scampered to escape."

According to Oshadumo's wife, the Fulani militants demanded a ransom of 10 million

naira (\$24,315) for his release. When his family replied that they could only raise 2 million naira (\$4,863), they refused to release him.

FULL STORY ON -01

China after its maker was told by Apple it had "to provide a permit demonstrating our authorization to distribute an app with book or magazine content in mainland China."

The Koran app is called "Koran Majeed," and is used by 35 million people worldwide.

According to the BBC, Koran Majeed was removed for allegedly "hosting illegal religious texts," i.e., The Koran. The Communist Chinese government did not respond to the BBC when asked for comment. However, Apple directed the BBC to its human rights policy, which states, "We're required to comply with local laws, and at times there are complex issues about which we may disagree with governments and other stakeholders on the right path forward."

"Apple told the BBC that Chinese officials had said the apps [Koran and Olive Tree Bible] breached laws on hosting illegal religious texts," reported Business Insider.

Business Insider further reported, "The developer of the Quran Majeed app confirmed to Insider the app had been removed from

China's App Store, and said Apple had advised it to contact the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC)."

"According to Apple, our app Quran Majeed has been removed from the China App Store because it includes content that is illegal in China as determined by the CAC, which is not in compliance with the App Store Review Guidelines," Hasan Shafiq Ahmed, head of growth at Pakistan Data Management, told Insider.

"We are trying to get in touch with CAC and relevant Chinese authorities to get this issue resolved as we had close to a million users for our app in China that have been impacted," said Ahmed.

In May of this year, The New York Times reported, "Apple proactively removes apps to placate Chinese officials. Apple has created an internal bureaucracy that rejects or removes apps the company believes could run afoul of Chinese rules. Apple trains its app reviewers and uses special software to inspect apps for any mention of topics Apple has deemed off limits in China, including Tiananmen Square, the Chinese spiritual movement Falun Gong, the Dalai Lama, and independence for Tibet and Taiwan." "Since 2017, roughly 55,000 active apps have dis-



Pastor Shibu Thomas
Oklahoma, USA

ABUNDANTLY BLESSED!

1. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
2. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
3. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.
4. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.
5. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
6. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE **GOD**.
7. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF **GOD**.
8. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (**MATTHEW 5: 3-10**).
9. BLESSED ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE INSULTED, PERSECUTED AND FALSELY ACCUSED OF ALL EVIL BECAUSE OF THE NAME OF JESUS, FOR GREAT IS THEIR REWARD IN HEAVEN (**MATTHEW 5: 11-12**).
10. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE **LORD**, AND WHO MEDITATES ON **HIS** LAW DAY AND NIGHT (**PSALM 1: 2**).
11. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO OBEYS THE LAW AND WALK UPRIGHT IN HIS LIFE.
12. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KEEP HIS STATUTES AND SEEK HIM WITH ALL THEIR HEART (**PSALM 119: 2**)
13. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHOSE TRANSGRESSIONS ARE FORGIVEN, WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED (**PSALM 32: 1**).
14. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE **LORD** (**PSALM 84: 4**).
15. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO IS TAKING REFUGE IN **GOD** BY TASTING AND SEEING THAT THE **LORD** IS GOOD. (**PSALM 34: 8**).

PRAYER- **OH...GOD** OF ALL BLESSINGS, THANK YOU A MILLION FOR CONVINCING ME HOW IMMENSELY I AM BLESSED. **AMEN**.

FULL STORY ON - 01

Colombian nun released in Mali after four years in captivity

A Colombian nun who was abducted in 2017 by fighters in Mali has been freed.

Gloria Cecilia Narvaez was released on Saturday after more than four years in captivity. She was kidnapped by the Macina Liberation Front, an al-Qaeda-linked group, in February 2017 near the border with Burkina Faso.

Following her release, Narvaez met with Mali's interim President Assimi Goita. "I first thank God, who is the light and the peace, I thank the Malian authorities, the president for all the efforts made so that I am free," she said in a brief statement made on state television.

"I am very happy, I stayed healthy for five years, thank God," she added. Photos posted on the Malian presidency's Twitter feed showed Narvaez, smiling and dressed in a yellow robe and headscarf, as she met with Goita. "The presidency of Mali salutes the courage and bravery of the nun. This liberation is the crowning achievement of four years and eight months of combined efforts

▶▶▶ **FULL STORY ON - 01**

Across India, radical Hindu nationalists use the specter for mass conversions to Christianity and Islam to enact laws limiting the religious freedom of minorities. According to these nationalists, masses of low caste Hindus are converted to Christianity and Islam through illicit means and a law must be enacted to stop this from happening.

Article 25 of India's constitution, however, protects the rights an individual to freely profess, practice, and propagate the religion of their choice. The anti-conversion laws enacted in other states limit this constitutional right by requiring individuals to have their conversions approved by the government. In addition to this, individuals from low caste backgrounds face the consequence of losing government benefits when converting from Hinduism to Christianity or Islam.

Radical Hindu nationalists also use anti-conversion laws as legal cover when persecuting Christians and closing churches. After assaulting a pastor or disrupting a church service, radicals falsely accused their victims of engaging in conversions to justify their criminal actions. As a result, police arrest the Christians and allow the radicals to go free.



by several intelligence services," the presidency said in a statement.

A source close to the negotiations to release her told the AFP news agency that the nun had not been ill-treated during her captivity, during which she had learned the Quran.

"The negotiations lasted months, years," said the source, without giving further details.

In Colombia, National Police Director Jorge Luis Vargas welcomed news of Narvaez's release.

"Today is very good news for Colombia, but also for the national police for all the efforts made over the years to secure the safe release of our compatriot," he said. Vargas said meetings had been held with several European and African ambassadors to try to secure the nun's release.

"With Interpol, and with other international organisations, we have always sought to bring those responsible to justice."

He did not say whether any ransom was paid for Narvaez. Mali has been struggling since 2012 to contain violence linked to al-Qaeda and ISIL-affiliated groups.

The fighters have now expanded their operations from their strongholds in the country's desert north to its centre as well as neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger.

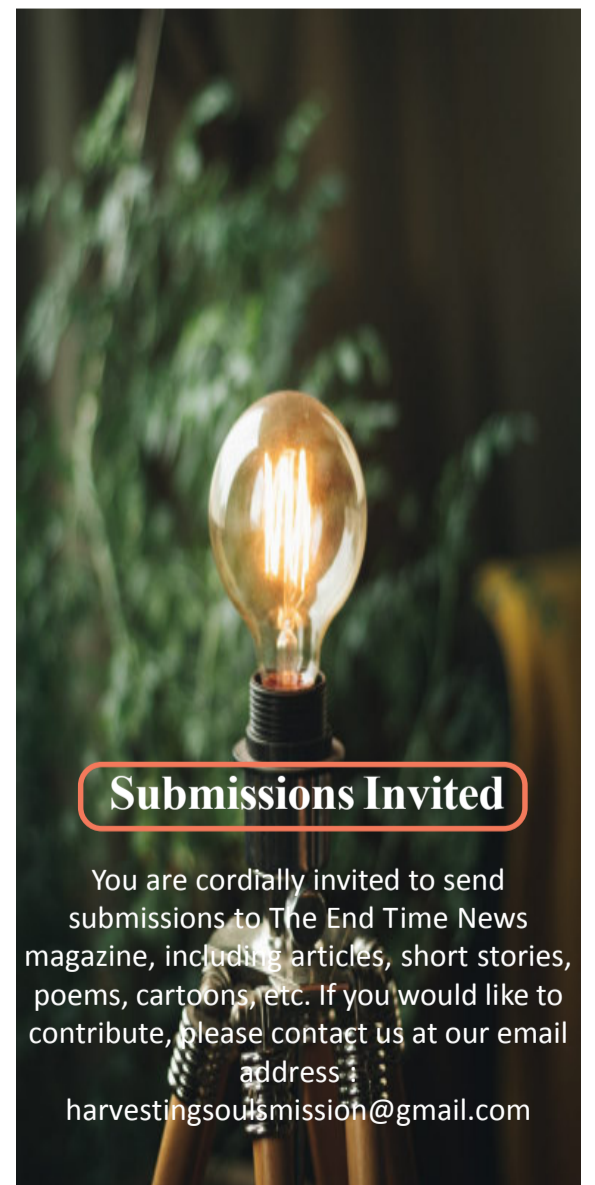
Kidnapping, once rare, has now become a lucrative source of cash for the armed groups.

In April, a French journalist was abducted in northern Mali.

In a hostage video, Olivier Dubois said the

Group to Support Islam and Muslims (GSIM), the largest alliance of armed groups in the Sahel, had kidnapped him.

Gunmen abducted three Chinese nationals and two Mauritians from a construction site in southwestern Mali in July.



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FULL STORY ON -03

your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Main takeaway: We don't have to carry our concerns, worries, and fears in isolation. The Apostle Paul said that in every single circumstance, we can tell God what we are feeling and, as a result, the Lord will protect our hearts and minds from the weight of this world.

ROMANS 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

Main takeaway: More often than not, it seems, the issues before us are too complex and troubling to understand. In this passage, Paul made it clear the Holy Spirit helps us communicate our requests to God. We can rest assured He is advocating for us in our confusion

and lack.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Main takeaway: While we should certainly be informed and engaged, we should not despair as if we have no hope. Ultimately, as Paul wrote, our lives are not determined or controlled by forces on this earth. Our security is in Jesus, and that should guide our thinking.

MATTHEW 6:30

“If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you — you of little faith?”

Main takeaway: Even if His provision doesn't look the way we think it should, God can be trusted to meet our greatest needs. If He cares enough about the earth to cover it in

brilliant colors that quickly fade, how much more does God care for you, for whom He sent His Son, Jesus, to die?

ROMANS 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

Main takeaway: While we certainly ought to engage in the world, Paul warned against becoming so consumed by its trappings that we begin to mirror it. Instead, we should set boundaries and see the temporary circumstances around us through the lens of our renewed minds, which come through sanctification as a result of salvation through Jesus.

The Lord is eager to meet us in every situation and circumstance, including when we're overwhelmed by the constant flow of information fed to us by our newsfeeds. Take some time today to turn off your phone and focus on our priority: Jesus.

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Texas historical figures like Davy Crockett and Sam Houston. The resolution also said 30 governors have been sworn in with a Bible believed to have belonged to Houston, who was the first president of the Republic of Texas, then later a U.S. senator representing the state.

"As a prominent element in the rich fabric of our Texas heritage, the Bible is truly deserving of such acknowledgment," the resolution said.

The short resolution doesn't outline which Bible would become the state's official book, however. Cambridge University explains 11 of the most popular versions in English include the English Standard Version, the New American Standard Bible, the New International Version (NIV), and the most popular, the King James.

Data from the Pew Research Center shows that about 77% of religious adults in Texas identified as Christian. Non-Christian faiths accounted for about 4% of the state's religious composition, while about 18% of those who answered identified as non-religious or atheist.

Earlier this year, a Tennessee lawmaker pushed for official Bible designation in his own state. Similar resolutions failed in Louisiana in 2014 and Mississippi in 2015.

FULL STORY ON - 05

appeared from Apple's App Store in China, with most remaining available in other countries," reported The Times.

Communist China is a totalitarian regime that has killed more than 65 million of its own people since 1949-50, when Mao Zedong established his dictatorship. Today, an estimated 1.5 million Muslim Uighurs are being held in Chinese "reeducation" concentration camps, where not a few are tortured and forcibly sterilized.

"People of faith are severely persecuted through imprisonment, torture, forced medical regimens, organ harvesting, and arbitrary executions," reported the Heritage Foundation.

"Apple's earnings for Greater China in Q2 2021 were up 87.5% from this time last year, to \$17.7 billion," reported Apple Insider. CEO Tim Cook said, "We were very pleased with our performance in China. We set a March quarter revenue record and grew strong double digits across each of the product categories."

Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ "When you understand that life is a test, you realize that nothing is insignificant in your life." — **Rick Warren**
- ❖ "Whoever is spared personal pain must feel himself called to help in diminishing the pain of others. We must all carry our share of the misery which lies upon the world." - **Albert Schweitzer**
- ❖ "A woman's heart should be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him just to find her." — **Max Lucado**
- ❖ "Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." - **Corrie Ten Boom**
- ❖ "Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works." - **Martin Luther**
- ❖ "Having the answers is not essential to living. What is essential is the sense of God's presence during dark seasons of questioning." — **Ravi Zacharias**
- ❖ "He said "Love...as I have loved you." We cannot love too much." — **Amy Carmichael**
- ❖ "He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain." — **Randy Alcorn**
- ❖ "Let this encourage those of you who belong to Christ: the storm may be tempestuous, but it is only temporary. The clouds that are temporarily rolling over your head will pass, and then you will have fair weather, an eternal sunshine of glory. Can you not watch with Christ for one hour? "
- **Williams Gurnall**
- ❖ "Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world."
— **John Piper**



Abigail Thyvilayil John



BIJO MATHEW

When hardships aid us to gallop ahead

Life may be compared as oceans. Because there are problems as a chain in life, just as waves in the oceans one after another. While we resolve a problem the next enter into the picture.

The Roaring Forties are extremely powerful winds that blow in the southern Hemisphere between latitudes 40 degrees and 50. This gale blows 200 km per hour and produce open ocean waves of up to 10 meters!. But this same huge wind has been shaping shipping routes for centuries. They helped

captains and clipper ships to sail faster from west to east when there were no engines for the

ships to propel. One gigantic problem that cannot be solved by anyone may become a helper to make the movement faster!

Christian life is troublesome always. Jesus Himself described it as "the narrow gate". But each God's child must understand the God who turns the trouble as goodness. Joseph was a man who had dreams but persecuted for his dreams. Each trouble turned as fuel for his moving. His brothers and his master, all of them brought hardships for him, but they were all helping him to ascend on high. He was born in a shepherd family and reached in the high profile. Struggles pushed him to

the top of the supremacy.

I heard of a story that a man had one horse. He decided to give up the horse because that was old and weak. He took a huge pit and pushed the horse in to it. But each bag of soil he threw on the horse which was in the pit was shaken away by it. The last bag of soil was the last step for the horse to the ground!

Therefore endure in your problems.. all hardships may turn as fuel for you to propel ahead and can reach in to another realm of your life.

Nearly 70% of born-again Christians say other religions can lead to Heaven: study

Nearly 70% of born-again Christians disagree with the biblical position that Jesus is the only way to God, according to a new survey from Probe Ministries, a nonprofit that seeks to help the Church in renewing the minds of believers with a Christian worldview.

The survey, which looked at religious beliefs and attitudes toward cultural behaviors, polled 3,106 Americans ages 18 to 55 from all religious groups, including 717 respondents who identified as born-again Christians.

Born-again respondents were identified based on their affirmative response to the question, "Have you ever made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in your life today?" They were also identified by their belief about what happens after they die. Born-again believers agree that "I will go to Heaven because I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior."

Despite this claim by the self-identified born-again Christians in the study, however, among all respondents ages 18 to 39, who profess an affiliation with some religion, fewer than 1 out of 5 of them strongly disagree with the statement that Muhammad, Buddha and Jesus all taught valid ways to God.

Still, some 60% of this cohort said they shared their faith with someone else at least annually with the intent of converting them.



"If you think that there are multiple ways to Heaven, why would you want to go out of your way to convert someone to your religion? Of course, you could be sharing with an unaffiliated person who needs to choose a valid religion," noted Steve Cable, senior vice president of Probe Ministries, in his analysis of the data.

The survey also found that among the top reasons given by born-again Christians for not telling others about their faith is the acceptance of pluralism. When asked why they don't share their beliefs with others, born-again respondents chose "They can get to Heaven through their different religious be-

liefs," "We shouldn't impose our ideas on others," and "The Bible tells us not to judge others" as their top three responses, respectively.

"At first glance, this may seem surprising. But in a culture where pluralism is a dominant part of all religious groups, it begins to make sense. And the pluralistic reasons were dominant, attracting around two-thirds of the population across all religious groupings," Cable said.

Cable argued that pastors and churches need to make the exclusivity of Jesus as the only way to Heaven a stronger focus in teaching their congregations in order to push back against the tide of pluralism.



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79-year-old American pastor kidnapped 2 weeks before missionaries in Haiti still missing

Nearly two weeks before the notorious 400 Mawozo gang in Haiti kidnapped 17 mostly American missionaries and demanded a \$17 million ransom, Pastor Jean Pierre Ferrer Michel, another American, was abducted from his church along with two others. And like the missionaries, Michel is still missing.

“They don’t talk about it, like they are talking about the case of the group of 17. But this man is an American citizen, too,” a family friend told the Miami Herald on the condition of anonymity in a recent interview about the kidnapping of Michel, who is a founding member of the church Jesus Center in Delmas 29. “It’s not the same attention that the 17 people who they abducted in Croix-des-Bouquets are getting.”

A Haiti Libre report said at about 8 a.m. on Oct. 3, heavily armed individuals dressed in different uniforms of the National Police of Haiti kidnapped Michel, 79, Isabelle Devendegis and Norman Weiner in front of the Jesus Center Church of Delmas 29.

While the gang released the female congregant, Michel and Weiner are still being held hostage even though they have paid a ransom that was initially \$15 million for the three Christians, including \$8 million for Michel.

“When they (gangsters) say dollars, you don’t know if they are talking about American dollars or Haitian,” the family friend said. “They asked us for a ransom, the two families came together and paid a ransom and after we paid it, they called and said the money wasn’t enough and they cannot release them. Since then, there has been no contact.”

While there have been rumors that Michel had been released, the pastor’s wife, Maryse Michel, released a video Tuesday in Haitian Creole begging for his freedom.

“They have yet to release him after 17 days,” she said. “He’s without his medication. He’s an old man who is nearly 80 years old, and doesn’t have a lot of years in front of him. I’ve come to plead, and I came to ask everyone who it concerns: Release the pastor. Release my husband. Give the children back their father. Give the family back their brother because we did everything already. They are



still holding them. They have to let them go. We did everything we were supposed to do.” The Christian Post reached out to Michel’s family for further comment Thursday, but they weren’t immediately available.

While the missionaries and Michel are now getting widespread international attention, the targeting of the church by kidnapers in Haiti has been ongoing for months and has resulted in at least one casualty. On Sept. 26, as they prepared to enter the First Baptist Church of Port-au-Prince, 60-year-old deacon Syner Lafaille and his wife, Marie Marthe Laurent Lafaille, were attacked by a heavily armed group. They tried to kidnap the deacon’s wife, but he fought back the gunmen and was fatally shot for his bravery. Some church members who witnessed the attack were injured, a Haiti Libre report said.

In April, gunmen were also recorded in a livestream broadcast on Facebook and YouTube kidnapping a pastor and three members of the Seventh-day Adventist Gospel Kreyol Ministry Church in Diquini on the outskirts of the capital Port-au-Prince. The pastor and his congregants were released three days later. It is unclear if a ransom was paid. Gregory M. Figaro, whose father, Greger Figaro, founded the church, told the Miami Herald that eight to 10 gunmen were involved in the attack. “If this can happen, then anything is possible in the country because there is no respect for any institution, whether it’s a church or school,” Figaro said.

Earlier this week, Christian Aid Ministries said an 8-month-old baby is among the 16 American missionaries and Canadian colleague waiting to be rescued from the 400 Mawozo gang.

Haitian Justice Minister Liszt Quitel confirmed Tuesday that the gang, which kidnapped the missionaries Saturday while they were working with Christian Aid Ministries, demanded \$1 million each for their safe return.

Christian Aid Ministries said Tuesday that officials in the troubled Caribbean nation and the U.S. are working to negotiate the release of the missionaries, which include six men, six women and five children.

The international charity has been calling for prayers for the abducted group since the first day they were reported missing but called for a day of fasting on Thursday.

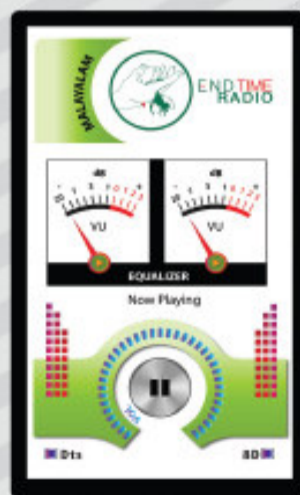
“We are entering day number five since our workers and loved ones were kidnapped in Haiti. We, along with government authorities, continue to work hard to bring them home safely. We appreciate the work of those knowledgeable and experienced in dealing with kidnapping cases,” the charity said in a statement. “As CAM associates, we plan to have a special day of fasting and prayer..., October 21. We invite believers around the world to join us in seeking God for His mighty hand to work.”

Christian Aid Ministries also drew attention to the worsening crisis of governance unfold-



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