

“We are persecuted, but not abandoned” (2 Corinthians 4 v 9)



BAKHROM KHOLMATOV (Tajikistan)

Pastor Bakhrom Kholmatov (42) was arrested in April 2017 after secret police officers raided his church and found Christian song books. He was sentenced to three years in prison on charges that the songs were “extremist”.



ASIA BIBI (Pakistan)

Asia Bibi (52) is a Christian farm worker who has been in prison since 2009, when she was accused of blasphemy. She is waiting for a Supreme Court appeal against her conviction and death sentence to be heard.



KIM JONG UK (North Korea)

Kim Jong Uk (52) is a missionary from South Korea who provided aid to North Korean refugees in China. In 2013 he was arrested during a visit to North Korea. He was accused of espionage and sentenced to life imprisonment in labour camp.



SEVADA AGHASAR (Iran)

Sevada Aghasar is a very well-known Christian musician and songwriter. In July 2017, he was imprisoned for five years for posting Christian messages on Facebook and meeting with Christian converts from Islam.



YANG HUA (China)

Pastor Yang Hua (41) was arrested in December 2015 during a raid on his large house church. In 2017 he was sentenced to two and a half years in prison for “divulging state secrets”. He has suffered bouts of very bad health while in prison.



KIDANE WELDOU (Eritrea)

Pastor Kidane Weldou (in his 60s) has been in a maximum-security prison for thirteen years because of his Christian faith. He has never been tried, and his wife and four daughters have never been allowed to visit him.

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The six prisoners pictured on this poster are just a small sample of the thousands of Christians who are imprisoned around the world because of their faith.

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