

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison (Hebrews 13 v 3)



ZHANG SHAOJIE (CHINA)

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (49) was arrested in November 2013 after a dispute over church land with Communist Party officials. In July 2014, he was sentenced to twelve years in prison. Officials have threatened his family, including his elderly parents and daughters.



BISHOY ARMIA BOULOUS (EGYPT)

Christian journalist Bishoy Armia Boulous (31) was arrested in December 2013, while reporting on Christians being persecuted in southern Egypt. He is due for release in December 2015. His wife and two children have had to leave Egypt because of threats and attacks.



ASIA BIBI (PAKISTAN)

Asia Bibi (49) has been in prison since June 2009, when a fellow farm labourer falsely accused her of insulting the Prophet Mohammed. In November 2010, Asia was sentenced to death for blasphemy. She is waiting for a Supreme Court appeal to be heard.



TWEN (ERITREA)

Twen (32) was arrested in 2005 at an underground prayer meeting in the capital, Asmara. She has been imprisoned without trial ever since, in terrible conditions. Twen is known as a Christian leader in the prison, where she cares for the other women.



SAEED ABEDINI (IRAN)

Saeed Abedini (34) grew up in Iran and started a network of house churches before moving to America. He was arrested in 2012 while visiting Iran to build an orphanage, and was sentenced to eight years in prison. His wife and two young children live in America.



FARSHID FATHI (IRAN)

Pastor Farshid Fathi (35) was arrested in December 2010 and convicted of unlawfully distributing Bibles. He was sentenced to six years in prison. In 2014, Farshid was sentenced to an extra year on a false charge. His wife and two young children have had to flee the country.

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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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