

Send Christmas Cards to Prisoners

Every Christmas we all send Christmas Cards to our loved ones near and far. Would you also include a Christian prisoner on your Christmas Card list? On the facing page, you will find brief information about and addresses for prisoners in Indonesia, Iran and Tajikistan.

The addresses for Abraham Ben Moses and Bakhrom Kholmatov are the prisons where they are being held, while the address for Sevada Aghasar is c/o Middle East Concern, which will work to get your card delivered to him or his family. We can't guarantee that your card will reach the prisoner, but there is still great value in sending it. It will make clear that the prisoner is known and cared about overseas, which can influence how he is treated. If received by the prisoner, your card will be a great encouragement. Sometimes prisoners are not permitted to have the cards but they are told about them.



Card Writing Guidelines

1. Begin by choosing a Christmas card.
2. Write a short greeting – Bakhrom and Sevada do not speak English but a prison guard or fellow prisoner may be able to translate.
3. Assure the prisoner that you are praying for him.

DON'T make any criticism of the government

DON'T mention Church in Chains (or any similar organisation)

DON'T refer to their arrest or sentence

How should I address the envelope?

With great care – prison addresses are quite long.

Print the address clearly and carefully. Affix correct postage and airmail sticker.

What does it cost to post the card?

€1.50 (from Ireland)

*From the UK: 67p to Sevada Aghasar
£1.25 to Abraham Ben Moses and Bakhrom Kholmatov*

Prisoner Names and Addresses



Sevada Aghasar is an Armenian Orthodox Christian imprisoned in Iran in July 2017 because of his Christian activities, especially meeting with converts from Islam. A well-known musician and Christian songwriter, he is serving a five-year sentence in Tehran's Evin Prison for "acting against national security". Sevada, who is single, was detained in August 2013 when the authorities became suspicious that he was promoting Christianity through Facebook and was in contact with Christian converts. He was released on bail in March 2014, convicted in March 2015 and finally summoned to prison in July 2017.

**FAO: NC for
Sevada Aghasar
Middle East Concern,
PO Box 1376,
Luton LU1 9PP
ENGLAND**

Postage: €1.50
67p from UK



Abraham Ben Moses (53) is an Indonesian pastor who was sentenced to four years in prison for religious defamation in May 2018. He had been arrested in 2017 after discussing the Quran with a Muslim taxi driver and inviting him to become a Christian. Abraham is a former Muslim who, after his conversion in 2006, became well known in Indonesia for Internet evangelism and debating with Muslims. Abraham's wife was pregnant when he was arrested and later gave birth to a daughter while her husband remained in prison.

**Abraham Ben Moses
Penjara di Kota
Jalan Lp Pemuda No. 1,
Buaran Indah, Tangerang,
Buaran Indah, Kec.
Tangerang, Kota
Tangerang, Banten 15119
INDONESIA**

Postage: €1.50
£1.25 from UK



Bakhrom Kholmatov (42) is pastor of an evangelical church in Khujand in northwest Tajikistan in central Asia. He was arrested in April 2017 after secret police officers raided his church and confiscated song books and Christian literature. He was sentenced to three years in prison for "singing extremist songs in church and so inciting religious hatred". In January Bakhrom's wife Gulnora fell ill at the prison, on her way to visit her husband. She was taken to hospital, where doctors diagnosed a hypertension crisis. Gulnora began suffering from high blood pressure when her husband was arrested.

**Bakhromu Khasanovichu
Kholmatovu
Yavan Prison
Shamsova St.
Yavan, Khatlon region
TAJKISTAN
735310**

Postage: €1.50
£1.25 from UK