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COMMUNISM & PERSECUTION ON THE RISE IN CHINA ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE THE HEARTS & SOULS OF THIS COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP

Christian Persecution...defined as any hostility towards someone who identifies with Christ. The hostility towards Christians can take the form of imprisonment, loss of personal property, physical torture, rape and even death! This persecution takes place in countries throughout the world, with over 245 million Christians experiencing high levels of persecution! And of those 245 million Christians, <u>97 million reside in China...a</u> country oppressed by the Communist regime, past and present.

Did you know that China strictly forbids that anyone under 18 years of age be allowed to attend church? Did you know that teachers and those that work in the medical field are not allowed to have any religious affiliation? Did you know that in the past year, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has closed four large churches, torn down crosses from churches, raided churches, arrested Christians, and forced churches to install facial recognition cameras?

Did you know that the Chinese government has established a "Social Credit System", a system whereby each person in China is given a score which is updated based on their actions in society? And this score will affect a person's life forever; ultimately it will lead to people staying inside of their homes and the government having complete control over their lives.

Did you know that there are over 626 million surveillance cameras in the country?

Did you know that out of a population of over 1.4 billion people in China, there are just over 97 million Christians, approximately 7%?

Did you know that 1/3 of religious believers in China face constant persecution, such as bureaucratic harassment, economic exploitation, harsh prison terms and even violence?

President Xi Jinping is doing all he can to ensure that the Chinese are loyal to the official atheistic party and if they are not they will face the wrath of the Communist regime!

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Some of the situations occurring throughout China are as follows:

The government, ruled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), does all it can to ensure that anything that is a threat to the authority of the Party and President Xi Jinping will cease to operate and exist. The CCP identifies Christians as potential threats to national security and social harmony.

New laws are being enacted, such as requiring churches to "grow in compatibility with the state". This means believing in Jesus Christ while also worshipping Mao Zedong (the former Communist Party Chairman) and the current Chairman Xi Jinping. You can see where the conflict arises...we Christians cannot condone the beliefs and activities of a Communist Regime. An example of this is where a Christian is forced to replace a picture of a cross with photos of the former Communist Party Chairman, Mao Zedong, and the current Chairman, Xi Jinping. This is happening every day in China!

Bibles and Christian books are being confiscated from churches. And, for years, the Bible was only allowed to be sold at official church bookstores, and eventually, Bibles could be purchased online. As of April 2018, the online sales of Bibles were stopped by the government.

The underground churches in China are heavily targeted. Because many times it is difficult for a person to find an official church within China, many Christians worship in their homes or "underground churches". A Pastor in Chengdu, China, Wang Yi, founded the "Early Rain Covenant Church", and in 2018 the pastor and his wife were arrested and charged with "inciting subversion of state power". This charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 15 years. Another example is the destruction by dynamite of a large megachurch in Beijing, with approximately 50,000 worshippers. The government cited the reason as a "citywide campaign to remove illegal buildings".

The government is planning to "retranslate and annotate" the Bible in order to find commonalities with socialism and to establish a "correct understanding" of the text. President Jinping's goals are on a much more invasive level and in some ways China is returning to the Mao-era where the CCP tried to control the hearts and minds of its citizens.

As Brother Andrew, the Founder of Open Doors, proclaims, "The battle is on and we were born for this battle! Every Christian is a soldier, a member of God's resistance in spiritual warfare. Christians must oppose evil...we were born, trained and equipped to do all we can to stand strong in this battlefield, and complete the mission we were sent to accomplish. And that mission is to return the world to its rightful owner, God!"

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As Paul states in Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." And he further states in Ephesians 6:18, "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion." Please join us in praying for the people of China and help us minister to them on a regular basis! Let's do all we can to give God the opportunity to impact the hearts and souls of the Chinese leaders! The need is urgent, timing is critical, and our station partner Radio Taiwan realizes the urgency, the need for us to conquer this battlefield! We are excited to let you know that Radio Taiwan is offering us blocks of time at reduced rates...praise God!

Radio Taiwan is a powerful 100,000 watt AM station broadcasting on 1098 AM. When you broadcast your messages of hope and inspiration you are reaching south and central Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the eastern portion of China, namely the provinces of Guangdong, Fujian, Jiangxi and Zhejiang. Radio Taiwan provides you with an enormous reach, targeting over 249 million people!

Radio Taiwan is doing all it can to provide an exceptional platform for you in this battlefield of Christian oppression and persecution. Please pray about this opportunity; stand with us and help us give God the chance to impact the lives of the misguided leaders and their followers in China! Their hearts and souls are crying out for the love and hope of Jesus Christ; together we can win this battle by standing strong in our faith with perseverance and fortitude!

Radio Emmanuel (Angola)

Marjola Kokaj is a new listener to Radio Emmanuel, tuning in to the station via the internet.. When she found Radio Emmanuel, she wrote us sharing this: "I have always kept Jesus in my heart, but had no opportunity to go to church. I'm the only Born-Again Christian in my family, and I'm trying to teach my son to love Jesus. I'm so blessed to hear programs on Radio Emmanuel. The radio programs are providing food for my hungry soul. I feel the station and its programs are becoming more and more like family to me. I'm learning more about Jesus and His love through your music, Facebook posts, and programs. I am so happy to communicate with the staff of Radio Emmanuel. Christians are humble people and are so welcoming. I'm the only believer in my family because my other family members are more concerned with gathering earthly riches than thinking about God's Kingdom."

"One of my favorite weekend programs I'm listening to is "Words of Life". I'm learning more about Jesus, about His sacrifice on the Cross through this program. When you hear about Jesus's suffering, you understand how much He loved us. I like these in-depth studies and believe they will help me increase my knowledge in relation to God and help me to walk with Him daily!"

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19-38	09/22/19	The Day Of God
19-39	09/29/19	The Revelation of Jesus Christ
19-40	10/06/19	Alpha and The Omega
19-41	10/13/19	His face Was Like The Sun
19-42	10/22/19	To Him Who Overcomes
19-43	10/29/19	Do Not Be Afraid
19-44	11/03/19	Remain True to My Name
19-45	11/10/19	Does My Will to the End
19-46	11/17/19	Wake Up
19-47	11/24/19	Thank Him
19-48	12/01/19	I Have Loved You
19-49	12/08/19	Be Earnest and Repent
19-50	12/15/19	Painful Toil

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