



2017–18

# GLOBAL SUMMER OFFENSIVE

Advancing God's Kingdom Where Faith Costs the Most

My friend,

Your prayers and gifts are critically important to help persecuted believers stand firm in their faith in Christ. Thank you for being a part of the 'Global Summer Offensive'!

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## 20 MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW JESUS



### DECEMBER PRAYER FOCUS ASIA

Christians in most of Asia are a vulnerable minority. They often face discrimination, threats, fines and physical abuse. Churches have been burned down. Believers have been imprisoned or killed.

In addition to the Asian countries listed in the Top 20, pray for persecuted believers in Laos, Brunei, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan, Malaysia, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Mindanao (Philippines).



### JANUARY PRAYER FOCUS AFRICA

The advancement of Islam and traditional religions in Africa place Christians in very difficult circumstances. Believers are targeted by Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram militants; and many have been killed, raped or displaced from their homes.

All over the Sahel region, the situation is worsening for Christians. In addition to the African countries listed in the Top 20, pray for persecuted believers in Ethiopia, Tunisia, Mali, Tanzania, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Comoros and Mauritania.



### FEBRUARY PRAYER FOCUS MUSLIM WORLD

In the Middle East and other Islamic countries, the Church faces severe restrictions. Many believers meet in secret. They face strong pressure from family and society to return to Islam, as well as expulsion, discrimination, fines, imprisonment and martyrdom.

In addition to the Muslim countries listed in the Top 20, pray for persecuted believers in Egypt, Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Tajikistan, Algeria, Turkey, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, UAE, Bahrain and Oman.

### KEY PRAYER POINTS FOR EVERY REGION

- + Pray that God will protect, comfort and provide for His children who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.
- + Pray the Church will grow in size, unity, spiritual maturity and influence, despite opposition.
- + Pray that nonbelievers and persecutors will come to know Jesus in areas where the Gospel is forbidden or restricted.
- + Pray that believers will have greater access to Bibles, Christian literature, biblical training and other support.

**Pray that the R10 723 265 goal to strengthen persecuted Christians worldwide will be reached through the 2017–2018 Global Summer Offensive!**

