

"One of [my children] was disabled. When I brought the New Testament into my house [and] began to read from the Bible, she started to walk!"

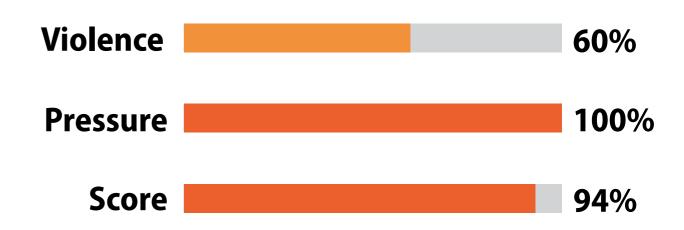
– Saif\*, Secret Believer

**Region** South Asia

**Christian population** Less than 1%

Main religion Islam

**Source of persecution** Islamic oppression



## **About Afghanistan**

Islam is seen as part of Afghan identity, so it's illegal for an Afghan person to leave Islam and families and communities considered it a betrayal. Converts who're discovered may be sent to a mental hospital – their families believe no sane person would leave Islam. They may also be beaten or killed by family members, or Islamic extremist groups.



Pray for isolated believers, many of whom are completely cut off from other Christians, that the Lord will bring them peace in the face of fear and persecution.

## **Our Work**

Open Doors is active in Asian Gulf countries through the ALIVE network of partner churches. We provide support through various projects such as literacy training, distribution of Christian materials and women's ministry.

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