



Voice^{of the} Martyrs

Greetings, dear friends of VOMC, and Happy New Year!

We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support, partnership, prayers and generous donations, which foster a strong fellowship with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ as they navigate challenging circumstances. Thank you for actively remembering the "church persecuted."

This mail package looks different than those of our typical publication mailings due to the impact of the Canada Post strike on our 2024 and 2025 magazine productions. As a result of the strike, the distribution of VOMC's December issue was considerably delayed, leading us to adjust our plans for the January mailing. Even so, we're pleased to send you the January prayer calendar, along with some ministry updates and a list of recommended reads (see the enclosed order form).

Despite the recent postal disruption, we anticipate a year of new ministry growth as we follow the divine leading of the Holy Spirit. In the book, *Tortured for Christ*, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand wrote:

"Persecution has always produced a better Christian – a witnessing Christian, a soul-winning Christian. Communist persecution has backfired and produced serious, dedicated Christians such as are rarely seen in free lands. These people cannot understand how anyone can be a Christian and not want to win every soul they meet."

This year, we pray that you will connect further with the testimonies of your persecuted Christian family and be more strengthened, encouraged and inspired to boldly share the message of Christ within your own spheres of influence. We anticipate being back on track soon with our mailings, so you can receive our reimagined magazine in good time for February. It has a fresh new look, but the stories of those we represent remain just as amazing!

Please do not hesitate to contact one of our ministry team members if you have any questions or would like to donate to support the cause of VOMC. Call 1-888-29-VOICE (298-6423) toll-free in Canada or email us at thevoice@vomcanada.org. In closing, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding in regards to this year's publication mailings.

May God's grace and peace continue to sustain you,

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VOM Global Reports

INDIA

Hostility against followers of Jesus in India is often driven by an ongoing belief among militant Hindu nationalists that all Indians ought to be Hindu. This mindset has led to violent mob attacks across the country and impunity for the people who perpetrate this violence. More and more Indian states are also implementing anti-conversion laws, creating an environment where any Christian who shares their faith can be accused of a crime.

One ministering couple, Pastor Prem and his wife Amala, serve in an area where Christians are often forced to leave due to persecution. Pastor Prem has been beaten four times, faces constant pressure from the community, and is continually being watched. For his safety, he does not leave the house after 6 p.m. Still, as he and his wife love the people in their town, they have chosen to stay to share the Gospel with those in need of Christ.



*Militant Hindu nationalists threaten Indian Christians.
Credit: VOM International*



CHINA

For unregistered congregations in China, increasing restrictions have led to the forceful closures of hundreds of churches, along with the arrests of numerous pastors and church members. Sometimes those detained are interrogated and released; others are confined for months without trial. It is also forbidden for children under 18 to attend church or receive religious teaching, even if they are taught by their own parents.

In the midst of these challenges, many imprisoned church leaders seize the ministry opportunities presented to them within the confines of their prison cells. One example of such dedication was demonstrated by Pastor Geng Zejun whose "congregation" included fellow inmates. During his incarceration, he gained the respect of both fellow prisoners and prison wardens who personally sought his counsel and ministry.

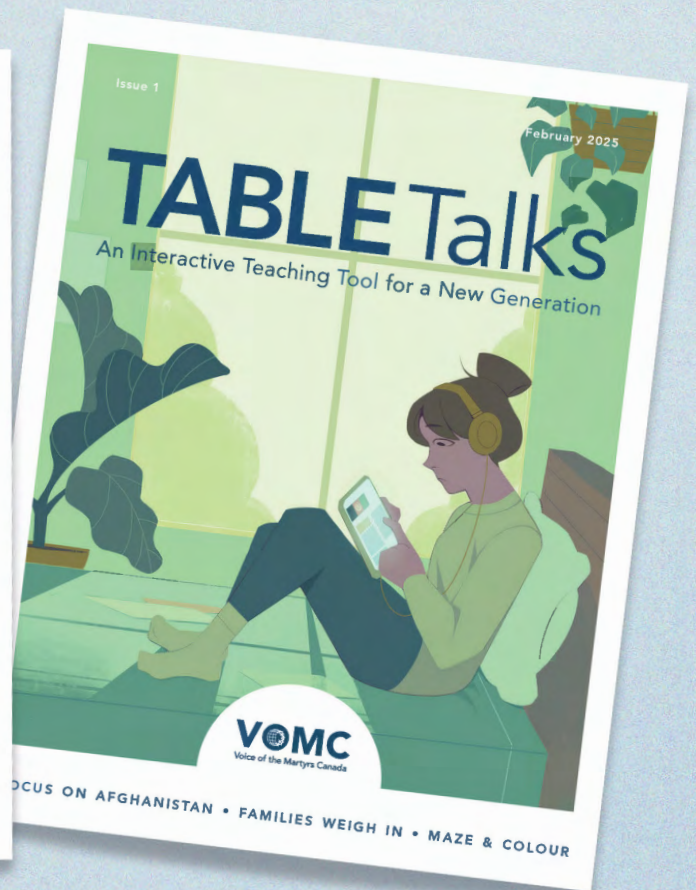
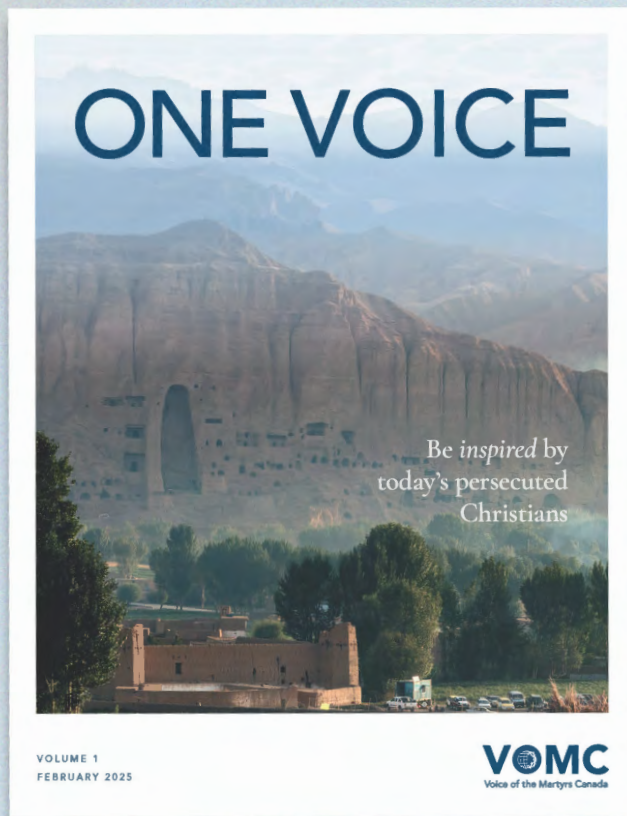
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*"I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is within my heart."~ Psalm 40:8 ESV*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 TOGO Prayerfully uphold Abraham who was beaten for placing his faith in Christ by people known to practise sorcery.	2 CUBA Pray that Christian parents facing governmental restrictions will be permitted to instruct their children in God's ways.	3 DJIBOUTI Pray that Christian converts from Islam will stand firm spiritually when their families discover their new faith.	4 MOROCCO Pray for the wisdom and strength of church leaders who risk being interrogated by governing officials.
5 GUINEA Pray that Christians who are persecuted by their families will draw near to Christ and sense His comforting presence.	6 NIGERIA Pray for Sade and her children who were driven from their home by militant Fulani Muslims.	7 BHUTAN Pray that God's Word will reach Christians, as well as seekers like Pema and her family, despite restrictions.	8 PHILIPPINES Pray for God's peace and protection among followers of Christ living under the threat of Islamic rebels' attacks.	9 COLOMBIA Pray for Gospel workers in "red zones" where Marxist guerrillas and paramilitaries seek control through violence.	10 BENIN Today is National Voodoo Day in Benin. Pray that voodooists will discover new life in Christ!	11 MEXICO Pray for the trauma healing of Ruth and Aurelio who were abducted by masked gunmen because of their ministry.
12 IRAQ Pray that Christians will faithfully carry out the Great Commission, even reaching opposers of the Gospel.	13 UZBEKISTAN Praise God that fines and detentions are now rarities, allowing Christians greater freedom to practise their faith.	14 SRI LANKA Pray that Anuradha, who was questioned by police for her Christian witness, will continue sharing of Christ.	15 AFGHANISTAN Pray that the Bible translation work will increase the accessibility of God's Word among the 40-plus people groups.	16 MAURITANIA Praise God that Christian workers are returning to Mauritania after a long pause in missionary activities.	17 SOMALIA Pray for the advancement of the Gospel in the regions of Hargeisa, Kismayo and Jigjiga.	18 DR CONGO Pray for the healing of survivors in the aftermath of a church bombing that killed 15 people in Kasindi.
19 CHINA Pray that Chinese pastors will be encouraged to stand firm in the face of threats by governing officials.	20 NEPAL Pray that Christians whose churches have been attacked by militant Hindu mobs will respond with God's love.	21 NORTH KOREA Pray for the wisdom of Christian workers who are ministering to North Korean defectors in South Korea.	22 SUDAN Pray for Christians affected by the fighting between Islamic factions vying for control of the country.	23 BRUNEI Pray for Christian children in grades two to five who are required to attend one hour of Islamic instruction per day.	24 TURKMENISTAN Pray that believers will continue to gather for worship despite severe restrictions on their Christian activities.	25 SYRIA Pray that God will abundantly provide for the needs of Christians who have lost jobs because of their faith.
26 MOZAMBIQUE Pray for Christians who have lost family members in attacks by militant Islamists in the northern part of the country.	27 MALI Pray for Kalifa and his family who were attacked because of their faith in Christ by community members.	28 AZERBAIJAN Pray for Christians who are sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel through social media.	29 NIGER Pray for the effective distributions of audio Bibles among those whose hearts are ready to receive the Gospel.	30 ALGERIA Pray for Bible distributors and recipients, as governing officials seek to confiscate copies of God's Word.	31 RUSSIA (AND AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL) Pray that Christians worshipping apart from the Russian Orthodox Church will serve as effective witnesses for Jesus.	



For over 50 years, friends like you have participated with VOMC through faithful prayers and generous support to collectively remember and serve the persecuted church. Thank you!



A fresh look. Same amazing stories.

Our desire is to increase our partnership with you by bringing clarity to each experience. To start, our logo and monthly magazine have been refreshed and reimagined. While the look is changing, *our mission has not. We promise to passionately pursue every opportunity possible to promote the fellowship of all believers and inform the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians.*

In the midst of a changing and increasingly noisy world, we desire to reach our multi-generational VOMC community. We are aligning our efforts so each member of your family can be inspired to a deeper level of commitment to Christ. Our interactive teaching tool, *Table Talks*, is designed to help us reach this goal.

As always, your feedback both encourages and sharpens our vision. With the guidance of God's Spirit, we seek to wholeheartedly serve our Lord, the "church persecuted," and you who partner with us in ministry.