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***"In spite of sorrow, loss, and
pain, our course be onward
still; we sow on Burma's barren
plain, we reap on Zion's hill."***

~ Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)
Missionary in Burma

MYANMAR (Burma): Pastor Fatally Shot by Burmese Military

Sources: International Christian Concern, Burma Research Institute

On the afternoon of September 14th, while travelling to the village of Lamzang in Myanmar's Chin State, Rev. Dal Thawn Tuang was wounded by the gunshots of armed military forces and killed. According to reports, he had been shot a total of three times. The assistant pastor was returning home after conducting ministry activities in another village when the fatal attack took place. Rev. Tuang, who had faithfully served at the Lamzang Baptist Church for 22 years, is survived by his wife and two children.



Members of Myanmar's Armed Forces
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Since 2021, when a military coup overthrew Myanmar's formerly elected government to enforce a dictatorship regime, its armed forces have been fighting various opposition groups. Areas under the control of pro-democracy leadership, such as the states of Chin and Kachin, happen to be predominantly comprised of Christians.

There are documented reports clearly indicating that the military has been targeting adherents of Christianity. Since the coup began, more than 340 churches and associated buildings were damaged or destroyed – with 149 believers killed and more than 200 imprisoned. The killing of Pastor Tuang follows the deaths of Pastor William and another Chin believer which took place this past June.

In these previously occurring cases, the two Christians had been in military custody where they were both executed without trial, following accusations that they supported one of the groups opposing the country's dictatorial government. For further information concerning the atrocities perpetrated against followers of Christ in Myanmar, go to our [country profile](#).

- ***Pray that "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) will greatly comfort the families and friends of all three recently slain believers, as they grieve the tragic loss of their loved ones.***
- ***In addition, please remember those belonging to these believers' churches and communities who are likewise reeling from shock and grief in the aftermath of the recently occurring tragedies.***
- ***Intercede on behalf of all citizens residing in this war-torn nation – including those who have yet to receive the Lord's salvation – so Myanmar can be governed with His justice and peace, a respect for the sanctity of life, and the freedom to worship Him in both spirit and truth (John 4:24).***

CHINA: Arrest and Detainment of Elderly Believers

Sources: ChinaAid, International Christian Concern

Over the years, the Early Rain Covenant Church has faced significant opposition, dating back to a large raid that occurred in December 2018 when more than 100 believers were arrested. The raid also involved the arrest of the church's senior pastor, Wang Yi, who was sentenced to nine years in prison. (The initially posted Persecution & Prayer Alert reporting on this situation may be accessed at [accessed here.](#))



Church members gather outside the police station, awaiting news of the detainees.
Photo: ChinaAid

Since the initial raid, police have regularly harassed the church, detaining several congregation members. Despite the relentless opposition, the church continues to find ways to worship together and meet the spiritual needs of its participating community members. For example, on September 10th, some of the elderly congregants had gathered at a teahouse in Chengdu to conduct a small-group Scripture reading. However, police officers disrupted their meeting and detained the 11 attending believers, many of whom were over 70 years of age.

When other church members heard about the incident, they went to the police station – calling for the release of the detainees. They were especially concerned for those suffering from chronic age-related health conditions. At one point, an ambulance arrived at the police station. It was speculated by observers that one of the elderly members being held in detention required urgent medical attention.

Finally, at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, police released nine of the detained Christians. The remaining two, Elder Wu Wuqing and Brother Shen Xiaoqing, were sentenced to 10 days of administrative detention for "illegally organizing proselytizing activities."

The Chinese Communist Party has been increasing its pressure on congregations that are unwilling to join the country's state-sanctioned church and conform to the socialist teachings imposed on them. More reports addressing the various challenges facing our oppressed Christian brothers and sisters in China are available at our [country profile](#).

- ***Continue to prayerfully uphold the members of Early Rain church, along with the many other believers throughout China who are facing harassment and imprisonment because of their unwavering commitment to Christ.***
- ***Pray for those who are presently being detained, as well as their concerned families, asking the Lord to sustain each one of them with His comfort, strength, provision and other means of divine intervention.***
- ***Despite the governmental oppression, may the message of Christ's love and salvation continue to spread exponentially throughout China, reaching multitudes for His eternal Kingdom.***

REPORT UPDATE

INDIA: Seven Ministerial Leaders Released on Bail

Sources: Church in Chains, Barnabas Aid

On June 12th, seven Christians – at least six of whom are pastors – were convicted under the anti-conversion laws of Madhya Pradesh state and sentenced to five years in prison, along with orders that each one of them also pay a substantial fine. The allegations relate to a social event that took place in June of 2024 when the accused believers had attended a child's birthday party. (For more details regarding this case, see our [previous report](#).)



One of the imprisoned individuals.
Photo: Morning Star News

Since none of the accused believers had any previous criminal record, the High Court in Jabalpur granted all seven ministerial leaders leave on August 18th so they could appeal their sentences. Even though they were all granted bail, and subsequently released from prison, the court ordered them to return on January 7th, 2027, for trial.

Those arrested included Jeet Singh Dhurve, a lay leader from the village of Pipariya where the party took place. The other six were pastors from Diwari village. While imprisoned, Jeet's steadfast dedication to Christ served as a strong testimony among prison authorities and fellow prisoners. In fact, prison officials acknowledged his special ability to foster peace within the prison institution. Jeet testified when responding to this statement that the peace ultimately came from Jesus Christ.

The esteemed prisoner was then given the opportunity to deliver a speech to his fellow inmates on August 15th (India's Independence Day), providing many of them greatly needed encouragement. Some of the inmates have now begun warmly greeting Jeet with the words, "Jai Masih Ki," which is similar to our English saying, "Praise the Lord!"

- ***While we can praise God for the wonderful testimony that Jeet was able to provide among the prison staff and his fellow prisoners, please pray for the Holy Spirit's continual transformative work to take place in their hearts – leading them to call on the powerful name of the Lord in repentance and faith.***
- ***Additionally, we can give thanks to God that all seven of these ministerial leaders have been granted bail until January's court hearing.***
- ***In the interim, may those involved in the preparation of the legal appeals receive wisdom and guidance, so their efforts will result in the successful acquittal of the charges laid against these faithful Christian leaders.***
- ***Pray that the controversial anti-conversion laws being enforced (and often abused) in various Indian states will be changed so true justice can prevail and churches – along with other Christian organizations – would be allowed to meet the dire needs of the impoverished through provisions of humanitarian aid and other tangible expressions of God's compassionate care for them.***

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