Will You Pray For The Persecuted?

- SEVERE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS WITH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES
- PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS WITH SUBSTANTIAL REGIONAL VIOLATIONS
- FULL FREEDOM OR ONLY SLIGHTLY RESTRICTED FREEDOM OF RELIGION. ASSAULT OF CHRISTIANS IS VERY SPORATIC

Sources: HMK/idea/WEA/IGFM/IDOP/OD

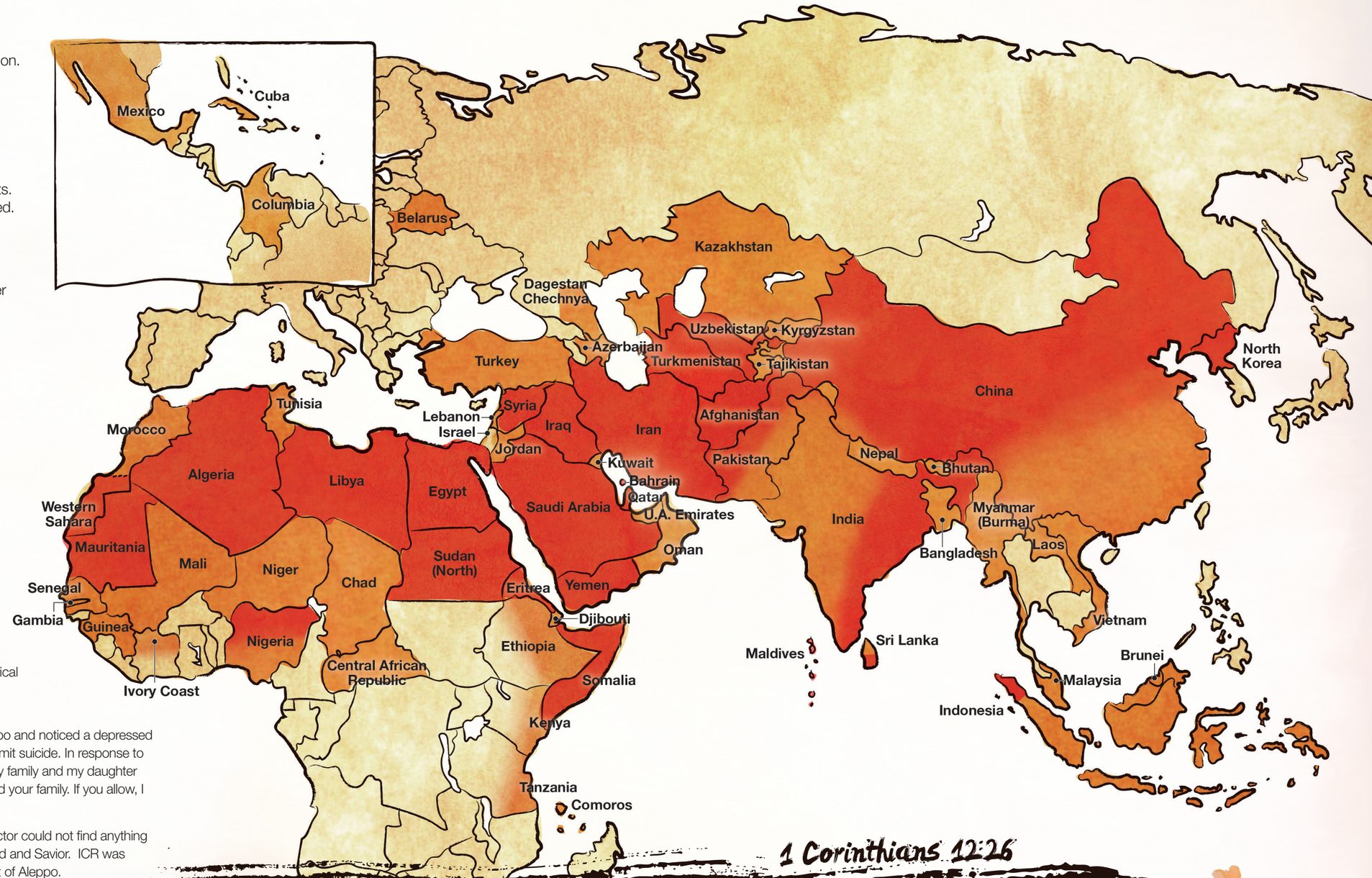
The Many Faces of Persecution

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION
Converting to Christianity is often illegal resulting in ostracism, discrimination, and/or physical persecution.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
Christians lose jobs, are denied education, and are rejected or disqualified for advance in professional careers.

LEGAL DISCRIMINATION
Christians lose their rights to hereditary titles/benefits. Marriages and parental rights may not be recognized.

SOCIETAL DISCRIMINATION
Christians are hindered in sharing the Gospel, living their faith, and building churches via misinterpreted laws, deliberate lies, fanaticism, and abuse of power by officials or extremist groups.



India

Pastor Moses is serving the Lord in Central India with twelve house churches consisting of hundreds of believers. During a wedding, a group of unknown people attacked him and others. Moses tried to escape by scaling the boundary wall of the compound. In the melee, he slipped and fell into a ditch suffering a fractured hip. He was taken to a hospital where he was under treatment for one month and remained bedridden for about three months. He received help for his treatments. Despite hostility, he is excited to plant new churches.

Caribbean

Pedro (23) started planting a house church in his hometown. He wanted to further his theological education, but his country in the Caribbean will not allow it. A correspondence course through our supported local underground university will allow him to finish his studies while his church grows. For unbelievable $10/year you enable the university to give Pedro the critical needed biblical education resulting in a Bachelor Degree of Theology over 4 years.

Syria

Our worker, Paul, walked the streets of Aleppo and noticed a depressed Muslim. Later, we learned that he wanted to commit suicide. In response to Paul's concern, Mohamed said, "I cannot feed my family and my daughter has leukemia." Paul said, "I come from the church and I can help you feed your family. If you allow, I will pray for your daughter."

Mohamed went to the doctor with his daughter the next day, and the doctor could not find anything wrong with her. Mohamed and his family decided to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. ICR was able to support this family to stay and shine the light of Jesus in the midst of Aleppo.

1 Corinthians 12:26

And if one body part is **suffering** all the body parts are suffering with it.
If one body part is being **glorified** all the body parts are rejoicing with it.

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