

**27 JULY 2010 IS THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE,
WHICH LEFT MILLIONS OF KOREAN FAMILIES DIVIDED.**

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North Korea is the most persecuted country for the eighth year in a row.

Multiple international human rights organizations, including [Amnesty International](#) and Human [Rights Watch](#), accuse North Korea of having one of the worst human rights records of any nation. North Koreans have been referred to as "some of the world's most brutalized people" by Human Rights Watch, due to the severe restrictions placed on their political and economic freedoms.

[North Korean defectors](#) have testified to the existence of prison and detention camps with an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 inmates (about 0.85% of the population), and have reported torture, starvation, rape, murder, medical experimentation, forced labour, and forced abortions. Convicted political prisoners and their families are sent to these camps, where they are prohibited from marrying, required to grow their own food, and cut off from external communication (which was previously allowed).

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Still the most difficult place in the world to be Christian. All religious activity is seen as a revolt against North Korea's socialist principles and the cult of Kim Jong-il and his father. As a result of strict searches, considerable numbers of secret Christians have been discovered, arrested, tortured, and sometimes killed. Despite this, and the lack of freedom to worship, many take the risk of sharing their faith and the church is growing: there are an estimated 400,000 believers.

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"There is no other country in the world where Christians are being persecuted in such a horrible and systematic manner," says Carl Moeller, President/CEO of Open Doors USA.

One expert on North Korea stated: "Christians are the target of fierce government action, and once caught, are not regarded as human. Last year we had evidence that some [of those captured] were used as guinea pigs to test chemical and biological weapons."

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Prayer Points:

- For boldness and protection for those seeking to share the good news
- Ask God to strengthen the 50-70,000 Christians detained in labour camps
- Many are desperately short of food. Pray that help will reach those who need it most.
- Salvation of Kim Jung Il and his leadership team
- Effective prayer ministry
- Safe travel for those fleeing the country

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