

VOM-USA Prayer Update for June 28, 2013

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LAOS—Evicted Christians Refuse to Leave Faith

Source: VOM Sources

Deuteronomy 31:6

Local authorities in Laos have revoked the citizenship of six Christian families and taken their farmland, demanding they abandon their Christian faith. In December, authorities confiscated the families' registration papers, and later they took the deeds to their land. On May 7, when two Christian leaders attempted to intercede for the families with the vice president of the Patriotic Front, they were told that return of the families' registration papers and land deeds was contingent on the families renouncing their faith. But the families have remained steadfast in their faith. "We are willing to die rather than renounce our faith," a family representative said. VOM is helping the believers with food and fuel. Please pray for continued provision, encouragement and protection.

TAJIKASTAN—Christian Convert Persecuted by Family

Source: VOM Sources

Psalm 143:7–10

Nadia, a recent Christian convert in Tajikistan, is experiencing severe persecution from Muslim family members. Nadia converted from Islam to Christianity in 2011. When her mother learned of her conversion, she beat Nadia, burned her Bible and tore her clothing. Nadia tried to run away, but her brothers found her. They shaved her hair, gave her a public beating and then locked her in their house. When she ran away, they caught her again. Nadia called a VOM contact on June 9 in tears, saying her family had beaten her again, this time for hours. They also forced her to say the Muslim statement of faith. The VOM contact has since been unable to reach Nadia by phone and assumes her family had it disconnected. Please pray that this young sister will remain strong in her faith and that the Lord will bring her family to Christ.

NIGERIA—Christians Murdered by Muslim Militants

Source: VOM Sources

Romans 8:35–39

On May 5, suspected members of the Boko Haram sect murdered 17 Christians in Nigeria's Adamawa state. The militants arrived in Jilan village at a time when most Christians were in church. They killed seven Christians who were carrying Bibles on their way to the church and killed 10 more after arriving at the church. In addition, 12 Christians were severely injured in the shootings. Many of those killed had children, who are now orphaned and left without provision. Please pray for healing, comfort and provision for Christians in this village.

NORTH KOREA—VOM Project

Pray for the project that will teach 30 North Korean defector women how to minister to their families inside North Korea.

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