



Zhang Wen Shi (Jang Moon Seok)

North Korea

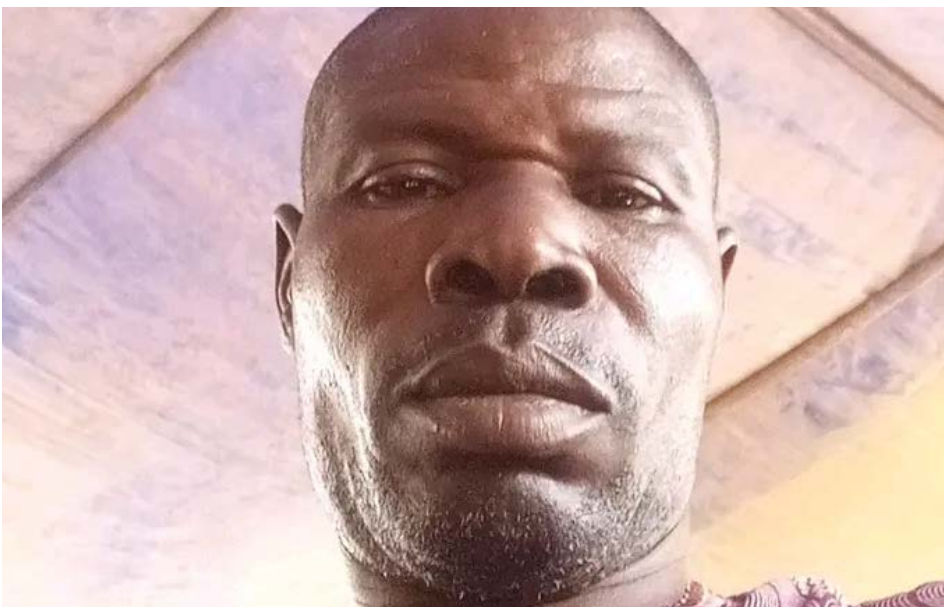
Sentenced to 15 years
Hard Labour in 2014



Bamogo Yabyiri

Burkina Faso

Kidnapped by Fulani jihadists
on February 12, 2024



Pastor Natia Emmanuel

Burkina Faso

Kidnapped by gunman
on April 12, 2023



Zhang Wen Shi

Deacon Zhang, also known as Jang Moon Seok, is an ethnically Korean Chinese citizen. Deacon Zhang was helping with a shelter and safehouse ministry near the China-North Korean border where North Koreans were supported both physically and spiritually before returning to their home as believers. He was abducted in November 2014 and sentenced to 15 years hard labour. This is the second longest imprisonment in North Korea, second only to a life sentence. Unfortunately, there have been no updates since. Please pray for Deacon Zhang and other believers who have been abducted near the border and sentenced to long prison sentences in North Korea. They join an estimated 60,000 believers in prisons and labour camps in North Korea.

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Bamogo Yabyiri

On February 12, 2024, jihadists kidnapped Bamogo Yabyiri of the Assemblies of God Church, and his 14-year-old son Bomogo David. They had gone to search for wood in the forest, in Sablogo village of Burkina Faso. In the bush, jihadists kidnapped them and kept them in different places. A couple of weeks later, they released David. David testifies that the people who kidnapped him were all Fulanis. Being with them by a river side, they asked him about his religion. He said he was a Christian. They told him Christianity is not good, and that he should become a Muslim. They obliged him to learn the Qaran. He recounts that one day, they covered his head and brought him to a village, then let him go. Bamogo Yabyiri is still in the hands of his captors to date.

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Pastor Natia
Emmanuel

On April 12, 2023, unidentified gunmen kidnapped Pastor Natia Emmanuel of the Assemblies of God Church, in Dori, Burkina Faso. He was abducted some 20km from Dori, headquarter of the Seno province. On that day, he was travelling in a minibus heading to his native village, Guiro, in the Yalگو commune, Namentenga province. When the bus arrived between the villages of Bamga and Gangahol at around 4pm, some armed men stopped the bus and took him out. No news of his whereabouts has surfaced to date.

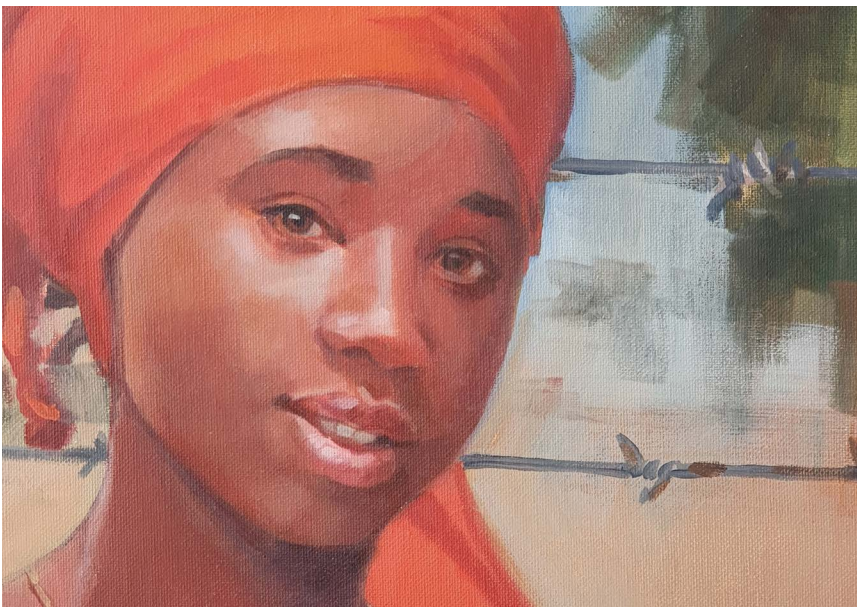
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Jianhong*

China

Sentenced to three and a half years of imprisonment and fined RMB 60,000 (equivalent to USD 8,347)



Leah Sharibu

Nigeria

Kidnapped by Boko Haram in 2018



Mehdi Akbari

Iran

Sentenced to 10 years in prison in June 2020



Jianhong*

Fraud is one of the common accusations made against Christians in China. Jianhong, the husband and breadwinner of the family, is now imprisoned - sentenced to three and a half years of imprisonment and fined RMB 60,000 (equivalent to USD 8,347). The accusation is made based on the tithe and offerings collected from their brothers and sisters."

Jianhong's family is hopeful that he will be released in 2026.

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Leah Sharibu

On February 19, 2018, 14-year-old Leah Sharibu was kidnapped by Boko Haram from her school in Dapchi, Nigeria, along with approximately 100 other girls. A month later, every girl was released except for Leah because she refused to deny her faith in Jesus Christ. Leah has been declared a slave for life by the extremists who abducted her and she remains in captivity more than 5 years later.

Unfortunately, Leah is just one of hundreds, if not thousands, of missing Christian girls in Nigeria. Please pray for Leah and other girls like her who are being held captive for their faith.

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Mehdi Akbari

Mehdi Akbari (also known as Yasser), a Christian convert, was charged with "action against national security" and sentenced in 2020 to 10 years' imprisonment. "Having no lawyer, I still don't know how to defend myself within the framework of the law, considering what they did to me. I don't know what to say if someone asked me how I acted against national security. I only know that I am, and will remain, a Christian, and that I will preach about the light of God and kingdom of heaven to everyone."

Yasser says his experiences have tormented his soul as well as his body, saying: "If a prisoner loses his faith, he will surely be crushed. Time and time again, I have found myself surrounded with these thoughts, and each time I have answered firmly: 'Yes, of course it is worth it.'" Please pray for Yasser.

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Dr. Kiflu
Gebremeskel

Eritrea

Imprisoned since May 2004

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Dr. Kiflu
Gebremeskel

Dr. Kiflu was taken from his home in the early morning on May 23, 2004. He was the founder and senior pastor of Southwest Full Gospel Church and part of the executive committee of the Full Gospel Church of Eritrea. Unfortunately, his wife and children have not been able to visit him since his arrest. In 2021, it was suspected that Dr. Kiflu was developing health conditions after he was seen frequently visiting a hospital under tight security. While Christians are arrested and released in waves in Eritrea, there are several prominent pastors who have been incarcerated for more than a decade including Dr. Kiflu, Pastor Haile Naigzhi and Pastor Million Gebreselasie. Would you pray for these men and the others like them imprisoned in Eritrea?

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