

Chinese Christians remain in Thailand fearing deportation

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More than five dozen Christians remain in Thailand, where they fear deportation to China unless they are granted refugee status by the United Nations or humanitarian parole by the United States.

Pakistan moves toward more stringent blasphemy law

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Pakistan's lower house of parliament passed a bill strengthening punishment for blasphemy despite international outcry.

North Korea again tops World Watch List of persecutors

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North Korea returned to the top spot on Open Doors' World Watch List after scoring its highest level of persecution ever, following an increase in

arrests of Christians under its “anti-reactionary thought” law.

Baptists assaulted in indigenous community in Mexico

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A Baptist woman in Mexico remains hospitalized in serious condition after being tied to a tree and beaten before Christmas. A representative for an international human rights organization says it was “not an isolated incident.”

European Baptists pray for peace in Ukraine

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Even before Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops to observe a 36-hour ceasefire for Orthodox Christmas, the European Baptist Federation and Ukrainian Baptists planned a Christmas Eve prayer vigil for peace.

Religious minorities in Burma forced from homes

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Since the February 2021 military coup in Myanmar, about 1 million people—most of them members of religious and ethnic minorities—have been internally displaced, a recent report revealed.

Ukraine women crochet angel ornaments to thank donors

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Light is scarce as Ukraine suffers a bombed-out power grid. Yet, women there are using their light this Christmas to crochet angel ornaments to send churches and other supporters in the U.S.

Jordan unveils master plan for site of Jesus' baptism

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Jordan has launched a \$100 million master plan aimed at attracting 1 million Christian pilgrims in 2030 to celebrations of the second millennium of the baptism of Jesus.

Missionary pilot still in custody in Mozambique

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Missionary pilot Ryan Koher was arrested in southern Mozambique. Six weeks later, he remains in jail, with no end to his imprisonment in sight.

Kachin Baptist leader detained in Myanmar

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The past president and former general secretary of the Kachin Baptist Convention in Myanmar was detained by the Burmese military junta and is

being held.

Action urged to prevent deportation of Chinese Christians

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Sixty-four Christians currently in Thailand face deportation to China—which they fled to escape persecution—unless U.S. officials allow them to resettle in East Texas with the help of area churches.

Study reports oppressive pandemic religious restrictions

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About one-fourth of nearly 200 nations studied by the Pew Research Center used force to prevent religious gatherings during the COVID pandemic.