

# North Korea

- **Leader:** Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un
- **Government:** Communist Dictatorship
- **Population:** 25,405,000 (300,000 Christians)
- **Main Religion:** Atheism, Traditional Beliefs
- **Persecution Level:** Extreme
- **Source of Persecution:** Communist Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

North Korea is ranked as the **most oppressive place in the world for Christians**, #1 on the 'Open Doors' World Watch List.

In this totalitarian communist state, Christians are forced to hide their faith completely from government authorities, neighbors and often, even their own spouses and children. Due to ever-present surveillance, many pray with eyes open, and gathering for praise or fellowship is practically impossible. Worship of the ruling Kim family is mandated for all citizens, and those who don't comply (including Christians) are arrested, imprisoned, tortured or killed.

Entire Christian families are imprisoned in hard labor camps, where unknown numbers die each year from torture, beatings, overexertion and starvation. Those who attempt to flee to South Korea through China risk execution or life imprisonment, and those who stay behind often fare no better.

## **PLEASE PRAY:**

- for North Korean believers who are languishing in prison camps, and for the proclamation of the gospel both in and outside the prison walls.
- that Christians in the country would have access to Bibles and fellowship
- that God would open Kim Jong-Un's eyes to the surpassing glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ.