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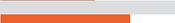
On The World Watch List

**“No matter how hard it is or whoever threatens us, we should not deny Him.”**

– Believer from Vietnam.

Score: 72/100

Very High

Violence:		60%
Church Life:		87%
National Life:		84%
Community Life:		76%
Family Life:		52%
Private Life:		73%

Region:	Asia
Leader:	President Nguyen Phu Trong
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	8,924,000 (9.1%)
Main Religion:	Buddhism
Source of Persecution:	Communist and Post-Communist Oppression

In Communist Vietnam, Christians are accused of betraying their identity and culture. Christianity is viewed as a foreign religion with no place in the country. Communists regard Vietnamese Christians as a threat to their ideology and a dangerous group capable of mobilising masses of people.

## Forced To Flee

New believers have their rights stripped away and are often forced to flee their homes to escape violence. Some of these believers are forced to flee as far as neighbouring countries due to the levels of violence and discrimination. Churches and Christian property are demolished and attacked. Importing Bibles is restricted, and believers often find it difficult to reach Christian training.

## Rejected And Denied

Some children from ethnic minorities are not allowed to attend school because of their new faith. Other Christian children are unable to receive sufficient medical attention.

Christian men are targeted for arrest and abduction. Once in custody, authorities treat them harshly including beating them and pressuring them to renounce their faith. One believer was reportedly poisoned by the police before being physically beaten. His family, on visiting him, found him chained to a hospital bed.

## How can we pray for Vietnam?

Pray suspicion aimed towards Christians will be replaced with an appreciation for the hope found in Jesus.

Pray that Christians will hold strongly to their faith despite persecution and discrimination.

Pray that young Christians will grow in their love of Jesus and understanding of the gospel.

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