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On The World Watch List

“I used to be a bully, a troublemaker. I am a new creation now in Jesus Christ.”

– Tareq*, a believer from Jordan.

Score: 64/100

Very High

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| Violence: | | 12% |
| Church Life: | | 74% |
| National Life: | | 69% |
| Community Life: | | 66% |
| Family Life: | | 83% |
| Private Life: | | 78% |

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| Region: | Middle East |
| Leader: | King Abdullah II |
| Persecution Level: | Very High |
| Christian Population: | 180,000 (1.8%) |
| Main Religion: | Islam |
| Source of Persecution: | Islamic Oppression |

Compared to Christians living in other Middle Eastern countries, most believers in Jordan live a safe, stable life, enjoying a relatively high level of religious freedom. King Abdullah II and his government appear to tolerate and, to a degree, support recognised churches.

Discrimination And Harassment

Christians do however, experience discrimination in employment. There are restrictions against public preaching and unrecognised churches can face harassment by public authorities – particularly those that actively evangelise.

Although Jordan likes to present itself as a beacon of tolerance, Islamic extremists continue to pose a threat to the Christian community.

Vulnerable To Persecution

Muslims who leave Islam to follow Jesus are most susceptible to persecution, particularly from their own family or community. Sharing their new faith can lead to beatings, arrests and even death. Even Christians seen to be helping those who have converted from Islam can face daily threats and oppression. Pressure remains very high for Christians who belong to these groups.

*Name changed for security purposes.

How can we pray for Jordan?

Pray for Christians who attend unrecognised churches that still haven't received official registration from the government.

Pray believers who left Islam to follow Jesus will have the opportunity to be disciplined in their new faith.

Pray that leaders in Jordan would be increasingly open to religious freedom.

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