

Pray for the Persecuted Christians in Burkina Faso



Evangelical Population: 1,441,771 (8.9 %)

Muslim Population: 8,501,661 (52.2 %)

Total Population: 16,286,706

In recent decades there has been an increase of Christians throughout Burkina Faso. However, there has also been an increase of Muslims.

Despite church growth, increased evangelism and mission and continued responsiveness. There are still 27 unreached people groups that remain without an effective witness; 17 of these are Muslim.

Much of the persecution comes through the ostracization of converts from the Muslim groups.

To make matters worse, in recent years mass killings on Christians have occurred due to militants like ISIS which have experienced an upsurge in the region of West Africa.

Pray that the believers be bold and steadfast in the face of evil.

Latest Burkina Faso Church Attack Kills 24, Including Pastor

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Gunmen killed 24 civilians, including a church pastor, and kidnapped three others on Sunday in Burkina Faso, an official said. It was the latest attack against a religious leader in the increasingly unstable West African nation.

The mayor of Boundore commune, Sihanri Osangola Brigadie, said the attack occurred in the town of Pansi in Yagha province. The roughly 20 attackers separated men from women close to a Protestant church. At least 18 other people were injured.

“It hurt me when I saw the people,” Brigadie said after visiting some of the victims in the hospital in Dori town, 180 kilometers (110 miles) from the attack. The gunmen looted oil and rice from shops and forced the three youth they kidnapped to help transport it on their motorbikes, he said.

Both Christians and Muslims were killed before the church was set on fire, said a government security official in Dori who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak to the media.

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Extremist violence has dramatically escalated in once-peaceful Burkina Faso.

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Analysts are concerned that attacks against civilians, including against Christians, are increasing “at an alarming rate,” said Corinne Dufka, West Africa director for Human Rights Watch. “Perpetrators use victims’ links to government or their faith to justify the killings, while others appear to be reprisal killings for killings by the government security forces,” she said.