**Dear Friends and Supporters.**

The October 2022 issue of the Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church and other religious minorities is now available from c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com.

This edition contains a number of appeals and ‘action weeks’ the first of which is the annual Red Wednesday event which this year is on Nov 23rd.

There is a petition on behalf of Christians in Nigeria where more than 7,600 Christians have been killed in the last 18 months and a further 5,200 abducted. Two more of the Chibok girls are found and rescued but many are still held in captivity by Boko Haram.

The same slaughter is continuing in the Democratic Republic of Congo where a pastor and nine others are killed by the ADF. An attack on a hospital also leaves seven dead and a number missing.

And in Mozambique where Christians are killed in a gruesome terrorist attack.

And Burkina Faso where church leaders report that Christians are facing an 'existential threat'.

Hunger and famine stalk many of the persecuted minorities and Barnabas Aid launch an appeal for Food aid and Medical Aid.

This week is also Barnabas Aid’s “Suffering Church – Action and Awareness week” and there are daily devotional videos, materials, and advice on what one can do to help.

This is followed by a review by Copt Raymond Ibrahmin of attacks globally on Christians during August.

Regarding China a new 88-page report demonstrates that the CCP are intensifying their crackdown on Christians ….whilst a Pastor is Sentenced to 5 and a Half Years for Printing Bibles.

On page 25 there is a review of the shameful United Nations Vote regarding the Uyghurs in Xinjiang.

In Myanmar the military junta performs a deadly air strike on a concert being held in Kachin state which is mostly Christian.

In Russia the 100th Jehovah's Witness is sent to jail.

There is an appeal by Aid to the Church in Need one behalf of refugees and minorities who are facing severe food shortages.

And Christian leaders condemn an Islamist attack on an Orthodox church near Bethlehem.

This edition ends with a link to all the previous newsletters over the past 10 years - and a list of NGOs who provide valuable aid and advocacy and to whom you can make donations.

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues. If any would like to receive it please contact me for inclusion in the confidential (GDPR compliant) mailing list.

Best wishes

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