

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – 2014 – unknown month



### North Korea

#### Two South Korean pastors detained in late 2014

Pastor Kim Kuk Gi

Pastor Choe Chun Gil

<http://www.persecution.org/2015/04/01/north-korea-detains-south-korean-pastor-for-espionage/>



### China: Wenzhou, Zhejiang province

Zhu Jiali (charged with 'gathering a crowd to disturb public order' and 'illegal occupation of farmland', charges were lodged due to the attempt to prevent the April 28, 2014 demolition of a church, **died of heart disease**)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/03/eight-zhejiang-christians-from-sanjiang.html>



### Thailand: Bangkok

John Charles (aged 35, husband of Spana Charles, father of Ashir, Abiya, and Ethan, Pakistani refugee, fled Pakistan after accused of blasphemy for having protested the blasphemy laws)

Spana Charles (aged 33, wife of John Charles, mother of Ashir, Abiya, and Ethan, Pakistani refugee, fled Pakistan after her husband was accused of blasphemy for having protested the blasphemy laws)

Ashir (aged 5, child of Spana and John Charles)

Abiya (aged 2, child of Spana and John Charles)

<https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/baca-continue-to-support-families-of-pak-christian-asylum-detainees-in-bangkok>



## **India**

Vani (aged 31, widow, mother of an 8 year old girl, jailed for 15 days for illegal conversion in [mid 2014](#), converted 14 women while in prison, later converted a guard)

### **India: West Delhi**

Pastor Praveen Kumar (described repeated attacks against his parish in [August and September, 2014](#): “The RSS clad in their uniforms stopped some church members on their way to the church and chased them back to their homes. They teased and uttered vulgar words to the ladies from our church and deliberately offered prasad [food offered to idols] when the congregation came out from the church...The Station House Officer at that time was B.R. Sangla, and every time we asked for his help, he said that we were the ones creating trouble, and he threatened to lock us up. Finally, one member of the National Minority Commission, Abraham M. Patiani, helped us out by addressing our issue to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, who told the anti-Christian people not to bother us again”)

[http://www.persecution.com/public/newsroom.aspx?story\\_ID=%3d373436&featuredstory\\_ID=%3d343834](http://www.persecution.com/public/newsroom.aspx?story_ID=%3d373436&featuredstory_ID=%3d343834)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/07/police-implicit-in-attack-on-christians-in-west-delhi-india-sources-say/>



### **Turkmenistan: Dashoguz**

Hemra Annayev (home raided by MSS secret police without warrant in [Autumn 2014](#), Christian books seized, detained, fined US\$57, wife later investigated, fined US\$3,429 and terminated from her job)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2047](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2047)



### **Iraq: Teleskof**

Two Christian women in their 60's survived the [mid 2014](#) ISIL takeover of their town, beaten with rifle butts, rescued by Kurdish fighters, still living in the abandoned town without utilities

Sarya Matto

Madi Salim

### **Iraq: Tel Kaif**

Yako Hanna (aged 36, fled for Turkey)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20161019160446.htm>

<http://rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/090320157>



### **Syria: Adra al-Ummaliya, outside Damascus**

George Assaf (son of Alice Assaf, **killed** by ISIL for hiding Syrian Army soldiers in their home, his mother said after they were betrayed by a neighbor)

Alice Assaf, (**UPDATE**: said "So, they broke into the house like crazy and arrested my son.

They told him they would not kill him if he abandoned his religion. But, he said to them, 'I will never abandon my religion.' So, they started to beat him in the guest room. They took him to backyard and shot him. And they killed him...The army buried him in a mass grave because there were many people dead. Yes, many were killed. I continued to search for my son in hospitals for two months, hoping to find him among the corpses. I went over and over again to look for him and I did not give up hope until they confirmed his death a while ago. My wish was to find his body and bury him myself";

claimed that ISIL murdered 250 girls, most of whom were Christian, by putting them in an industrial dough kneader, the youngest was 4 years old, 50 more were beheaded in front of their parents)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20161025175039.htm>

<http://www.westernjournalism.com/horrific-isis-atrocity-of-christian-children-as-all-hell-breaks-loose-in-the-shrinking-caliphate/>



### **Kenya**

Charles Ndingi Mudasir (convert from Islam, beaten by his father)

<https://www.persecution.org/2019/04/22/greatest-enemy-christian-faith-father-part-1/>



### **Nigeria: Damboa, Plateau state**

Hannatu Ishaku (widow of Yohanna Ishaku, mother of two daughters, lost her husband and two sons in an **early 2014** Boko Haram attack, said “Maybe they had taken refuge at the church building when they fell into the hands of the attackers”)

Yohanna Ishaku (husband of Hannatu Ishaku, father of two daughters, **killed along with his two sons** in an **early 2014** Boko Haram attack, bodies found near their church)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/3503723/>



## **Mexico**

Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez (aged 81, sued by the Mexico City mayor in **August 2010** for defamation after he stated the mayor had bribed the Supreme Court to uphold the city's same sex marriage law; **UPDATE:** suit dropped after he said he could prove his allegations against the mayor)

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/12/07/mexican-cardinals-and-bishops-convicted-for-denouncing-pro-abortion-socialist-government/>