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EFFECTS OF PERSECUTION



RESISTANCE TO GROWTH AND EXPANSION

- THE DIFFICULTY TO FIND PLACES TO GATHER.
- THE RESISTANCE TO HOME CHURCHES ALSO.
- THE RESISTANCE FROM NEIGHBOURS OF CHURCHES TO CONDUCTING SERVICES.
- THE STRUGGLE TO GET PERMISSIONS FROM AUTHORITIES.
- THE CHALLENGE OF FUNDING EMERGING CHURCHES WITH FEW BELIEVERS.
- THE SCRUTINY ON RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH
- THE GROWING ANTI-CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE THAT CREATES FEAR TO START NEW CHURCHES.



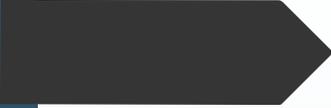
HINDRANCES TO PROCLAMATION

- RULES OF FREE SPEECH AND DECLARATION OF ONE'S FAITH BE PROTECTED.
- ATTACKS ON CAROL ROUNDS IN CHRISTIAN HOMES IN NORTH.
- ANTI CONVERSION LAWS.... BEING MADE STIFFER, NEW STATES BEING ADDED.
- MANY PLACES WHERE CHRISTMAS GATHERING HAPPENED... NOW CHURCHES SHUT.
- FOR PERMISSION BEING DENIED TO BURY THE DEAD...AND HARASSES
- THAT THE EYES OF JUSTICE WILL SEE THESE THINGS AS SERIOUS.



THE WORK LEFT BEHIND

- CONGREGATION NOT TO BE SCATTERED IN PERSECUTION AND ARRESTS.
- FOR THOSE IN HIDING.
- TO OVERCOME FEAR AND PROFESS FAITH COME WHAT MAY.
- NOURISHING OF THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE AS LEADERS GET ARRESTED.



FUTURE OF THE CONGREGATION

- NEED FOR A NEW LEADER.
- BACKSLIDDEN BELIEVERS TO RETURN.
- PRAY FOR THE DELIBERATE DELAYS, KEEPING PEOPLE IN JAIL WITHOUT TRIAL WILL END.