

# The Suffering Church

The extent and severity of the suffering of Christians in many parts the world for their faith in Christ is very real. For Christians it is important that we are informed of this situation so that we may respond with love and practical help for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Barnabas Fund estimates that about 10 percent of the world's Christians are suffering in some measure. In the most extreme cases Christians are killed and physically injured and estimates indicate that today in the region of 150 000 are killed every year. Recently, in the most horrendous cases churches, homes and businesses have been destroyed on a large scale and Christians have been forced to flee from the places where they have lived for generations.

More information about many agencies working to support persecuted Christians can be found at:

<http://churchestogether.be/resources/the-suffering-church/>