



### 3 Ministers of Mission India Arrested

Three Christian ministry partners of Mission India were arrested last week on forced conversion charges. The ministers were involved in sharing the Gospel through Adult Literacy Classes, Children's Bible Clubs, and Church Planter Training. Christians are no strangers to persecution; however, this series of arrests was unusual, said Erik Morsehead, head of Mission

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#### Burning Bibles and Crosses in China, Christians Asked to Renounce Faith



Chinese Communist officials have been burning Bibles and forcing Christians to sign papers renouncing their faith, as part

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#### White House Petition Urges to Rescue US Pastor Jailed in China



A U.S.-based persecution watchdog group has launched an official White House petition urging the release of a North Carolina pas-

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## Saddleback Church: The First US Church to Baptize 50,000 People



Pastor Rick Warren has hailed the congregation at his California-based Saddleback Church as it became the first in U.S. history to baptize 50,000 people. "I never stop being amazed by you. You are extraordinary people, and I continually thank God for what you mean to me," Warren stated in a letter to the people of the megachurch. The pastor looked back over the 38 years of milestones that Saddleback has been achieving, such as becoming the first to grow to 10,000 in worship without owning a building, and the first to send the

Gospel to all 197 official nations in the world. This weekend marked another major milestone, as the 50,000th person was baptized into the faith at Saddleback. "Imagine all the amazing personal stories of changed lives behind that number! 50,000 individual lives transformed by Jesus since Saddleback Church began. This is unprecedented in history! YOU are likely one of those stories of a changed life!" read Warren's letter. The best-selling author said that "love" is the main reason why the church has been so successful. "YOU genuinely love people and you want them to go to Heaven with you! Every day, you bring your friends, co-workers, and family to Jesus," he said. "Honestly, I've never seen a group like you anywhere else in the world. I'm

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*"We have really forgotten the simplicity of relationship and it not only shows in soul winning, it also shows in how we treat each other," he told Young.*



## Building a Town for Aramaean Christians to Preserve Aramaic Language and Culture



An Israeli Christian intends to build a new town in Israel specifically for Christian Aramaeans to preserve their language and culture. ShadiKhalloul, 42, who chairs the Israeli Christian Aramaic Association and is a fellow of the Philos Project, told The Daily Wire that Aramaean Christians are also native to Israel and descendants of the first believers in Jesus in the ancient land. Although Aramaic is widely considered a "dead" language — as Khalloul was told while studying at the University of Nevada — he and his family continue to speak it. Even since hearing that during his university class he has been on a mission to preserve his culture with an aim of coexisting among the Jewish people. "Aramaic is common for both of us," he told The Daily Wire. "This is something that can strengthen Israel as a Jewish state and show the world that we Israelis are building and preserving [the Aramaean community] as the only country for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East."

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Influential megachurch pastor Bishop T. D. Jakes believes many pastors are focused more on preaching than they are on bringing people to Jesus. "This is something that I think we've kind of gotten away from. We have gotten more into preaching than winning souls," he told fellow Texas pastor Ed Young of Fellowship Church as they fished. Jakes, who founded The Potter's House in Dallas, noted that the act of witnessing

language that the world can relate to," Jakes explained. "We have to get away from the mentality of thinking everybody's coming to church. The church has to go to them. Jesus said

## Pastors Are More into Preaching Than Winning Souls - TD Jakes

often took place off stage."It used to be the preachers themselves witnessed in the grocery store anywhere, didn't need a mic, didn't need a crowd," he said."What's important about that is people will do what you do and if you're not a soul winner, you can teach what you know but you reproduce what you are." During their fishing trip, Jakes called Young "one of the most creative preachers" he has ever seen. Young has often used props — including a sports car, a large model of a shark and a real lion in a cage, just to name a few — with his sermons. When it comes to soul winning, Jakes remarked that just as fishing "represents one world going into another to bring things in," you have to "go into the world, out of your element and bring people in." "There's a wisdom. You have to be aware of how to talk. Yo use different kinds of bait for different kinds of fish. What church people don't understand is you can't go into the world and use church language and catch the world. You have to use the

go, not just come ... We have to get out there." The Dallas pastor, who is also a filmmaker ("Heaven Is for Real"), also stressed the importance of relationship and loving people when reaching people for Jesus. "We have really forgotten the simplicity of relationship and it not only shows in soul winning, it also shows in how we treat each other," he told Young. "I think it's because it's predominantly men and men have a propensity to always want to fix things. We're so busy trying to fix people, we forgot how to love them." The fishing trip was aired as an episode of "The Raw & The Reel," a new YouTube series that Young launched this month. Young said he wanted to bring his pastor friends along to fish — one of his favorite things to do — and talk about life and leadership. Jakes called the experience "wonderful," as it "expresses fellowship between pastors who live in the same city."





**Rev. Manual Joseph Th.M**

Genuine praise contains two essential elements: a rational and an emotional element. With our minds, we must understand who God is, as revealed in His Word. Otherwise, we are not worshiping the true God or at least, God as He is truly revealed. But, also, when you understand who God is and what He has done in sending His own Son to die for your sins, it affects your heart. It fills you with joy and thankfulness. It humbles you to realize that your sin put Him there. It

motivates you to follow Christ and please Him with all your heart. If you can think about what Jesus did on the cross and shrug it off, you're not a

"Praise the Lord from the heavens." In verses 7-14, the command is (148:7), "Praise the Lord from the earth." Both main sections follow the

## **PSALM 148:** **A GENUINE CALL TO PRAISE THE LORD!!**

Christian!

Psalm 148 is a glorious psalm of praise. It is easy to see that praise is the theme. The command to praise the Lord is repeated nine times in the first five verses and twelve times in the entire psalm.

The message of Psalm 148 is very simple and clear. It's a call of the Psalmist to everything and everyone in heaven and on earth to praise the Lord.

The psalm falls into two sections: in verses 1-6 the command is (148:1),

same outline. First, there is the roster of everything and everyone that should praise the Lord, followed by the reasons to praise the Lord.

In the first section, the list of those that should praise the Lord includes all the angels and all inanimate things in heaven (148:2-4). The reason that those in heaven should praise the lord is because he created them and has established them forever (148:5-6). The Lord has created everything in heaven and He has set rules and regu-

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lations for their operations. The regularity of the creation, including its intricate design on both the micro and macro levels, should cause us to worship God who designed everything to function with such complexity and balance. Thus everything in the heavens should praise the Lord and cause us to join the chorus.

In the second section the Psalmist says, everything and everyone on earth should praise the Lord (148:7-14). We can divide this into the two broad categories of everything (that is, non-human creation) and everyone (human creation). The psalmist begins with the ocean deeps and the creatures that dwell there. "Sea monsters" refers to the whales, great sharks, and other large creatures in the sea. The psalmist goes on (v. 8) to call on all kinds of weather phenomena to praise the Lord. "Fire" probably refers to lightning, which as all of us who have been caught outside in a lightning storm know, is a frightening, powerful force. Hail can also be an amazing phenomenon, especially when it is the size of golf balls or bigger. The word translated clouds usually means smoke. It could refer to the smoke created by lightning strikes or to the mist that rises from the snow. Next (v. 9) the psalmist calls on the mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars to praise the Lord, followed by (v. 10) beasts, cattle, creeping things (insects, reptiles), and birds. The reason that those on earth should praise the lord is his great glory and grace (148:13-14). Since He is the only eternal being, the all-powerful Creator of everything else, "His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven" (v. 13). In verse 14, God should be praised because of His grace. Verse 14 describes the Lord's people in four ways. They are "His people" because He chose them and He redeemed them. Second, they are "His godly ones." Third, they are "the sons of Israel." This again points to God's sovereign grace. He chose Abraham and miraculously gave him

his son, Isaac. Of Isaac's two sons, Jacob and Esau, God chose Jacob and changed his name to Israel. That leads to the last description of God's people, that they are "a people near to Him." Like Israel, we the Christians are also the people of God. Paul writes (Eph. 2:13, 17-18), "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.... And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father."

From the study of this Psalms we can see that praising God is not optional. It's not something nice to do whenever you feel like it. But rather, praising God is our highest calling. If you are not continually filled with praise to God, then you are not yet fulfilling the purpose for which He created you and saved you.

Join the psalmist in resolving (Ps. 71:14), "But as for me, I will ... praise You forever and ever."

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accompanied with a new life. Does mango tree bear jackfruit?

Here Apostle Peter brings only 5 things to the attention. But these are only a few specimens of the many lusts which are to be laid aside, to grow stronger and higher. For an example, if a weak child is taken to the doctor, doctor would give medicine to cast out the worms from the stomach, which enjoys the nourishing food. As the baby gets free from them, the baby will grow stronger because nourishing milk and food will help the baby then, not the medicine.

Learn I Pt. 2:2

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

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Apostle wanted his readers to be as eager for the nourishment of the Word as babies are for milk. After believers cast out impure desires and motives (v.1), they then need to feed on wholesome spiritual food that produces growth.

For all stages of the Christian life on earth the food which nourishes is the same. All should be growing, and the most mature is still, when his attainments are contrasted with what he will be in the future, and when the brief span of earthly life is measured against eternity, but as a newborn babe. So we have here the universal food; the appetite which all should cultivate; and the growth which all may attain.

## 1839 Soldiers Come to Christ in Six Months



A US Army Chaplain says a revival is taking place on the base of Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Since March nearly 2,000 troops have reportedly come to the Lord.

"Today, 380 soldiers came to salvation in Christ once and for all," Rondon says in one post. "Thanks CH Tony Cech for the excellent, clear, and powerful messages during the 3 services. Since March 11, 2018, we have seen 1,839 soldiers coming to Christ. God's doing an unbelievable work through our military at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. May God bring the same powerful conviction of sin and love for Him that we are experiencing at Main Post Chapel all throughout our Nation and His world."

In an interview with a news agency, Rondon said that being intentional in sharing the Gospel has been key to the conversions. "To be intentional is to be faithful to Christ and obedient to His Great Commission," Rondon said. "But we will not succeed in making disciples until the lost make the first step to follow Christ as their Savior. To be intentional not only means to preach Christ's Word in the chapel, but to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit to share His message of reconciliation if, and when, the time fits." In

a video showing hundreds of soldiers singing "Amazing Grace," he commented, "I'm excited about the future of our military for millions of our Warriors who will sing GOD's Amazing Grace. Glory to Christ, the only God, Savior, and Lord in this life and the one to come."

A soldier named Private Havens shared his testimony about forgiveness in one post. "I used to have a lot of anger in me," he said. "I held grudges against people that have done wrongs against me. And I came here, and I realize that the Lord has forgiven me for my sins and I realize that I needed to do the same to others." He continued, "I feel a thousand pounds lighter now that I'm able to let go of the burden of this, not hate, but just feeling wronged. And I have forgiven those that have wronged me. I feel better now."

Rondon said that he has seen a steady increase in the number of soldiers committing their lives to Christ. "Private Havens is just one of many of the 1,000 and almost 800 soldiers, probably 1,000 by today, we will reach around 2,000 soldiers since March 11 coming to faith in Christ Jesus and growing into their faith as is the case with Private Havens."

Retired Major General Doug Carver, executive director of chaplaincy for the

North American Mission Board, told that men and women in the armed services are hungry for God. "Our troops, who are increasingly hungry for truth and relevancy in their lives, are finding a faith that works through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ," Carver said. "The current spiritual awakening at Fort Leonard Wood is indicative of a great move of God taking place within the Armed Services today." Meanwhile, Rondon credits the record number of salvations to the prayers of those who have been praying and encourages them not to stop. "I want you to know that God is doing great things," he said. "I'm asking you to please pray and help us to see—not only today and since March 11th with almost 2,000 people coming to salvation in Christ Jesus—that the Lord is good and He desires not only to reconcile us, to reunite us to Himself through His death, burial and resurrection, but also that He desires for the whole world and mainly our country, United States to know that if He's doing great things in the military, He's going to keep doing great things, in and throughout us for His glory in our society, which is so in need of Christ Jesus our King."

Every believer is “born again” into the Christian faith and life. The idea that on professing faith in Christ a man enters on and begins a new life, as a spiritual babe, in a spiritual atmosphere, in which, and in receipt of spiritual nourishment, he is to grow up into the fullness of the spiritual man in Christ. The New Testament presents the Christian profession that it is a new life, beginning with a new spiritual birth, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, every believer has to have a desire to grow spiritually. And it is expected for all. And a believer needs to grow up to the Head, which

can exist. Likewise, without continual prayer, no growing Christian can ever exist.

The primary purpose of prayer is ought to be spiritual growth (Col 1:9-10). So all Christians ought to pray or ask the Lord what they need. Many times, we are mistaken, thinking that God is omniscient, all knowing, so He

prayer, then God would give answer, because he is the prayer answering God (Ps 65:2).

Leave (1 Pt. 2:1)

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.”

## An ALL For All

Rev. Jiji Paul, Win India



is Christ. Christian maturity is reaching up to Christ likeness. Therefore, here derives an important question, how to grow spiritually?

Ask

(“pray continually...” I The. 5:17)

Breathing is a phenomena, which takes place continually. Without continual breathing, no living being

knows all our problems, then why should I pray. But listen, there is a law in the Bible, we must ask him. Jm 4:2b says, “You have not because you ask not.” Why we lack many things? Apostle James tells the answer; we didn’t ask him. It is not the fault of God, we lack many things, but ours. Because we didn’t ask him. Whatever the need it is, we must share it in

A Christian has begun a new life and there is something befitting to that life. There are so many things that can be associated with the old life, which are manifestly unfitting, and must be left out. The regeneration experience and the love of sin cannot go hand in hand. It must needs be



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The fonder of the original Children of God, now known as the Family of love, is David Brandt Berg, born in Okland, California, February 18, 1919. David Berg's parents were Virginia Brandt Berg, a prominent evangelist, and Mr. Berg, a minister with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Eventually Mr. Berg's ministry was overshadowed by his wife's ministry, and he became part of her evangelistic team.

David Berg became a pastor with the Christian and Missionary Alliance church sometime in the late 1940's. His first pastorate was in Arizona in 1949. However, a year later in 1950 he left after a falling-out with the leadership of the church. This experience left with great bitterness and permanent contempt for organized religion. His belief that God had a special destiny and mission for him developed shortly after this. In one publication, Berg recounted one of his early revelations.

One of the first prophecies we ever received regarding my personal ministry was "I have made thee a sharp toothed threshing instrument which shall beat the mountains as chaff and rip with violence the pillows from under the arms of them which sit at ease in Zion!" (Moses, David, The Disciple Revolution, London: The Children of God, 1975, pp. 7,8)

In 1968, with his wife Jane and their four children, Berg moved to Huntington,

## David Berg's Family of Love



Beach, California. It was here that Berg developed a small following of people, basically from the counter-culture. In 1969, Berg became convinced that a great earthquake was imminent and California would slide into the Pacific Ocean. He and about 50 followers left California for Arizona where their disruption of church services and condemnation of organized churches resulted in their being asked to leave.

The group now numbering 75, wandered across the United States and Canada, staging demonstrations along the way. It was during this time they adopted the name, "Children of God," and Berg took the name Moses David, or "Mo." All converts take Bible names as a symbol of the "new birth."

In 1970 the group was allowed to use the facilities in Texas and California owned by

T.V. evangelist Fred, Jordan. Within the next one and a half years the group grew to 250. However, a disagreement arose between Jordan and the group at one of his properties and they were banished from all his properties. The Children of God then divided into small groups of fewer than 12 people and scattered across the country.

After a falling out with Fred Jordan over control and finances, the group spread out to different states in the US, and eventually expanded its operations in other countries. Members of the Children of God founded communes, first called "colonies" but now referred to as "homes," in various cities around the world, including Europe, South America, India and Australia.

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tor imprisoned in China.

The petition, launched on Thursday on the We the People website, is in support of John Cao, who was been held in Chinese jail for over a year.

"While working to build schools for impoverished children in Myanmar, John was detained at the Chinese border on March 5, 2017. Twenty days later, he was charged with 'organizing illegal border crossing,' despite the fact that he had used the same route between China and Myanmar for this humanitarian work for years," explains in the petition ChinaAid, the watchdog group. "In three years, John helped build 16 schools that serve more than 2,000 children. He was unfairly sentenced to seven years in a Chinese prison."

The text calls on America to "pressure the Communist Party to unconditionally release Pastor John Cao and allow him to return home to America to see his wife and sons again." Ben Cao, the pastor's son, told back in April that nothing that his father did was ever political. "We hope that China will be merciful and see that my father's intentions were good," he pleaded.

Cao, who was caught by Chinese security forces on March 5, 2017, apparently managed to throw away his cellphone into the water while on a raft returning from Yunnan province as part of his school-building efforts. His actions managed to protect 50 other Christian teachers, though he himself was sentenced to seven years in prison.

The pastor has in the past shared that he was inspired by a very famous North Carolinian, namely the late evangelist Billy Graham, whose radio broadcasts stirred in him a desire to minister to the Chinese people. Jamie Powell, Coa's wife, recently spoke at the State Department's first-ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in Washington, D.C. "It appears to me that John was set up for his arrest because of his faith-driven work," Powell said at the ministerial.

"Since his detainment, my husband has suffered a rapid decline in his health. He has lost 50 pounds. He has not been able to communicate with me and my children. My sons and I traveled there — 10,000 miles — and we were not allowed to see him," she added. The newly started petition already had over 1,200 signatures as of Friday morning, but needs 100,000 in total by Sept. 1 to get a response from the White House.

# Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ "Don't worry about having the right words; worry more about having the right heart. It's not eloquence he seeks, just honesty." - **Max Lucado**
- ❖ "Money holds terrible power when it is loved" - **Elisabeth Elliot**
- ❖ "For you and me, just knowing His presence is all around us can help lift us from the darkest night, embrace us in the loneliest hour, give us strength when we are tempted, and enable us to live confident and secure in His promises." - **Diane Moody**
- ❖ "There should be as much difference between the worldling and the Christian, as between hell and heaven, between destruction and eternal life." - **Charles H. Spurgeon**
- ❖ "God's Word transforms you into someone who reflects His glory." - **Elizabeth George**
- ❖ "When asked, 'What is more important: praying or reading the Bible?' I ask, 'What is more important: breathing in or breathing out?'" - **Russ Scalzo**
- ❖ "The more we rely on God, the better our lives will be." - **Lailah Gifty Akita**
- ❖ "Doing things God's way is always a matter of the heart." - **Elizabeth George**
- ❖ "Giving is the only way to receive more." - **Lailah Gifty Akita**
- ❖ "Prayer is talking to God' but it's so much more than that it's the beat of our heart, the attitude of our mind, the song on our tongue, the direction of our thoughts" - **Katie Kiesler**



**Abigail Thyvilayil John**

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lia.

Soon after founding and living with the first communes, Berg moved away and lived in secrecy, his whereabouts known only to top leaders. He communicated with his followers through more than 3,000 published letters written over 24 years, called "Mo Letters" by members of the group. Berg proclaimed that he was God's prophet for today's era, the last age of the "endtime", and predicted that his death would be inseparably intertwined and timed to the last 7 years of the world—he would die in 1989 and Jesus would return in 1993. Berg died in 1994 and his mistress Karen Zerby took over leadership of the Family.

The COG was reorganized as the Family of Love in 1977 after some "abuses of authority" were revealed among the leadership. The original autocratic organization of Dad (David Berg), apostles, elders, and deacons was replaced by a democratic structure. Each commune (called "home") became an autonomous unit. Their organizational name was later shortened to The Family.

The Family International at Present


In 2004, the movement changed its name to the Family International. In the second half of 2004, a six-month "renewal period" was held, to help members refocus their priorities. Membership was reorganized and new levels of membership were introduced. Members now fall into the following categories: Family Disciples (FD), Missionary Members (MM), Fellow Members (FM), Active Members (AM), and General Members (GM). According to Family statistics, at the beginning of 2005 there were 1,238 Family homes and 10,202 members worldwide. Of those, 266 Homes and 4884 members were FD, 255 Homes and 1,769 members were MM, and 717 Homes and 3,549 members were FM. Statistics on AM and GM categories are currently unavailable.

Major Beliefs of the Cult

They believe that a person can be saved and spend eternity in heaven if they repent of their sins and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. But they differ from fundamen-

## History

- 1968 The Children of God
  - David Brandt Berg, (1919-1994) "Father David" in Huntington Beach, California
  - Founded communes
  - Proselytizing
    - 1969: 100 members;
    - By 1973, 140 communes
  - Wrote 3000 "Mo Letters", indicating he was God's prophet (1972)
  - 1974-1987: Flirty Fishing
    - "for those who were in dire need of physical love and affection, even sex could be used as evidence to them of the Lord's love"



tal Christian beliefs in that they believe all people will eventually be saved and attain heaven.

They reject the doctrine of salvation as laid out in the Bible. They do not believe that all unsaved humans will be tortured forever in lake of fire after death.

The Family represents, in their view, "a return to the roots of the true Christian church." All other Christian faith groups are false.

They condemn "The System", which includes governments and the rest of society. The System is regarded as evil; society generally is seen as near collapse.

They base their religion on their interpretation of the Bible. A secondary source are the writings of their founder. Two sources state that Berg's writings are considered to override the Bible in cases of conflict; another says the opposite.

They believe sexual enjoyment, from mas-

turbation to intercourse is considered a gift of God. It is an activity that is to be thoroughly enjoyed as a major focus of one's life. Both male and female Family members are urged to masturbate while fantasizing about engaging in sexual activity with Jesus. They embrace free, consensual sexuality as a gift of God.

They believe that Jesus had sexual relations with Martha and Mary.

They believe the angel Gabriel engaged in sexual intercourse with Mary at the time of Jesus' conception.

They perceive the Holy Spirit as feminine in nature, and is referred to as a "Dream Queen" or "Holy Queen of Love".

They believe that people can sometimes be adversely affected by deceased people from the spirit world. Exorcisms are occasionally performed to rid people of evil spirits.

They believe in communication with the spirits of dead people.

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India."To have three partners arrested like that in quick succession was somewhat rare for us to see," he said.

"Basically, each one of them [was] arrested for, as people would say, forcing those who aren't Christians to be converted into Christians. It's typically a line that we see from time to time being extended to our partners and it's just an easy way to kind of rile up everyone," he added, according to MNN.

Two of the three ministry partners were released after lengthy interrogation. Another is still in police custody. Despite persecution, Christian ministry is expanding in India, said Morsehead. "In some cases, they are strengthened and emboldened. [They say,] 'We know we're doing God's work and we now we're doing it correctly. We're not forcing anyone to make a decision that they don't want to make,'" he said. "It's one of the most powerful things I have ever experienced in my life is watching people [who], despite being persecuted, they continue to do what God has called them to do," he added.

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humbled to be your pastor, and I could not be more proud of you."

Warren revealed that all 50,000 people who have been baptized at Saddleback over the past 38 years were recognized over the weekend, with people bringing photos of their ceremonies to be shared. The California preacher recalled his small town and small church upbringing, and how he was inspired by the large ministries of other Christian leaders to dream of big things.

He also reflected on growth of the first Christian church in Jerusalem, pointing to Acts 2:47 in the Bible, which reads: "Everyday the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Warren wrote: "Think about that. Daily! That means, at the very least, the first church baptized at least 365 new members annually!" "Not many churches have ever matched that kind of growth. But YOUR CHURCH has!" he added. "This phrase 'Every day the Lord added to their number' has been true of Saddleback for 38 years. Since beginning at Easter, 1980, we've baptized almost 4 changed lives every single day. (Precisely 3.7 people every day) YOU'RE PART OF A MIRACLE!"

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of their ongoing crackdown on religion. ChinaAid President Bob Fu, whose group monitors the persecution of believers in the world's most populous country, shared last week on Twitter a video captured by activists that depicts the burning of Bibles.

"CCP starts burning the Bible and crosses in Henan. Last time burning Bibles campaign happened in late 1960s by dictator Chairman Mao's wife Jiang Qing in Shanghai. She was arrested in 1976 but Christians grew to millions. Will Never be successful," Fu wrote.

It is noted that besides the burning of Bibles and taking down of crosses, authorities lately have also been forcing Christians to sign papers where they reject their faith, or else risk being expelled from school or lose welfare benefits.

Fu explained that the government is attempting to "Sinicize" religion by infusing it with nationalistic principles and demanding loyalty to the atheist Communist Party.

"The international community should be alarmed and outraged for this blatant violation of freedom of religion and belief," Fu said.

The crackdown on believers and on churches has been going on for years. Reuters reported on the latest development on Sunday, where one of the largest unofficial Protestant churches in Beijing was banned, with officials confiscating "illegal promotional materials."

Zion church had apparently been hosting worship services, attracting hundreds of believers every weekend for years in the nation's capital. But it faced increasing pressure this year. In April, they refused orders to install television cameras in the building and faced threats of eviction.

Zion Pastor Jin Mingri explained that communist officials charged the church with hosting events without registering on Sunday, declaring the church "legally banned." "I fear that there is no way for us to resolve this issue with the authorities," Mingri said.

Groups in the U.S., such as the American Center for Law and Justice, have started petitions speaking to the urgency of addressing the religious freedom crackdown in China.

"The Chinese government is trying to stop the spread of Christianity. This blatant persecution cannot be tolerated," the ACLU says in its petition, which as of Monday morning has been signed by over 40,000 people. "We're working at the United Nations, addressing the severe persecution of Chinese Christians. They urgently need your voice." "We are working internationally to put pressure on China to stop persecuting Christians."

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"We as a minority want to live as indigenous Aramaic Christians and to be able to have one sole Aramaic town that can preserve our Christian faith, Aramaic language, ethnic identity, and our heritage and explain more about our common roots with the Jews." The town he envisions will be called "Aram Hiram." "Aram" is the name given to the Aramaic kingdoms from the Bible and "Hiram" refers to King Hiram of Lebanon, who supplied King Solomon with wood from cedar trees with which to build the Temple.

He is presently asking for land in northern Israel where he says his ancestors lived for 400 years prior to the 1948 war for independence — they were forced to evacuate — when Israel became an independent nation-state.

Israel turned 70 earlier this year and its population continues to grow, at around 8.8 million, 74.5 percent of which are Jews. Arabs comprise 21 percent of the population. Yet approximately 404,000 citizens, 4.6 percent, are non-Arab Christians or are members of other ethnic groups.

In the past few years, Khalloul has met with government officials all the way up to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which he says ultimately resulted in a measure that allowed Israeli Christians to put "Aramaean" on their official identity cards as opposed to "Arabs."

The proposal for the town is now being reviewed and is in Netanyahu's hands, according to Khalloul. If approved, the town of Aram Hiram will be built on approximately 150-200 acres land but they will need \$5 million to develop and plan, a project that will last around seven years. Khalloul hopes Christians and Jews from around the world will contribute to make this a reality.

Presently, approximately 15,000 Israeli Christians pray in Aramaic in Israel, and the majority of them, like Khalloul, belong to the Syriac Maronite Church of Antioch.

## Hurricane Florence: 1 Million told to Evacuate



Hurricane Florence is preparing a "destructive strike" on the U.S. East Coast as it moves toward the mainland, with over 1 million people told to evacuate.

The Weather Channel warned on Tuesday morning that the Category 4 hurricane is set to bring a life-threatening storm surge, destructive winds and massive inland rainfall flooding, with a strike likely for Thursday.

On Monday night, Florence was moving west-northwestward and was located 1,000 miles east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina. At greatest risk of major impact are regions from the Carolinas to Virginia, with areas further south, such as Georgia, also urged to monitor the situation.

More than 1 million people around coastal North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia have been ordered to evacuate, with National Guard soldiers mobilized to help. "This is a real hurricane we have coming," said South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster. "We don't want to risk one South Carolina life." McMaster added that government offices, schools and medical facilities will be closed in 26 counties this week.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam echoed the threat: "Everyone in Virginia needs to prepare. This is a serious storm and it's going

to affect the entire state of Virginia."

The Weather Channel warned that it's too early to pinpoint the exact locations that will be hit hardest by the storm surge, wind and rainfall flooding, but said that all evacuation orders should be followed, as significant beach erosion is likely. "Numerous downed trees and long-lasting power outages could occur near and inland from where the center of Florence strikes," it added.

"This threat of tree damage and power outages may also extend across Florence's larger swath of tropical-storm-force winds. Structural damage to homes and buildings is possible, particularly where the core of any hurricane-force winds moves through." President Donald Trump tweeted several times about Hurricane Florence, writing on Monday that his administration has been briefed on the incoming storm, calling it "very dangerous."

Christian charities, such as World Vision, which helps children in need around the world, urged people to pray for all those in the path of the hurricane.

"Join us in prayer for communities threatened by #HurricaneFlorence: Lord, please calm the waters and protect everyone in #Florence's path this week. Be with our staff as we monitor the storm. Amen," the charity tweeted on Monday.

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