

# FRONTLINE FAITH

ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM  
WHERE FAITH COSTS THE MOST



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## Unshakable faith in India

Suman was not in the fields when her Hindu uncle and cousins decided to viciously attack her Christian relatives. When the shocking display of violence was over, Suman's sister, Bindu, lay dead. Suman and her family had no choice but to flee for their lives.

In the small village near Nagpur, India, where Suman lives, most everyone is Hindu. Suman herself was raised Hindu and never considered converting to Christianity.

That was, until her brother—Bima—became ill. Nothing seemed to help until Bindu, who had already embraced Christ, suggested they turn to Jesus.

**“As soon as we went to the church and gave it to the Lord, it didn't even take a week. Everything was fine in one or two days.”**

After the miraculous healing, Suman and Bima both gave their lives to Christ. But their decision increased their risk for harassment ... and even worse.

Sadly, they paid a heavy price for their faith, losing everything—their home, livelihood, and most devastatingly, their beloved Bindu—in a brutal act of hatred brought by their very own relatives.

The persecution that Suman and her family experienced is, tragically, not uncommon. In recent years, India has seen a dramatic rise in mob attacks and hostility against Christians.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), radical Hindu nationalism has fueled hatred and intolerance against religious minorities. The BJP seeks to define Indian identity solely in terms of Hindu culture, which has only emboldened extremist groups who view Christianity as a threat to Indian culture and values.

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*Praise be to ...*

**the God of all comfort,  
who comforts us in all  
our troubles, so that  
we can comfort those  
in any trouble ...**

**2 Corinthians 1:3–4**

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The risk of violence—as well as India’s strict anti-conversion laws—has made it difficult for anyone to follow Christ without fearing for their safety.

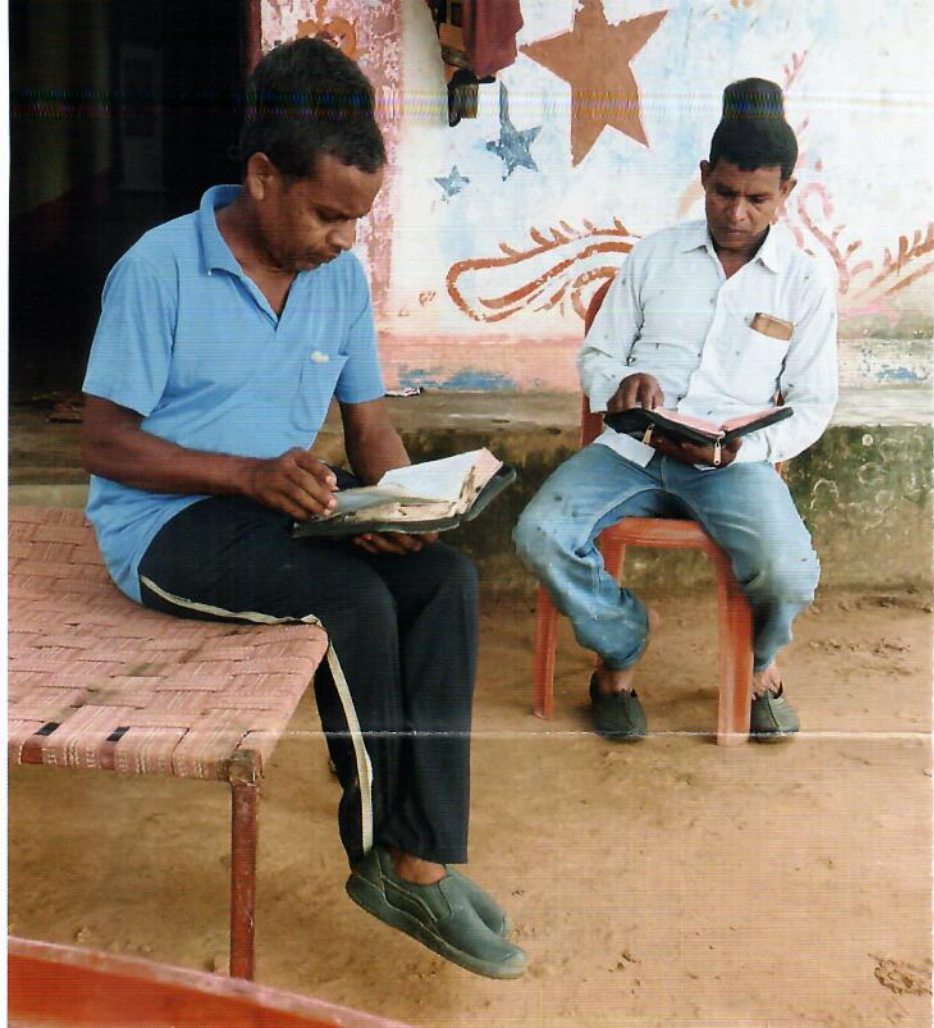
Suman’s story is just one example of incredible faith and resilience in the face of severe persecution—though it serves as a stark reminder of the cost of faith in regions hostile to the gospel.

While they seek refuge in another village, Suman and her brother are standing strong in their Christian faith—by choosing to forgive their Hindu relatives and persecutors.

After losing her sister to persecution, Suman says the Holy Spirit gave her comfort and strength to persevere. “My life has changed,” she shares. “I wouldn’t think of turning back.”

**Your prayers and support will give hope to persecuted brothers and sisters all around the world, including those like Suman, who have experienced unbearable loss and trauma. Please give as generously as you can, so they can continue to be the light of Christ in their communities and advance the Great Commission.**

**Thank you for your compassion. May God bless you for your kindness!**



## **YOUR GIFT FUNDS CRITICAL PERSECUTION RESEARCH**

As a supporter of Global Christian Relief and a friend of the persecuted church, you help to shape the future of persecution research.

Your generosity allows GCR to sponsor the Violent Incidents Database, ensuring that leaders and decision makers can access verified information on religious attacks.

This work means that the pain of our persecuted brothers and sisters is not forgotten, but rather, documented and preserved to advance the religious freedom movement around the world. Thank you for helping to amplify their stories! **Learn more at [gcrelief.org/VID](https://gcrelief.org/VID).**



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## **LET OPPRESSED CHRISTIANS KNOW THEY'RE NEVER ALONE**

By giving **\$30/month** to our **Frontline Partner monthly giving program**, you can provide emergency relief and ongoing critical support to your persecuted family in India and beyond.

### **PRAISE REPORT**

## **Your support brought relief to families displaced by violence**

When the mob came to their village in Manipur, Rohan and his family didn't hesitate. They quickly fled, leaving everything behind—their home, their jobs and any sense of normalcy and routine they once knew.

Rohan's family was one of thousands that escaped the rioters' death threats stoked by Hindu nationalism that day.

Thanks to you, they found an emergency relief center run by Global Christian Relief and our partners on the ground. There, those displaced received hot meals, clean water, fresh sheets, job assistance and more. Rohan shares:

**“The food, water, beds and air-conditioned facilities are beyond what we could imagine. I am so grateful to GCR for standing with us at this time of need.”**

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# **PRAISE REPORT: THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, PERSECUTED BELIEVERS RECEIVE PASTORAL TRAINING—AND AUDIO BIBLES!**

Through your support, Global Christian Relief and our partners recently distributed 15,000 audio Bibles in India. Nearly 25% of India's adult population is illiterate, so reading the written Word is not an option. Thanks to you, they can access the audible Word of God!

We've also teamed up with our partners on the ground to supply pastoral training to local believers, in order to steward the growth of the church in India.

As violence escalates worldwide, the Christian community needs support more than ever. In one training seminar organized by GCR and our pastors, church leaders and believers gathered to gain strength and wisdom to withstand persecution.

One participant shared their perspective:

**“The trials we face today are difficult, but those who remain faithful until the end will be rewarded in heaven.”**

These words echo the sentiment of Scripture in Matthew 5:12: *“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

**Thank you for giving our suffering brothers and sisters in India and beyond the tools they need to navigate challenges with resilience, fortitude and unshakable faith!**

## **INDIA APPEARS ON GCR'S “RED LIST”**

Thanks to your support, Global Christian Relief sponsors the Violent Incidents Database: an all-new research tool that tracks incidents of global persecution—providing valuable data and insights to journalists, policy makers and leaders working to advance the cause of religious freedom.

GCR's 2025 Red List identifies which nations are the worst for Christian persecution across several different categories of concern, based on findings from the Database.

Sadly, India makes more than one appearance on the 2025 Red List. It is one of the worst offenders in two categories, including:

- Displacement of Christians
- Destruction of Religious Buildings

Learn more at [gcrelief.org/redlist](https://gcrelief.org/redlist).

**It's clear our Indian brothers and sisters need your prayers and support now. As the Body of Christ, we can intercede for—and bring relief to—vulnerable believers around the world who risk everything to follow Jesus.**

