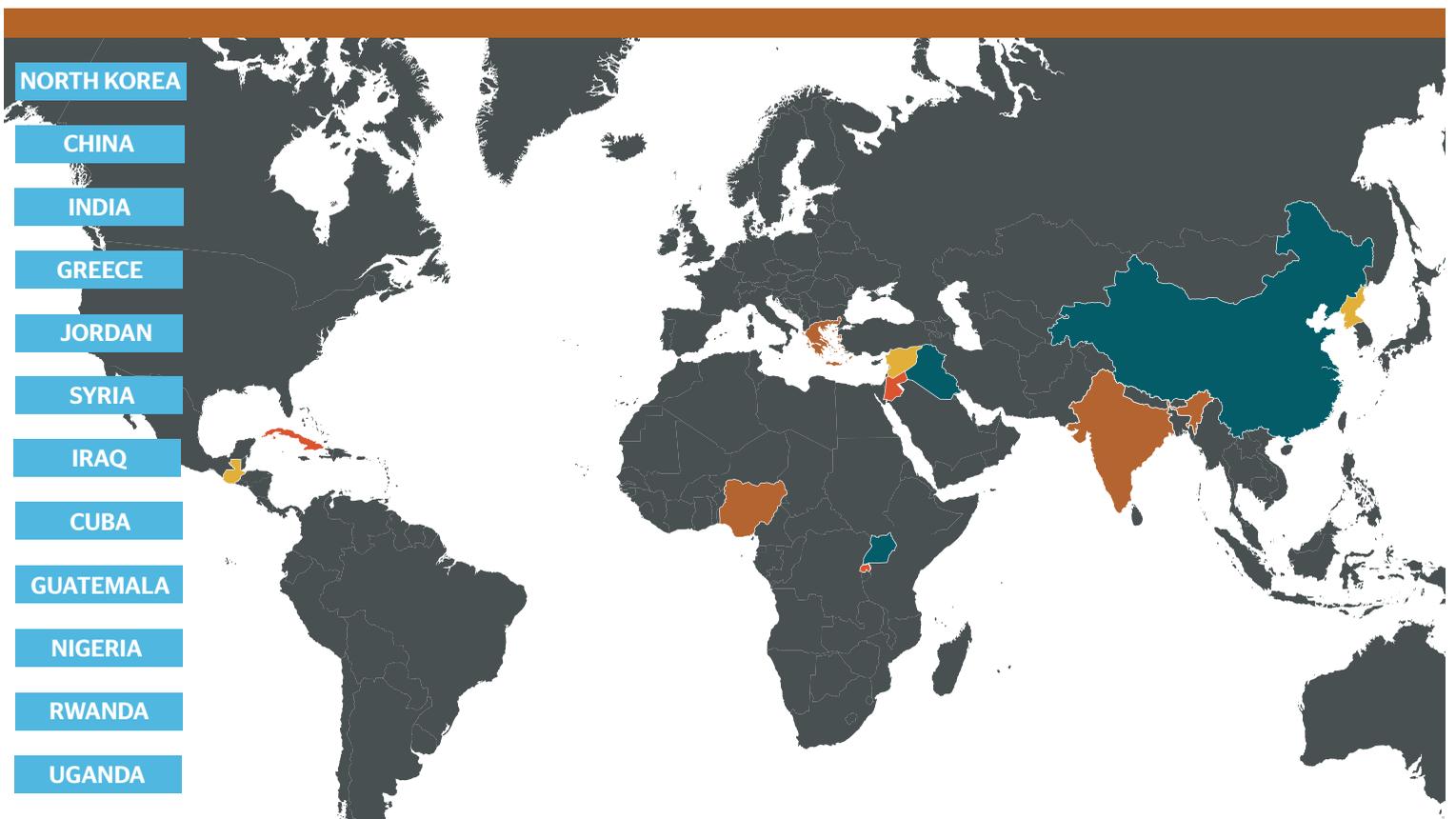




What is a Bible desert?

A Bible desert is a place where it is almost impossible to find a copy of God's Word.

In some of the world's most severe Bible deserts, believers can be persecuted or even arrested for owning a Bible. In other areas, some people are too poor to afford a Bible or their remote community is completely unreached with the Gospel, **In each of these Bible deserts, people are in desperate need of the Living Water of God's Word.**



Help flood Bible deserts with the Living Water

For a monthly gift of \$25, you can send five Bibles each month to some of the world's largest Bible deserts. Every copy of God's Word will be shared with family and friends, impacting at least five people. **So you will help transform 25 lives every month!**





North Korea

Population: 25,405,000

Christians: 300,000

Main religion: Atheism

Reason for Bible desert: *Extreme government persecution*

For more than 16 years, North Korea has been ranked the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. Nearly one-fourth of all North Korean believers are living in political labor camps for the “crime” of following Jesus. If someone is caught with a Bible, he – and three generations of his family – can be thrown in jail. Still, Christians in North Korea beg for Bibles. Many believers share a single page torn from a Bible or a few handwritten verses, drawing comfort from God’s Word in extreme persecution.

Pray for North Korea

- Pray for the safety and protection of North Korean Christians
- Pray that believers stay strong in their faith
- Pray for opportunities for the Gospel to spread
- Pray for the underground church to receive more Bibles





China

Population: 1,388,233,000

Christians: 97,200,000

Main religion: Atheism

Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution

In China, believers cannot openly express their Christian beliefs or purchase a Bible for fear of persecution. Many Christ followers who live in remote, rural parts of the country have never even seen or held a Bible, much less owned one. The underground church desperately needs more copies of God's Word in order to continuing growing and discipling new believers.

Pray for China

- Pray for Chinese Christians who are facing persecution
- Pray for the wisdom and safety of underground church leaders
- Pray for God's Word to reach even the most remote areas of China





Cuba

Population: 11,480,000

Christians: Approximately 880,000

Main religion: Catholicism and Santeria

Reason for Bible desert: Poverty, limited access

Cuba is more open to the Gospel today than ever before. In fact, approximately 100,000 Cubans come to Christ every year. But out of all the people living in this country, only 3 percent have access to God's Word. Bibles are not only difficult to find; they are also too expensive for many impoverished families to afford. That means many new believers struggle to grow in their faith.

Pray for Cuba

- Pray for the Cuban church to continue to grow
- Pray for local pastors as they disciple new believers
- Pray for U.S./Cuba diplomatic relations to stay positive so we can continue to send more Bibles





India

Population: 1,342,513,000

Christians: 63,970,000

Main religion: Hinduism

Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution, poverty

Christians in India face extreme persecution from radical Hindus. In fact, many new Christ-followers are disowned by their family members because they view Christianity as an outsider religion. Because Christians are in the minority in India, it is extremely difficult for them to find copies of God's Word. Plus, many people who live in remote regions of the country have never heard about the Gospel or are too poor to afford a Bible ... even if it were available to them.

Pray for India

- Pray for Christian converts who are pressured to return to Hinduism
- Pray for low-caste families to have the opportunity to hear about Jesus' unconditional love
- Pray for God's Word to reach even the most remote areas of India





Nigeria

Population: 191,836,000

Christians: 88,906,000

Main religion: Christianity, Islam

Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution, refugee crisis

Since the arrival of the radical Islam group Boko Haram, countless Nigerian Christians have been driven from their homes. Many were forced to leave everything behind – including their Bibles – as they fled for their lives. Since there are no Bibles available in the refugee camps, many believers haven't had access to God's Word for years. In this time of violence and fear, one of their most urgent prayers is that someone will send them the comfort of Scripture.

Pray for Nigeria

- Pray for the safety of believers, especially women and children
- Pray for parents struggling to care for their children in refugee camps
- Pray for these Christian refugees to receive Bibles





Guatemala

Population: 16,580,000

Christians: Approximately 6,632,000

Main religion: Roman Catholicism

Reason for Bible desert: Poverty, limited access

Guatemala is a country plagued by debilitating poverty. Nearly half the population lives on less than \$2 a day, struggling to afford basic necessities such as food and medicine. Most Christians cannot afford a Bible or must share one copy among many extended family members. Adding to Guatemala's Bible desert problem is the fact that many people live in remote mountain villages where access to copies of God's Word is extremely limited.

Pray for Guatemala

- Pray for the health and well-being of Guatemalan Christians living in extreme poverty
- Pray for local pastors as they work to spread the Gospel into the most remote villages
- Pray that Guatemala will be flooded with the Living Water of God's Word





Jordan

Population: 7,877,000

Christians: 169,000

Main religion: Islam

Reason for Bible desert: Refugee crisis

Although Christians in Jordan have little difficulty finding Bibles, the refugee camps inside the country have quickly become Bible deserts. The larger camps are made up almost exclusively of Muslims fleeing from Syria. There are few Christians and Bibles inside the camps, so it is almost impossible for these refugees to learn about Jesus. However, as local partners help provide humanitarian supplies for these refugees, they have opportunities to build relationships of trust and open doors to share God's Word.

Pray for Jordan

- Pray for provision for families living in refugee camps
- Pray that the Gospel will spread throughout the refugee camps
- Pray that more Muslims will come to know the unconditional love of Jesus Christ





Iraq

Population: 38,654,000

Christians: 258,000

Main religion: Islam

Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution, refugee crisis

Conflict in Iraq has driven thousands of Christians from their homes. When ISIS invaded the area around Mosul, they announced that believers must convert to Islam, pay a fine, or prepare to die. Many fled, leaving behind everything they owned – including their Bibles. Now, in the refugee camps, they are searching for the reassurance of God's Word. And as more refugees hear the Gospel, new believers are joining mature Christians in the search for Bibles.

Pray for Iraq

- Pray for comfort for those who have lost their homes and family members to ISIS
- Pray that refugees can return home soon now that many cities have been liberated
- Pray that more people will seek out God's love in the face of violence and hatred





Syria

Population: 18,907,000

Christians: 899,000

Main religion: Islam

Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution, refugee crisis

Syria has been in the middle of a violent civil war for more than seven years now, and countless people have been forced to leave their homes. ISIS has taken advantage of the chaos to spread their hatred and terror, destroying Bibles and historical biblical sites in their wake. Refugees' lives have been shattered, and they need God's Word as they try to pick up the pieces. Unfortunately, Bibles are virtually non-existent in the refugee camps.

Pray for Syria

- Pray for a quick and peaceful resolution to the war
- Pray for emotional and spiritual healing for those who have suffered so much
- Pray that refugees will be open to hearing God's Word





Uganda

Population: 41,490,000

Christians: 33,192,000

Main religion: Christianity

Reason for Bible desert: Refugee crisis

Uganda's neighbor, South Sudan, has been plagued by violent tribal warfare and political fighting since 2013. Every day, refugees flood into Ugandan refugee camps, searching for safety. They're scared, they're tired, they're homeless, and many feel hopeless. As local pastors distribute food and other aid in the camps, they have the perfect opportunity to share the Gospel with these people. But they need more Bibles to do so.

Pray for Uganda

- Pray that the violence in South Sudan will end and refugees can return home
- Pray for Christian refugees to share the Gospel with others in the camps
- Pray that the global church will provide Bibles for these refugees





Greece

Population: 10,750,000

Christians: Approximately 10,000,000

Main religion: Greek Orthodox

Reason for Bible desert: Refugee crisis

While most people would not think of the country of Greece as a Bible desert, the refugee camps within this nation certainly are. As the refugee crisis in the Middle East has grown, thousands of families have found themselves living in limbo in Greek camps while they wait for asylum in Europe. Many of these refugees are searching for answers as they face the greatest trial of their lifetimes, but since they can't work, most cannot afford a Bible.

Pray for Greece

- Pray for the health and safety of those living in the camps
- Pray that Christian refugees will share the Gospel with their Muslim neighbors
- Pray that more Bibles would be available for refugees





Rwanda

Population: 11,920,000

Christians: Approximately 9,893,600

Main religion: Roman Catholic

Reason for Bible desert: Poverty

Rwanda experienced a historic genocide over tensions between the Tutsi and Hutu people. Nearly 800,000 people were killed in a span of just 100 days. Remarkably, a spirit of renewal and forgiveness has spread across Rwanda in the wake of this disaster, and this change has been led mainly by Christian communities. However, many believers can't afford a Bible since nearly half of the nation's population struggles to survive on less than \$1.25 a day.

Pray for Rawanda

- Pray for the widows who lost husbands in the Rwandan genocide
- Pray for families to be restored as they draw closer to Christ
- Pray that hardened hearts will be softened to God's Word

