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### MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Learn how your brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering for their faith and how you can stand with them. Each month, you will read inspiring stories of courageous faith and learn how you can pray and act on their behalf.

### PERSECUTION & PRAYER ALERT

Everywhere The Voice of the Martyrs ministers, the first request of persecuted Christians is often: "Pray for us." We offer up-to-date prayer requests by email every Thursday through the Persecution and Prayer Alert.

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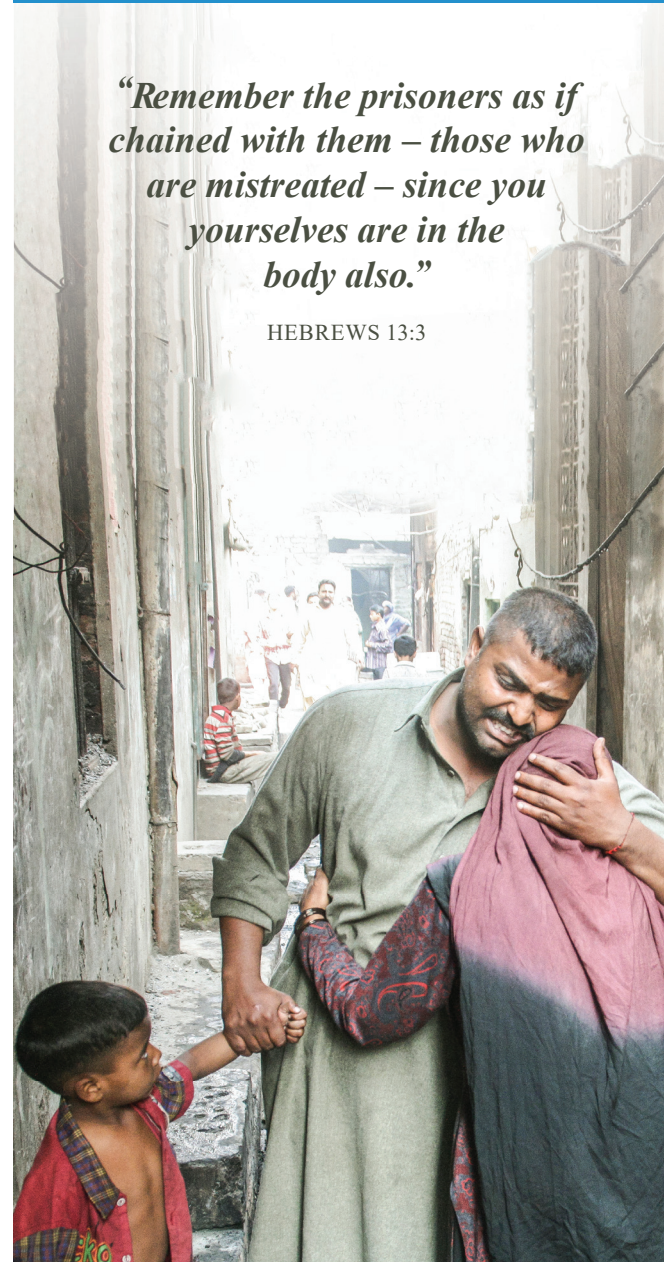
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*Serving the persecuted church since 1971.*

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HEBREWS 13:3



## WHO WE ARE

The Voice of the Martyrs Inc. is a registered Canadian non-profit charitable organization that exists to fulfill the words of Hebrews 13:3:

*“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also.”*

While religious persecution clearly impacts other faith groups besides the Christian church, available research supports the claim that religious persecution in certain parts of the world today is growing rapidly; and that in such regions, it is predominantly against Christians. The Voice of the Martyrs Canada (VOMC), having been fortified financially, and in other ways being equipped by God to take on new challenges as revealed to us by His Spirit and through the cries of His children, is armed with His truth and guarded by His “armour of light.”

Since being founded in 1971 by Klaas and Nellie Brobbel with Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, VOMC has grown as evidenced by the advancements of our International Projects (numbering approximately 70 unique projects, and spanning 35-plus/minus countries), and also by the maturing results of our “storytelling” planning and execution (Media and Communications). Further evidence of growth in the VOMC ministry has come in the form of financial growth, as detailed in our Audited Financial Statements

which are available on request through our office.

Our strategy incorporates “Vision” and “Mission” statements, “Charitable Objects,” and the five “Purposes” statements. Here is what we’ve committed ourselves to strive for and practise as a ministry.

### VISION

Glorifying God by supporting the fulfillment of the Great Commission in regions hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### MISSION

Actively remembering and serving the Church persecuted.

### PURPOSES

1. To encourage and empower persecuted Christians to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
2. To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs (Matthew 25:36).
3. To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those opposed to the Gospel (Romans 12:14).
4. To help believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression (Nehemiah 1:3; 2:5).
5. To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper

level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission (Hebrews 13:3; Galatians 6:2).

Such expressions of faith are only useful as management tools when they are understood to be fully inspired by God and informed according to God-given traditions (those rich components and underpinnings that never change). The strategic statements are also organic, and as such, they are living things in regular need of review and revision.

### INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC MINISTRY

In keeping with the foregoing statements, we believe our calling and focus is first and foremost to come alongside the persecuted church with practical and spiritual aid, and to assist those in peril because of their own callings and ministry (largely hidden) by partnering in native “underground” and other inconspicuous evangelistic ministry. Equally important, and very timely for the Canadian evangelical and mainstream church community, is a definite need for a cultural “wake-up call” to the global reality of the state of the church and the cost of Christian faith in most of the world outside of the Canadian reality. We, therefore, believe that our ministry is also to capture and impart the essence, faith and witness of the persecuted church.