

# Persecution Watch

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## Pentecostal Pastor Mediates Riot

Authorities credit Marcos Pereira da Silva with bringing an end to a three-day prison revolt in Brazil that left 31 dead

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## Thailand Missionary Visits Bars to Reach Prostitutes

Nella Davidse says desperate women come to the popular resort town looking for opportunity

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## Sight and Sound

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# Pray for Africa

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## Faith Under Fire

President Bush talks with Charisma publisher Stephen Strang and other journalists about the war, the election and his prayer life.

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## News Briefs

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## Buddhism Spreads in North America

The Dalai Lama's recent visit spotlighted the religion's popularity in the U.S. and Canada

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# **Charisma Event to Shift Focus to Equipping Women for Ministry**

The most recent Charisma Women's Conference drew almost 8,000, but organizer Joy Strang says it's time for a change

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# **Black Pentecostal Group Denounces Carlton Pearson as a Heretic**

The Oklahoma-based pastor said he will continue teaching his gospel of inclusion and plans to write a related book