

# Muslim Convert to Christianity Prays for Men Stoning Him

In a country that stresses **religious freedom**, it is often difficult for Americans to understand what it means to live and die for faith. Global Advance reports about Pastor Ibrahim, a man who knows firsthand the dangers of pursuing God.

Ibrahim lives in a community of radical Muslims. His country, unnamed for security reasons, is one of the “-stan” nations, all of which are Islamic countries in which the persecution of Christians is not uncommon. The region, in general, is charged with violence.

When Ibrahim converted to Christianity, his Muslim friends decided it was necessary to kill him. It was their “sacred duty” to stop the spread of Christianity, and this was the way to do it.

His friends informed him he could say goodbye to his wife before they stoned him. Ibrahim chose to keep the situation from his wife and told her he would be right back. He did not want to risk her life or alarm her.

The friends took the new Christian to the local dump. There they began beating him. One man picked up a large rock to complete the act of murder by hitting Ibrahim in the head. At this, Ibrahim launched aloud into prayer for his abusers and their children.

His prayer was not in vain.

The man holding the rock dropped it and yelled, “I cannot kill the man that is proclaiming blessing over my children!” God

was watching over His faithful child.

Many Christians around the world experience similar situations every day. Unfortunately, their stories don't always end the way Ibrahím's did.

According to one of Global Advance's sources, February 2012 saw a 309 percent growth in Christian-targeted terrorist attacks in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Pray for continued strength for Christians who are persecuted and for the increase of their faith. Pray for the success of the gospel in these countries so resistant to it.

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