

Persecuted Pastor Recovering From Torturous Beatings in Iran Jail

The family of wrongfully imprisoned American pastor Saeed Abedini, a U.S. citizen, was able to visit him in Evin Prison earlier this week. He was in good spirits.

Abedini told his family in Iran that the most severe symptoms he has experienced as a result of beatings and torment sustained in prison appear to have waned. However, he is still experiencing severe pain in his abdomen such that he requested medical attention. The Iranian regime continues to refuse such medical treatment.

Iran's willful denial of Abedini's basic medical care is a reflection of its inhuman treatment of prisoners of conscience.

Abedini also reported that since Iran's presidential election last week, Iranian prison guards and other officials have threatened to move him to a prison in a more remote area of Southern Iran. Such a move would make it nearly impossible for his family to visit him any longer. It would also tear him away from friendships he has developed with fellow prisoners of conscience.

While these are likely vain threats made in an attempt to break Abedini's spirit, they reiterate the daily difficulties that he faces—not only the fact of his imprisonment but also the psychological torment he endures at the hands of his captors.

Yet even so, the modest improvements in his medical condition and good spirits are evidence that the "prayers of many" are being answered.

Continue to pray for Pastor Saeed, his medical condition and his freedom. Share his story at .