

## **Disclaimer**

*The content of the following newsletter does not contain things "sugar and spice and all things nice," but important information needed to convey a hostile truth.*

Three weeks ago, a friend of ours was physically attacked in broad daylight by a young male assailant only a few blocks from our house. It wasn't religious persecution. As she was walking, the attacker followed her at a distance waiting for a suitable time and place away from public view to strike. Although she is physically ok now, there remains psychological trauma she is currently working through with a counselor, and as is often the case in many parts of the world such as this, the assailant remains uncaught.

Attacks on Westerners here in Jordan are at a five-year high, and according to the U.S. Department of State's Overseas Security Council, **"The threat of terrorism remains a major concern in Jordan. Local, regional and transnational terrorist groups/extremists have demonstrated the willingness and capacity to plan and execute attacks in Jordan."**

Having roots in religious, social, or political conflicts, it stands to reason that the motives behind such attacks will continue to pose a barrier in efforts to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. As to this threat, we must not deny that the world is rife with sin, crime and violence. This is a biblical fact, and the level of an observer's awareness – or ignorance – of this fact will not change the fallen condition of the world.

We are bringing this to your attention because ***we refuse to stick our heads in the sand and sit in denial. We choose to recognize, make adjustments and act on the vital unfulfilled need for security training within Christian organizations, churches, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and individual western workers not only here in the Middle East, but also all over the world.***

Reviewing the different gifts, talents and experiences God has provided me with through years of military training and high-threat protection/security work with the U.S. Department of State in Iraq and Afghanistan, Teresa and I see we are in a unique position to help and are beginning to explore a few different avenues of ministry for meeting this vital need.

**Praying that you also stand with us and see the incredible importance of this,** we are going forward with a ministry development plan to identify the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of how this ministry will operate. As an added benefit to providing this training, it may permit us a long-term visa that would allow us to remain in country for an extended period of time instead of having to leave every six months.

Shortly after the above incident, I was asked by local NGOs to present an impromptu security training to address the immediate need that will provide a better chance to prevent attacks like these.



In conclusion, Project 142 continues with the Gospel of Christ at the center of our focus, and moves forward equipping the Church through knowledge and training to function more securely in an ever-changing world.

Teresa and I are very thankful for your continued prayer and financial support.

All our best,  
**Patrick and Teresa Houghteling**

A prudent man  
foresees evil and  
hides himself...  
**Proverbs 22:3**

## FACTS & THOUGHTS

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to function more securely in an ever-changing world.**

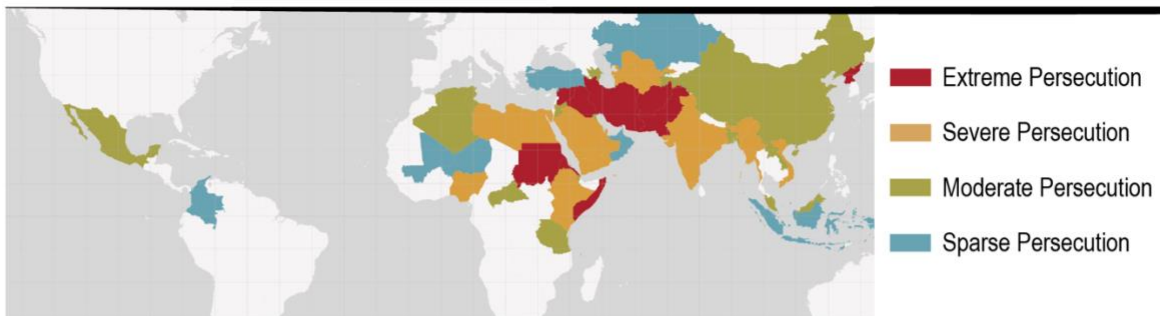
P142 Securities Mission Statement *[a division of Project 142]*

### EACH MONTH:

**322** Christians are **killed** for their faith

**214** Churches and Christian **properties are destroyed**

**772** Forms of **violence** are committed against Christians  
*[such as beatings, abductions, rapes, arrests and forced marriages]*



The **10** countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution are, in order:

North Korea  
Somalia  
Afghanistan  
Pakistan  
Sudan  
Syria  
Iraq  
Iran  
Yemen  
Eritrea

**Jesus** said to his disciples in **Matthew 10:16**, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

