

Laos

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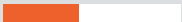





On The World Watch List

“There are times when I feel like it’s me against the world... But God sends people. He used your ministry.”

– Sop*, a believer from Laos.

Score: 71 / 100

Very High

Violence:		41%
Church Life:		86%
National Life:		81%
Community Life:		84%
Family Life:		61%
Private Life:		72%

Region:	Asia
Leader:	President Bounnhang Vorachith
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	199,000 (2.8%)
Main Religion:	Buddhism
Source of Persecution:	Clan Oppression

Faith Under Watchful Eyes

Christian activities are closely watched by the Communist authorities. Some churches are registered, but authorities heavily monitor them. House churches are forced to meet underground as they are considered illegal gatherings. This is especially true in rural areas.

Christian property is regularly damaged, and possessions are confiscated. Opposition is heightened when a convert’s family or the local authorities rally the local community against them, sometimes through local village meetings or by seeking the support of local religious leaders.

The Most Vulnerable Christians

Life is especially difficult for converts to Christianity, who are at risk of persecution from their family and the local authorities.

Provinces in the north, where the Hmong minority is concentrated, and regional villages in the south have traditionally been difficult places for Christians to live. The local authorities in these areas still seem intent on removing any Christian influence.

*Name changed for security purposes.

How can we pray for Laos?

Give thanks for growth in the church and pray that God will continue to use His people to bring others to Jesus.

Pray that believers will stand firm in their faith, despite pressure.

Ask that the needs of families and churches left without leadership will be met and that new leaders will be raised up.

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