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On The World Watch List

“More than once my family sent extremists to kill us. Their plans never worked.”

– Naomi*, West African Christian.

Score: 67 / 100

Very High

Violence:		92%
Church Life:		69%
National Life:		62%
Community Life:		76%
Family Life:		49%
Private Life:		56%

Region:	Africa
Leader:	President Bah Ndaw
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	467,000 (2.3%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Islamic Oppression

Extremism Rising

Islamic extremism has been steadily on the rise since the beginning of the civil war in 2012, particularly in the north of the country. Threats of attacks and kidnapping from extremist groups such as al-Qaeda are common.

Living openly as a Christian is nearly impossible, and sharing the gospel is extremely risky. Churches have been destroyed and believers have been displaced because of their faith. Young Christian men are often subjected to abduction, forced conversion and conscription in the militia.

Leaving Islam To Follow Jesus

Muslims who convert to Christianity are especially vulnerable. To reveal Christian faith or to refuse to take part in Islamic rites may lead to social rejection, harassment and even death. Many Christians follow Jesus in secrecy and fellowship is rare.

*Name changed for security purposes.

How can we pray for Mali?

Pray for provision for Christians attempting to rebuild their lives after violence and displacement.

Pray that acts of extremism will not instil fear but will drive more Muslims to want to know the love of Christ.

Pray that Christians may find opportunities to come together in fellowship.

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