

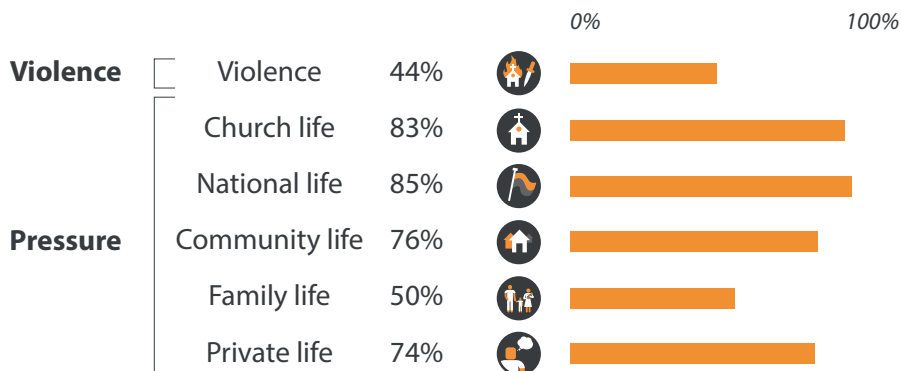
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VIETNAM

Leader President Tran Dai Quang
Population 95.4 million
Christians 8.4 million
Main Religion Buddhism

How bad is it?

This chart shows the extremity of persecution against Christians based on data from the Open Doors World Watch List 2018



Local and national government authorities persecute the Christian minority through their laws.

Believers from ethnic minority groups face the greatest persecution. Seen as traitors of their culture and identity, they face harassment, violent attacks and social exclusion. Villagers collude with local Communist authorities, beating believers, kicking them out of their villages and stoning places of worship during meetings. Non-Christian relatives cut family ties and deny inheritance. Christian bloggers and political activists have been arrested and sentenced.

Open Doors supports the church in Vietnam by providing Bibles and Christian books, training, literacy and socio-economic development programmes, advocacy support and emergency relief.

Pray

- That God will build up the faith of new believers from ethnic minorities, like the Hmong
- That the light of Christ will shine through those who are being pressured to return to their family's faith
- That the Holy Spirit will move government leaders to loosen restrictions on the Christian minority.