

# — MISSIONARIES —



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## *Persecuted Christian*

— ERITREA —

### ERITREAN CHRISTIANS IMPRISONED FOR DECADES

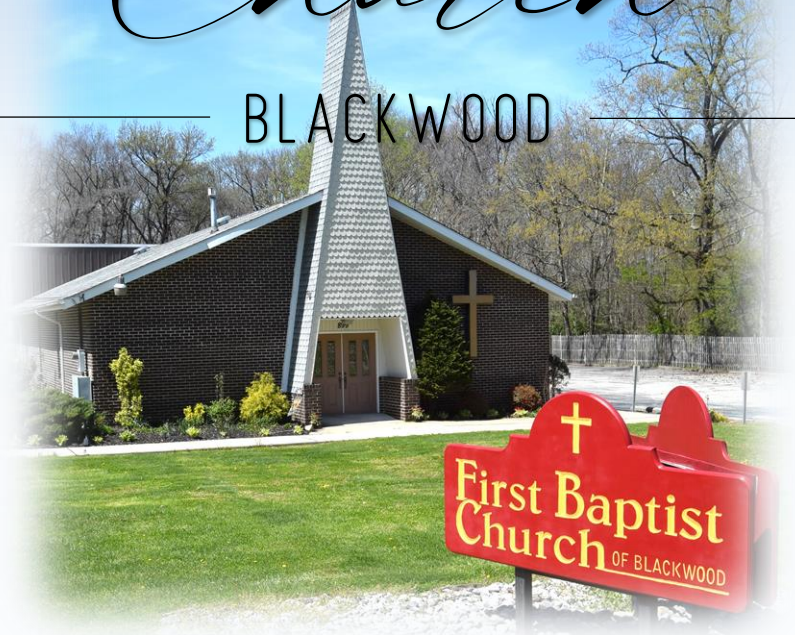
- Eritrea is governed by a totalitarian regime that seeks to control every aspect of life. In 2002, the government outlawed every form of religion except Islam, Orthodox Christianity, Roman Catholicism & the Lutheran Church. All other religious groups are illegal, & the government maintains control of approved churches. Many Christians have been arrested without warning, & imprisoned. Christians are not given a trial or allowed to see their families. Conditions inside these prisons are some of the harshest in the world. Some 200 to 250 believers are believed to remain in prison, though it is unclear if all are still alive. Christian prisoners are provided meager rations & often held in shipping containers in extreme desert conditions for years. Several Eritrean Christian leaders, like Haile Nayzgi, have been imprisoned since 2004. Despite these hardships, the body of Christ in Eritrea continues to grow due to the faithfulness of church leaders inside and outside the country.

Please Pray for:

- Underground church leaders in Eritrea.
- Availability of more Christian resources in the Tigrinya language.
- The government, those in authority & Eritrea's long-time leader, Isaias Afwerki.
- The strength & perseverance of long-term prisoners & their families.
- The physical, emotional & spiritual needs of recently released prisoners of faith.
- For the Lord to raise up strong leaders for Eritrean churches.
- For Eritrean believers in Tigray who have had to flee or have been taken by the army.
- For the financial, physical & spiritual needs of Eritrean prisoners' families.
- For a VOM-sponsored radio ministry reaching out to Eritreans.

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10:15AM...Worship

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