



RUSSIA TORTURES CHRISTIANS



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Evangelical Christians are being persecuted and tortured by Russian soldiers for their faith in the areas of Ukraine that are occupied by Russia. Christians report torture with electrical shocks and being beaten with a baseball bat. Some bodies are too disfigured by torture to be easily identified.

“One of the days, when (the Russians) were tasing me with electricity and torturing me with baseball bats, they had a Russian Orthodox Church priest who told me that because I am an evangelical Christian, he had to cast out demons out of me.”

Viktor Cherniavskiy, Evangelical Christian Pastor

Russian troops have murdered at least 26 Christian leaders in Ukraine and tortured many others.

“Four hundred Baptist congregations have been lost in Russia’s war on Ukraine.”

Yaroslav Pyzh, Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary President

When the Soviet Union collapsed, Ukraine was a country of Orthodox Christians and atheists. American missionaries have been going there for decades, primarily in the South-east areas now occupied by Russia. Now, polling from after the war shows that about 4% of Ukraine is Protestant — around 1.2 million Ukrainians who live disproportionately in

areas now held by Russia. Despite their small percentage of the populace, Protestants account for more than **one-third of the documented cases of religious persecution by the Russians.**

“Russia sent a group of commandos with orders to shoot me on the doorstep of the church.”

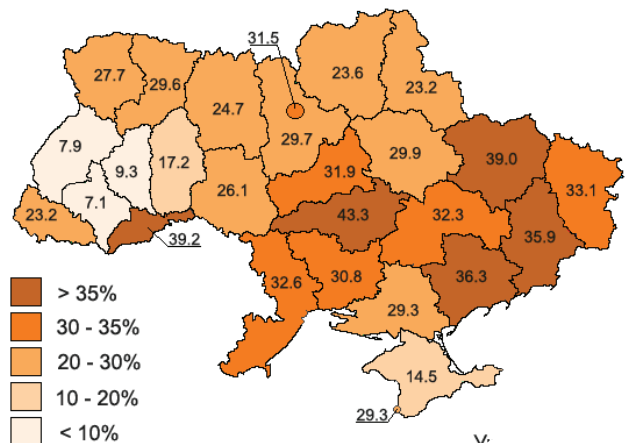
Gennadiy Mokhnenko, Ukrainian Pentecostal pastor from occupied Mariupol.

A youth pastor from a megachurch in occupied Melitopol has video footage of the Russians breaking into his church and replacing the cross with a Russian flag. He says that every Protestant church in his city has been destroyed. However, we don't know the full extent of the horrors faced by believers in Ukraine because these atrocities take place in the territories occupied by Russia. Information does not get out.

“There is not a single Protestant church left in Melitopol. The Russians destroyed everything.”

Mark Sergejev, Youth Pastor of Melitopol Christian Church

Protestants make up only 4% of the Ukrainian population but because their congregations tend to be smaller, they comprise 25% of Ukraine’s churches, with a higher percentage of churches in the areas of Ukraine occupied by Russians. The most recent data behind this map is from the Ukraine Institute of Religious Freedom from 2010.



Russian armored vehicles roll into the parking lot of the Melitopol Christian Church.

