Even though there are several persecution engines present, the country remains silent on persecution of Christians; the persecutors don’t speak loudly and Christians suffer in silence. Persecution due to the rise in Islamic extremism affects all types of Christianity. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) mainly orchestrates persecution of non-traditional Protestant churches and Christians who joined the renewal movements within the EOC. Furthermore, pressure from government and tribal leaders has made the lives of Christians difficult. The government is closing space for freedom of expression and association.

**PRAY**

+ For Muslim Background Believers who are under immense pressure for their refusal to return to Islam

+ The government is squeezing basic freedoms; pray that Christians will have the freedom to worship without threats from all sides

+ Pray that the rise in Islamic extremism will lessen in 2015 and Christians will reach out to those who are suffering persecution in silence

**CHRISTIANS FROM TRADITIONAL BELIEF SYSTEMS ARE OFTEN ISOLATED FROM THEIR TRIBES IN ETHIOPIA**

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