The regime of President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov continues to restrict the freedom of religion, and Christian converts from a Muslim background are facing many problems from their family, friends and community. The uncertain economic prospects, the fear of an influx of Islamic jihadists and the almost total state control will remain important factors in the future. In the past year, the oppression of Christians has been constant.

**PRAY**

+ For Muslim Background Believers who have hardly any freedom to practice their faith
+ That the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the Turkmen government towards Christians, so that they will be receptive to the gospel
+ That radio broadcasts and biblical materials will be made available to believers without government intervention

**TURKMENISTAN #20**

**Leader:** President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov  
**Population:** 5.3 million (94,700 Christians)  
**Main Religion:** Islam  
**Government:** One-party state  
**Source of Persecution:** Dictatorial paranoia/ Islamic extremism

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Severe Persecution

There are often **Government Informants** who secretly attend church services in Turkmenistan.