

MATRIX: INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ADVOCATES

DIPLOMATIC

➔ When the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) launched in 1996, organizers lamented the ignorance of American Christians on the issue. As congregations commemorate this year's IDOP (November 8), so many Christian groups are calling attention to persecution that it can be hard to tell them apart. This matrix presents their relative budget sizes and approaches.

\$1,264,843

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Seeking "relational diplomacy" at both government and grassroots levels, IGE promotes religious freedom not only as a fundamental human right, but also as a stabilizing force against extremism.

\$1,545,510

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL

Best known for paying ransoms to redeem slaves in Sudan, CSI (whose parent branch is in Switzerland) also protests Islam-related violence against Christians elsewhere and aids street children in Latin America.

\$1,071,518

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL

Along with directly aiding persecuted communities and lobbying governments on their behalf, CFI uses two popular tools among Christian aid organizations: microenterprise development and child sponsorship.

\$893,886

ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL

The global network of 30,000 legal professionals emphasizes "justice with compassion" and focuses on long-term systemic reform over short-term prisoner releases.

GOVERNMENT FOCUS

CHURCH FOCUS

\$689,389

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Alongside its advocacy efforts, the D.C.-based organization provides training and monthly financial support to persecuted pastors, evangelists, and the families of imprisoned and martyred leaders.

\$376,728

JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

The U.S. arm of a British effort to lobby governments on religious freedom, it has expanded its mission to free victims of the international sex trade.

\$44,902,908

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

Founded in 1967 by the late Richard Wurmbrand, a pastor imprisoned for 14 years in Communist Romania, VOM focuses on telling stories of the persecuted. It provides some direct aid.

\$65,322

WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE-RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

Working largely through its member organizations (equivalents to the National Association of Evangelicals in the U.S.), WEA focuses on monitoring and reporting. It organized the first IDOP.

\$1,046,207

BARNABAS FUND

Largely engaged in funding relief, aid, and religious training efforts in the Muslim world, Barnabas's advocacy efforts include warnings about Islam in the West.

\$17,696,471

OPEN DOORS

Founded by Bible smuggler Brother Andrew in 1955, the group still emphasizes Bible and literature distribution in closed countries, along with leadership and vocational training.

PROPHETIC