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GFA Nepali missionary Besh's life is in danger as radical insurgency group Maoists forcibly abducted him a week ago for their purposes. This morning we received the urgent news. Though we do not know the details of the kidnapping or where he has been taken, we know our brother's life is on the line. He is well known in the community as a Christian pastor and evangelist, and authorities in an area where he was ministering a year ago noticed his activity and asked him to leave.

In the past, more than 200 people—teachers, students, village officials and commoners—have been abducted by the Maoists and killed without mercy. Some 9,000 lives have been claimed since the insurgency began in 1996. Missionaries are even more at risk as they travel to share the Good News. This has hindered our missionaries in their travels to reach needy villages for Christ. Elsewhere in Nepal, authorities have ordered two of our brothers, Pastor Basu and native missionary Imansingh, to vacate their area of ministry within a week.

Please pray earnestly with us for our missionary Besh's protection and safe return. Pray for courage for Besh and other Nepali believers in the face of persecution. Lift up the persecutors in prayer, that they may come to know the Lord. Pray also for the 200-plus pastors and their churches, and our 356 native missionaries in Nepal. Pray especially for the congregations that must continue on without their pastors.

Other recent events—such as four young women being physically assaulted during their outreach in Orissa, India—also remind us of the need to intercede for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Asia.

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