

Pray For Peace!



- **Nigeria** – attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria over Christmas have left 200 people, including at least 18 Brethren dead. Houses were burnt & property stolen. The Plateau State Governor said the attacks were “unprecedented & monumental”.
- **The Brethren in Honduras** – Celebrate with them! The Church of the Brethren in Honduras is now formally organized & an official founding member of the Global Church of the Brethren Communion.
- **Japan** – an earthquake New Year’s Day caused major damage. The death toll is now over 100, & hundreds more are still missing. 33,000 people are displaced & in need of help. Some hard-hit remote areas are still in need of help. Many people are sleeping in their cars because being in buildings is not safe. Aftershocks are still possible. This is the worst quake in Japan in 12 years.
- **Victims of the Perry High School shooting in Iowa.** 2 Brethren work at the high school, several others work or teach at other schools in the district. Several Brethren families have children attending Perry schools. No Brethren were hurt physically, but they and everyone affected by the shooting need our prayers. Especially remember the 5 people injured & the family of the student who was killed.
- **Those dealing with storms & flooding** – Australia (flooding); Nepal (earthquake); Democratic Republic of Congo (rain & landslides); U.S. (storms, tornados, wind; flooding); Thailand (flooding)
- **Rohingya Refugees** – who were violently forced out of a shelter in Indonesia by students who want all the Rohingya out of Indonesia.
- **Girls who cannot go the school** – In many places girls are not allowed to go to school at all. Places under Taliban control only allow girls to go to school through 6th grade. In some places what girls can study is limited.
- **Middle East.** the Israel & Hamas war continues. Gaza is under constant attack. Over 23,000 people, more than a third of them children, have been killed in Gaza where there is no safe place. Reports say 90% of the people have been displaced. 1 million people in Gaza are starving. Most have no access to clean water or medical care. Disease is flourishing. Violence against Palestinians in the West Bank is also on the rise. Israeli & American air strikes on targets outside of Gaza & attacks on Israeli targets credited to rebel groups from outside Gaza threaten to widen the war. Remember those who are calling for an end to the violence.
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks on civilian targets are increasing. Attacks on civilian targets are particularly damaging in the winter, a harsh season in Ukraine. Russia’s alliance with North Korea & Iran is providing military supplies to Russia that may expand the war. The shifting of media attention to the Middle east, has made the situation in Ukraine more difficult.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** –Already this year, 1,028 people (up 812 in a week) have died in gun violence including 33 children (up 26 in a week). 645 people (up 476 in a week) have been injured including 55 children (up 43 in a week). 645 of the deaths are suicides (up 513 in a week). There have already been 7 mass shootings this year (up 4 in a week). (Gun Violence Archive).