Incidents of Atrocities Against Christians in Chhattisgarh, India

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S.No.	INCIDENT TITLE	INCIDENT DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
	Three Christians brutally assaulted by religious fanatics. Sustain critical injuries. Narrowly escape death.	7/17/2016 16:03	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	On July 17, 2016 at about 5 PM at Kurud Village, Dhamtari Chhattisgarh, three Christians were brutally assaulted and left to die with critical injuries by close to 150 religious fanatics and were thrown by the bank of a nearby river. They were taken to the hospital by the police.
	Demonstration by hindutva activists against construction of Church building	7/10/2016 15:07	Korba, Chhattisgarh, India	Demonstration by hindutva activists against construction of a Church building at Pali, Distt. Korba, Chhattisgarh on Sunday, 10 July 2016. They recited hymns of another religion in front of the Church. The religious fundamentalists have continuously been opposing construction of Church buildings at Chaitama and Pali in District Korba, Chhattisgarh.
	Hindutva activists attack Christians of a house church	6/5/2016 18:45	Ambikapur, Surguja, Chhattisgarh, 497001, India	At about 10 AM a mob of 30 hindutva activists forcibly stormed into the house of a Christian, at Aaragaon, Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh. Eleven Christians had gathered there to study the Holy Bible and to pray to Jesus Christ. As soon as the mob entered the house, they started falsely accusing the Christians of hurting religious sentiments and of carrying out religious conversion work. They also kept on shouting that they wouldn't allow any Christian prayers to be offered in that village. The trouble makers beat up three of them. The violent mob then took them, including two women, to the local police station - Bariyan Chowki were an FIR was lodged against the Pastor under IPC Sections 502, 505 and Section 4 of Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act. He was later released on bail.

4	Prayer Hall demolished by Municipal Corporation	6/2/2016 17:26	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	Prayer House cum Community Hall located at Rabindranath Tagore Ward, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh was demolished by the Municipal Corporation, alleging encroachment into government land.
5	Young Christian woman narrowly escapes death after brutal assault by 4 religious fanatics	5/15/2016 17:24	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Four religious fanatics forcibly entered the home of a 22 year woman who belongs to a Christian family in Parapur, Lohandiguda, District Bastar. The assailants first beat the mother and brother of the victim and locked them in a room before turning their wrath on her. They accused of her of being a witch and attacked her mercilessly. When she became unconscious, they fled from there, thinking her to be dead. After some time, hearing the shouts of the mother and brother, some neighbors came and rushed her to the hospital. She narrowly escaped death and remained in intensive medical care for more than a month.
6	Young Christian man beaten and accused of outraging religious feelings for sharing the gospel	5/9/2016 16:58	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	A 21 year old young man who was on his way to attend computer class in Kurud, shared the gospel with a fellow student. There were other 2-3 students who overheard him and called some religious fanatics who came and thrashed him badly and brought him to Police station. The family of the boy rushed to the police station. A complaint was filed against him under Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code, alleging that he had outraged religious feelings and beliefs of others. No counter complaint was registered against those who had beaten him. The lawyer who was engaged to bail him out, backed out at the last moment in collusion with the trouble makers. In the absence of representation, the youngster was remanded to judicial custody for 14 days. He was eventually released on bail on 24.5.2016.
7	Christians attacked and driven out of their village because of their faith	4/26/2016 14:09	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	Christians of Katholi, Bhanupratappur were attacked and driven out of their village by those who are displeased with them for having embraced the Christian faith. Some of them including a few children are reported to have been injured.
8	Pastor, pregnant wife and children assaulted. Scriptures burnt.	4/17/2016 13:09	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Religious fanatics attacked a church and tried to set a pastor and his pregnant wife on fire after thrashing them at remote Tokapal in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region. The pastor and his wife managed to escape after they were beaten up and doused with petrol. The attackers destroyed the electronic equipment at the church besides thrashing the pastor's children and setting ablaze scriptures and furniture. The FIR stated the assailants were well-armed and even tried to burn the pastor's house.
9	Pastor intimidated by religious fanatics and accused of carrying out forcible religious conversions	4/3/2016 18:16	Kawardha, Chhattisgarh, India	Several hindutva fundamentalists arrived at a church in Kawardha soon after the Sunday morning worship service on 3.4.2016. The Pastor was threatened and told to discontinue prayer services and was accused of carrying out forcible religious conversions. The next day, he made a complaint on the incident at the Kukdur Police Station.
10	Pastor attacked by religious fanatics and arrested on false charges	3/17/2016 20:18	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	A pastor was returning home after a prayer meeting, when a group of 40-45 people beat him. They then called the police and falsely accused of forcibly converting villagers to the Christian faith. He was arrested by the police at 9 pm from nearby his village Korra, Bhakhara P.S.

11	Church attack victims served notice of eviction for encroachment	3/14/2016 18:01	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	Victims of Church attack, mainly the residents of the Kachna hamlet belonging to financially weaker section were served 3-days eviction notices from Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) allegedly for encroaching government's land.
				The RMC officials claim that it has nothing to do with the victims of the Church attack and that it is a routine anti- encroachment drive. However, Arun Pannalal of Christian forum alleged that attempts were made to stigmatize the people of minority community and government must intervene in the matter.
12	25 men enter church during a prayer service, beat up the people and vandalise the premises	3/6/2016 16:47	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	Pastor of a church in Raipur's Kachna area attacked during Sunday worship service by religious fanatics who also beat up the people inside and vandalized the church premises. 6 persons were seriously injured. Eyewitnesses said the men entered the church at noon, raising non-Christian religious chants. They roughed up the men and even beat up the women. Around 65 worshipers were present at the time. Church Members filed a complaint with the police, alleged that the miscreants were activists of a particular Hindu Fundamentalist organization. The thugs started damaging everything and even shamelessly, tore up the women's clothes. They also knocked down a child. They fled the spot when the police came.
13	Christian meeting disrupted, Christian men and women mercilessly beaten	2/24/2016 16:04	Durg, Chhattisgarh, India	A prayer meeting was brought to a halt by a mob of local fundamentalists. Christian men and women were dragged and mercilessly beaten up and driven away. Also, property belonging to Christians was destroyed and damaged.
14	Pastor critically injured with head injuries, his wife also attacked	2/5/2016 15:35	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	A Pastor and his wife were violently attacked near Kanker, Chhattisgarh. Pastor's condition is critical due to severe head injuries. The previous weeks Sunday worship was also disrupted by a mob.
15	Christian arrested for distributing gospel tracts	1/14/2016 14:56	Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	On 14 January, in Bamhani, Mahasamund, local police arrested a Christian while he was distributing gospel tracts after having received a complaint against him from local hindutva groups. He was later produced before a magistrate in the local court and was charged under Section 295(A) of the Indian Penal Code. The Police confiscated 580 tracts as evidence against him.
16	Pastor manhandled, falsely accused of religious conversions	1/1/2016 14:52	Ambikapur, Surguja, Chhattisgarh, 497001, India	On 1 January, in Lakhanpur, Sarguja, a Pastor was arrested after local hindutva extremists accused him of carrying conversions in the village. They not only manhandled the pastor but also pressurized the police to take action against him. The local leaders also rallied in front of the Police station to prevent his release.
17	Sunday worship disrupted, christians seriously beaten up and forced to renounce Christianity.	10/25/2016 0:00	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On October 25, in Bastar district, Hindu extremists disrupted the Sunday worship service at the Kohkameta village, and beat up the Christians present injuring many in the process. During the attack the Pastor Mehtu Karma suffered head injuries and fell unconscious. The attackers then proceeded to force Christians to sign documents stating that they were renouncing Christianity. When some Christians protested they were beaten up. According to reports four Christian families renounced their faith due to fear. Many Christians who were injured had to be hospitalized where they were once again subject to pressure by the extremists.

18	House worship diturbed and Christians falsely accused.	10/21/2015 0:00	Balod, Chhattisgarh, India	On October 21, in Dalli Rajhara, a prayer meeting organized at the home of Mrs. Dhaneswari Sahu was disrupted by members of the Dharm Jagran Samiti along with some representatives of the Sahu community. According to reports, when the prayer meeting was going on, members of the Dharm Jagran Samiti and representatives of the Sahu community arrived at the house of Mrs. Dhaneswari Sahu in an inebriated state. They created a ruckus and stopped the prayer meeting. They accused the Christians of conversions and also charged them with scheming, alleging that the Christians wanted to demolish the nearby temple. The Christians have not reported the matter to the police.
19	Prayer meeting attacked by armed Hindu fundamentalists.	10/17/2015 0:00	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On October 17, in Rajnandgaon, members of Bajrang Dal attacked a prayer meeting and beat up the preacher Dev Kumar Sahu. The meeting was held at the house of Mr. Lalit Sahu and about 50 Christians were in attendance when more than 20 armed members of the Bajrang Dal trespassed into the private property of Mr. Lalit Sahu and started pushing people and beat up the preacher. The police carried the Christians to the police station for questioning and they were let off later.
20	A pasor and a believer beaten up and jailed, case under trial. No case registered against attackers.	10/13/2015 0:00	Dhamtari, Chhatti	s; On October 13, in Dhamtari, Pastor Ashok Kurre and Vijay were beaten by 10-15 members of the Hindu extremist group "Dharm Sena". They were later taken to local police station on late evening of 13 October 2015. The two stayed in jail for about two months before being bailed out and the case against them goes on. No case was registered on their attackers.
21	2 brothers beaten and their house vandalised due to their Christian faith. Police refuse to book offenders.	9/22/2015 0:00	Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On September 22, in Kondagaon, Hindu extremists beat up two Christian siblings after they refused to renounce Christ. The extremists summoned Mankuram Singh and his brother to a Hindu temple and asked them to renounce Christ. However, the Christians refused and the mob thereafter started to beat them up, accused them of being involved in forceful conversions and proceeded to vandalize their home. The attackers later locked up their home and chased them out of the village. The brothers submitted a police complaint with the help of area Christian leaders, but the police did not register a case against the attackers.
22	Village panchayat bans all non-Hindu activities followed by assault and excommunication of Christians in the village.	9/8/2015 0:00	l Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On September 8, in Bastar, Christian villagers in Karmari village were brutally attacked by Hindu extremists following the passing of a resolution in the village banning all non-Hindu religious activities. A mob of over 50 Hindu radicals gathered and surrounded a Church building around 4 pm on September 8, 2015. Before any of the Christians could even ask what was happening, the radicals attacked, assaulting Christians with wooden clubs and sticks. When some women from the Church confronted the radicals, they too were brutally beaten with wooden clubs and fists. Two Christian women, Pulo Bhai and Ludri were seriously injured in the assault and lost consciousness. As Christians in Karmari village face a social boycott, life has become very difficult for them.
23	Government illegally marks the graveyard land for construction of a pond. 3 Christians opposing this misappropriation were jailed.	9/8/2015 0:00	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On September 8, in Jagdalpur, three Christians including two pastors were arrested and put in jail. Pastor Loknath Baghel, Pastor Suddu Baghel, and Tikaram Netam of Barpaguda village of Bastar district were arrested after they opposed the takeover of their village land. The land in question has been used as a graveyard in the past and now is marked by the government authorities that want to develop a pond there. A FIR was filed against the Pastors when the villagers opposed the takeover of land. The Sessions court has rejected the bail application for the Pastors twice.

24	Naxalites killed an influencial Christian before his family.	8/12/2015 0:00		On August 12, in Bhairamgarh, Naxalites killed Sukhdev Negi, an influential Christian, in the view of his family members. The killers also beat up his neighbours when they protested Negi's killing. Local Christians have approached the police but no action has been taken till date. Earlier in 2013, Sahdev, Negi' brother had been kidnapped by Naxalites and at the time of release had been warned never to return to his own village or to speak about Christianity.
25	A group of Christians were beaten up when they refused to submit to the ban imposed on harvesting their culivated land. No FIR filed against miscreants.	8/8/2015 0:00		On August 8, in Dhanora, the small Christian community was targeted and beaten up by a mob of 500 villagers after they refused to renounce Christianity. The Christians had been summoned to a community meeting where they were accused of spreading Christianity and were pressured to renounce Christianity or face the consequences. The Christians were reportedly threatened with ouster from the village and were told that they will not be allowed to harvest the crop for their fields. However the Christians did not agree so they were beaten up. No FIR has been filed till date.
26	3 Christiand arrested under false charges of conversion. Gets wide coverage in Mass media and social media.	4/26/2015 0:00	-	On April 26, in Kharsia, Raigarh, unidentified men falsely accused Pastors of conversion and distributed false information in the local media. A training program for Christian leaders was organised by a local Church from 19 April to 17 May 2015 with about 75 church leaders from other districts participating in the training. 2 unknown persons entered the meeting at about 10.30 AM on 26 April and took some photographs. The same photographs were then circulated through Whatsapp and on social media, as proof of conversion. Similar news was published in the newspaper Navabharat, Raigarh edition the resulted in filing of FIR against three people but at the same time the police registered an FIR against 6 Christians too on alleged trumped up charges. The three Christians that were arrested on June 22, 2015 were named in the FIR registered in 2012. They were later released on bail on June 27, 2015.
27	Christians receive threatening of destruction of church, confiscation of land and social boycott if they continue in Christian	4/20/2015 0:00	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On April 20, in Mokhpal Village, Dantewada, it was reported that the Christians in the village have been receiving threats from Hindu fundamentalists for over two weeks. Hindu fundamentalists had also threatened to destroy the church property in the village causing much apprehension and fear. The Hindu extremists demanded that the name of Christ should not be mentioned in the village and anyone who continued to go to church will be banished, socially boycotted and that their agricultural lands will also be captured.
28	faith. 4 Christian families publically boycotted and harrassed in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh.	4/7/2015 0:00	Kanker, Chhattisga	On April 7, In Charama, Kanker, four Christian families were publically boycotted and harassed, after the village head colluded with Hindu extremists and called a public meeting. The village head summoned the four Christian families to a public meeting where in he announced that they were being outcast for following Christianity. He warned to punish anyone who spoke with them or gave them water or sold them goods. The electricity connection from their homes was cut off. The situation for Christians remains tense in the area.

29 Christian graveyard demc 6/22/2015 0:00 Bastar, Chhattisgar On June 22, in Jagdalpur, Police arrested Pastor Rajesh Habil, Pastor Gigi P Paul and Mr. Navneet Chand. They were arrested in a matter related to a protest by the Christian community on January 10, 2012, which took place after a Christian graveyard was demolished and desecrated by alleged Hindu extremists. The Kakrapal Christian graveyard was attacked and desecrated by 100 plus alleged members of Hindu extremist groups on January 8, 2012. The attackers demolished the boundary wall of the graveyard, shouted anti-Christian slogans and desecrated graves. When the Christians protested against

this, the police refused to file an FIR. Following this Christians gathered a mass in protest due to which the national highway was interrupted for some time. This against Nirmal and two sons, accusing them of threatening and beating. The case was registered under IPC Sections 294, 323, 506 & 34. However when Nirmal and his sons approached the Badanji Police Station, the police refused to accept their complaint. Instead they were arrested and later released on bail.

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30	Nun assaulted in Chhattisgarh, India	6/20/2015 14:44	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	On June 20, 2015, near Pandri, Raipur, a 45-year-old nun was found semi-clad, unconscious and with her hands tied inside a medical centre run by Christian missionaries. Police said the nun first said she was raped, but later claimed it was attempt to rape. The victim belongs to Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate.
31	Pastors falsely accused of conversion in Chhattisgarh, India	4/26/2015 17:26	Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, India	On April 26, 2015 at Kharsia, Raigarh, unidentified men falsely accused Pastors of conversion and distributed false information in the local media. A training program was organised by a Church in collaboration with Proclaimers India from 19 April to 17 May 2015 about 75 church leaders from other districts were participating in the training. 2 unknown persons entered the meeting at about 10.30 AM on 26 April and took some photographs of the meeting. Photographs were then circulated through Whatsapp, as photographs of conversion. Similar news was published in the newspaper Navabharat, Raigarh edition. Tehsildar along with local police officer reached the venue at about 03.30 PM on 30 April for inquiry. Organizers later submitted a list of the participants along with their consent for participation in the training. The inquiry led to proving the allegations as false and the training had been permitted to continue by press time.
32	Christians under constant life threats in Chhattisgarh, India	4/20/2015 14:42	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On April 20, 2015 at Mokhpal Village, Dantewada, the Christians in the village have been receiving threats for over two weeks. Hindutva fundamentalists have also threatened to destroy the church property in the village. No report was filed till press time.
33	Christian Man and his Sons beaten for their Faith in Chhattisgarh, India	3/8/2015 17:32	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On March 8, 2015 at Jholapara, village Tarkaguda, Bastar, 3 Christians were beaten by his realtives for their faith. Nirmal*, who is the believer of Bastar For Christ Movement Church, Tarkaguda and his two sons were attacked and badly beaten up by his relatives, instigated by Hindutva fundamentalists at about 5 PM. Nirmal's sister her son and others forced him and his sons to give up their faith in Jesus. When they stood firm and refused to renounce Jesus, they started abusing and beating them. They forcibly took possession of the portion of agricultural field along with tress, belonging to Nirmal. She and others filed a false FIR against Nirmal and two sons, accusing them of threatening and beating. The case was registered under IPC Sections 294, 323, 506 & amp; 34 on 08.03.2015. When Nirmal and his sons approached Badanji Police Station, they refused to even accept the complaint. They were arrested and later released on bail from the police station. *Name changed

34		2/24/2015 0:00	Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 24 in Pithora, two Christians were arrested after false allegation of conversion was filed agaisnt them. Rev. Tandi of the Church of North India and Ps. Das of the Believers Church were arrested and were kept under custody.
35	Church set on fire in Chhattisgarh, India	2/13/2015 18:30	Janjgir, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 13th February 2015 in Akaltara, Janjgir, Bilaspur, a Church was set on fire by unidentified assailants late evening. Rev. Fr. Yeswer Lahre had conducted fasting prayer meeting in the Belivers Church from 11am to 3pm. After the prayer meeting over, Fr. Yeswer locked the church door and went back to his home. Around 6:30pm, he received a call that the Church doors was set on fire. By the time they had rushed and put off the fire,half of the main Church door was damaged. An FIR was filed but no action was taken till press time.
36	Christian meeting disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	2/12/2015 13:07	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On February 12 in Geedam, the gospel meeting of Evangelist Ravi Abraham for which permissions were already sought, was disrupted and forced to close down.
37	Church Service stopped and Christians beaten in Chhattisgarh, India	1/4/2015 16:06	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	After 8 Christian families were beaten up on December 26, 2014, the worship service in Kawanar Village near Kodenar was attacked by a mob of 24 Hindutva activists on January 4, 2015. The Sunday service was being led by a local Christian as Pastors from outside the village were not allowed in the village. The local Christian leading the service along with other members were beaten and threatened for conducting the service. A report was filed by the Christians till press time.
38	Christians beaten up in Chhattisgarh, India	12/26/2014 15:54	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	Eight Christian families were beaten in Kavanar Village near Kodenar on December 26, 2014. Local Hindutva activists who were against Christians being in the village attacked the families and threatened them to renounce their faith. The families then went met the Sarpanch (Village Head) to settle the matter who later also threatened the Christians saying that he would not allow them to stay in the village. No complaint was filed till press time.
39	Sunday Worship disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	12/7/2014 11:01	Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, India	On December 7 in Navagarh, Distt. Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, the Sunday worship service was disrupted in the house of Bimla*. There were about 70 believers in the meeting when it was disrupted by a group of hindutva fundamentalists who forcibly entered the house at about 11 AM. They started falsely accusing the Christians. Police soon reached on the spot and took Bimla and other believers to the police station. Police released all the believers after recording their statements. The Congregation is associated with the Spiritual Christian Fellowship Church, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. *name changed
40	Christian forum complains of VHP pressure in Chhattisgarh, India.	11/24/2014 14:22	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Under intense pressure from the VHP, the Catholic missionaries of Bastar have agreed that principals in their schools, normally referred to as "Father", would now be addressed as "Pracharya", or "Up-pracharya", or "Sir". The missionaries have also agreed to put up photographs of "Maa Saraswati" and great personalities who have worked for national interest in their educational institutions. A statement saying the missionaries agreed to the above was issued following a meeting between the VHP and the missionaries in Jagdalpur in Bastar on Sunday. It was signed jointly by Bastar district VHP president Suresh Yadav and the spokesperson of the Bastar Catholic Community, Abraham Kannampala.

41	Christians attacked during their Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	11/16/2014 16:46	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On 16 Nov in Ram Nagar, Rajnandgoan, Chhattisgarh, at about 11 a.m. Hindu extremists from the VHP and the Bajrang Dal barged into the Sunday worship meeting of Masihi Aradhana Church conducted and asked for the pastor. The church members hid the pastor and then asked the intruders what they want. The extremists then started beating the church members and injured one church member who sustained serious head injuries and received treatment in the hospital. The church members went to the police station ad reported the matter. The police registered an FIR against the attackers. Police protection is provided to the Christians, however, no arrests has been made at press time.
2	Christians attacked by Hindutva activists in Chhattisgarh, India	10/25/2014 15:20	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	After the controversial gram sabha resolutions banning non-Hindu religious activity in villages in tribal Bastar, there was fresh tension in Madota village after local Christians were assaulted allegedly by right-wing activists, leaving 12 people injured late on Saturday. Eleven of the injured are still undergoing treatment at a hospital in Jagdalpur. According to local reports, an announcement was made through drum beats that residents of Kotwar village should assemble at 9am on Saturday to meet the sub-divisional magistrate, deputy superintendent of police and town inspector to discuss ways to douse tension between the two communities. They waited till evening, but nobody turned up. By evening, right-wing activists came in a truck and attacked Christians, accusing them of promoting religious conversion.
43	Christian attacked by brothers in Chhattisgarh, India	10/20/2014 13:30	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	A Christian was attacked and brutally beaten by three of his brothers at Tokapal Block, Jagdalpur on Monday, October 20, 2014. The incident took place when Mukesh (name changed), aged 52 was beaten up by three of his brothers for being a Christian. The brothers were coached into attacking their own brother by Hindutva fundamentalists. He was severely injured and was taken to the hospital where he remained unconscious for over 24 hours. He gained his consciousness on October 21, 2014 at around 8:30pm but was not able to talk. No report has been filed till press time.
44	Church Attacked during Sunday Worship in Chhattisgarh, India	10/19/2014 15:57	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A mob of 25 Hindutva fundamentalists attacked a Church Service at Farasgaon and started beating up the Christians present at the Sunday Worship on October 19, 2014. A compliant was lodged but no action was taken till press time.
45	Church and Cemetery damaged at Chhattisgarh, India	10/19/2014 12:40	Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, India	A Church and the cemetery next to it was attacked by Hindutva fundamentalists on October 1, 2014 at Mahasamund. The fundamentalists broke the cross which was made on the boundary wall pillar. They also broke the gate lock and stoned the tin roofed cemetery shed. Then on October 4, 2014, they went to the Church again, broke the cross, damaged the lights outside and wrote â€~Jai Shree Ram' (Victory to Lord Rama) on the wall. The Pastor has been receiving regular threats from the group. On the following Sundays, October 5, 12 and 19, 2014 Hindutva fundamentalists have been coming during Church Services and threatening Christians who are part of the congregation. The Christians have sought for Police protection on the coming Sundays.
46	Women and Children among attacked in Chhattisgarh, India	10/19/2014 11:28	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh,	Hindutva fundamentalists attacked men, women and children at the Church Service in Madota, Jagdalpur on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The incident occurred when a mob of over 30 people gathered outside the Church and shouted slogans to stop the service. 5 people among the mob then entered the Church and started beating the 30 Christians who had gathered for worship. They then went to the handpump outside the Church, put a picture of the Hindu God Hanuman and banned Christians from taking water from the hand pump. A complaint has been filed by Christians but no action has been taken till press time.

47	Christians ostracized for refusal to renounce Christ in Chhattisgarh, India	9/25/2014 14:18	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	On 25 September in Bhisakata, Kanker, the Hindu extremists ostracized seven Christian families from Full Gospel Ministry after they refused to renounced Christ. Source: EFI News
48	Christians under Continous Threats in Chhattisgarh, India	9/15/2014 15:29	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	About 30 Christians of the Madota Village, Bastar District are being harrassed for over a week by Hindu fundamentalists. On September 15, 2014, the Pastor was beaten up the fundamentalists and was threatened to never conduct prayer meetings at the Christian Prayer Hall in the village. The believers have been facing continuous threats to their life from the village members as well and are being forced to reconvert to Hinduism. No reports were filed till press time.
49	Christian Threatened to convert to Hinduism in Chhattisgarh, India	9/13/2014 12:33	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu Fundamentalists threatened Christians attending the Indian Pentecostal Church at Kattekalyan to convert back to Hinduism on September 13, 2014. The believers have been receiving threats very often for the past one month. When the fundamentalists had come to speak to Christians on Saturday, they verbally abused the villagers and threatened them for not converting back to Hinduism. The verbal attack was interuppted when the Police saw the altercation and calmed down the mob of about 20 persons. Two years back, the Pastor was beaten by the fundamentalists for conducting the services at the village. No report was filed till press time.
50	Mob falsely accuses Pastors of conversion in Chhattisgarh, India	9/6/2014 13:35	Khera, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 6 September in Kherra, Bilaspur, a mob of 80 Hindu extremists chanting Hindu gods' name barged into the prayer hall of the Indian Pentecostal Church and falsely accused Pastor Dinesh Prasad, Pastor Manak Singh for conversion. Pastors identified only Prajith and Raju of forceful conversion and destroyed the prayer hall. Source: EFI News
51	Pastors alleged to have termed Hindu Gods as evil spirits in Chhattisgarh, India	8/17/2014 15:02	Kunkuri, Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, 496225, India	A Pastor was forcefully pulled out by Hindu extremists during Sunday's service at Koranga village, Jashpur District on August 18, 2014 and taken to the police station where the police arrested him and booked him under Section 295(A). The extremists had lodged complaints against the Pastor in three different police stations. They alleged that he had referred to Hindu Gods as evil spirits, asked believers to wear necklaces with crosses and converted people. About 20 local villagers testified at the Kunkuri Police Station that the allegations were false. The Pastor is still in jail and has not got bail till press time.
52	Christians blamed for breaking idols at Chattisgarh, India	8/10/2014 17:29	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	Hindu extremists have alleged that local Christians broke some of their idols at Arikpal Village, about 40 kms from Jagdalpur Village. A mob of 20-30 people have threatened the local Christians who have now approached the District Collector for protection for fear of violence that might break out against them. The situation is very tense at press time.
53	Two women alleged of forced conversion in Chhattisgarh, india	8/8/2014 14:52	Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, India	On August 8, 2014, two women were alleged to have forcefully converted people at Sakti, Raigarh and were arrested under the Section 4 of The Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act. The women, who work as a nurse at the local PHC and a reader at the Tehsil's office were caught by Hindu fundamentalists during a women's prayer meeting at the Nurse's home. 12 persons have recorded statements against the women and have charged them of forced conversion. The reports alleged that the nurse and the readers promised healing and prayed for sick patients while asking them to accept Jesus.

54	Christian along with his mother, mother-in-law and wife beaten at Chattisgarh, India	7/26/2014 17:26	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian along with his wife, mother-in-law and mother were beaten by Hindu fanatics at Parapur Village in Bastar, Chattisgarh. The incident occurred when five Hindu fanatics called Shri Raguram (name outside) outside his house and started verbally abusing him. They alleged that that he had left their Gods and became a Christian to which he replied saying that he had become a Christian because he wanted to and no one had forced him to do so. On hearing this, they started slapping and kicking him. Then when they began to strangle him with the intention of killing, his mother and mother-in-law interfered and stopped the men from trying to kill him. They then slapped and beat the elderly women and his wife. He was bleeding profusely and was later admitted to the Jagdalpur hospital. When Shri Raguram's wife went to the Lohandiguda Police Station to file a complaint, the police refrained from doing so, citing it as a family feud.
55	Land grabbing complaint against Christian in Bastar, Chattisgarh	7/25/2014 17:13	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	The leaders of the Sirisguda village in the state of Chattisgarh have alleged that a Christian believer grabbed land forcefully to build a prayer house. Shri Aditya (name changed) was taken to the Collector's office on the July 24th and asked to sign on papers on which he did not know what was written. The next day he came to know that he had signed on papers that lodged a complaint against his own nephew for forcefully grabbing his land to build a prayer house. Shri Aditya said that he was fully supportive of his nephew for building the prayer house and did not oppose his decision. However, he said that the leaders of the village had duped him to sign the papers. He has filed a complaint about the incident at the Badanji Police Station.
56	50 villages ban non- Hindu missionaries in Chhattisgarh, India	7/7/2014 12:04	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	An aggressive campaign by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had led to a ban on the entry of and propaganda by non-Hindu missionaries, especially Christians, in more than 50 villages of Chhattisgarh's Bastar region in the last six months. According to Suresh Yadav, Bastar district president of the VHP, over 50 gram panchayats in Bastar have passed orders banning all "non-Hindu religious propaganda, prayers and speeches in the villages.â€☑he Sirisguda gram panchayat in the Tokapal block of Bastar passed the order at a special Gram Sabha organised on May 10.The order says, "To stop the forced conversion by some outsider religious campaigners and to prevent them from using derogatory language against Hindu deities and customs, the Sirisguda Gram Sabha bans religious activities such as prayers, meetings and propaganda of all non-Hindu religions.â€②
57	Villagers avert attack on Church at Chattisgarh, India	7/3/2014 12:00	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	One of the Free Methodist Churches at Belar, 30 Km. east of Jagdalpur, Chhatisgarh was under by a frenzied mob of the Vajrang Dal that stormed towards the church premises on June 3, 2014 with the intention of demolishing the building. But the villagers took their ground and frustrated the evil plan. The Christians mostly belong to Madia tribe. As the tension loomed large, Church leaders have approached the police for help. This is the second incident in the area in the last fortnight. Christian Leaders Association in Jagdalpur has taken initiative to appraise the Government of the atrocities.

58	Church Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	6/24/2014 16:36	Bhilai, NH53, Durg, Chhattisgarh, 491002, India	On 24 June in Bhilai, Durg, suspected Hindu extremists demolished an independent church of a Pastor Rakesh (name changed). According to local sources, the thatched building of the church was completely destroyed. Some villagers claimed that the building was destroyed by a cyclone. The area Christians, however, maintained that it was the hands of the extremists as only the church was damaged in the area by the so called 'cyclone'. Moreover, the local Hindu extremists have threatened to harm the Pastor if he continues to conduct a worship meeting in the area several times in the past.
59	10 injured in backlash against Christians demanding rations in Chattisgarh, India	6/16/2014 14:30	Sirisguda, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	When 52 families who were denied ration for two months in the Sirisguda Village which was a order enforced by the panchayat head, they approached the food inspector of the district and asked for an enquiry to be conducted. On Monday, 16 June 2014, when the two representatives were sent to appease the village leaders and the compalinants, both of them were chased away from the village. Then some assailants filed a false complaint at the Badanji Police Station, Lakandi Taluk - District Bastar about the Christians beating the Hindus in the village. This was simultaneously follwed up by a mob of 200 perpertrators who attacked 52 Christian families at 14:30 hours. Most families were stoned and chased away with sticks, while 8 men and 2 women were seriously injured and hospitalized.
60	Christian Arrested on fasely accused of breaking an idol in Chhattisgarh, India	3/22/2014 10:51	Balod, Chhattisgarh, India	Police arrested a Christian on 22 March in Pinakapar, Balod after the Hindu extremists from the Bajrang Dal falsely accused him and one believer of breaking idols in the local Hindu temple. It was reported that the Hindu extremists summoned a follower of Christ, and one believer to a village council meeting and pressurized them to renounce Christ and further accused them of breaking the Hindu idols. However, the Christians refused to deny Christ and they also refuted the allegations of breaking the idols. Thereafter, the extremists went to the police station and demanded the arrest of the Christians. A case was registered against them under Section 295 and 456 of the Indian Penal Code for Injuring or defiling a place of worship and trespass or house breaking respectively. One of the believers was sent to the district jail. However, the other believer has absconded.
61	Christian beaten and accused of witchcraft in Chhattisgarh, India	3/5/2014 0:00	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian believer was severely beaten up in the middle of the night of the 5th and 6th March 2014 at Eragaon, Kanker. They beat him accusing him of conversion by force, allurement and fraudulent means. He was also accused of practicing witchcraft. His son and nephew were also beaten up, when they tried to protect him. Police arrived in the morning and rescued him. He was sent by the Police for medical check up. Police has not registered a FIR and no one has been arrested.

62	Gospel Meeting Disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	2/25/2014 13:00	Khairagarh, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh,	Hindu extremists barged into a Special Gospel Meeting, accused the pastor and believers of forceful conversion on 25 February at Khairagarh, Rajnandgoan, Chhattisgarh.
			India	It was reported that the extremists barged into the second day of a special meeting conducted on 24-26 Feb at Jeevan Jyoti Ashram Church and the Pastor and the believers of forceful conversion.
				The police reached the spot and took Pastor and the guest speaker of the meeting along with eight believers to the police station for questioning. The Christians were released later that evening after the police recorded their statements.
63	Prayer Meeting disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	2/23/2014 14:00	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 23 Febuary in Lalkhadan, Bilaspur, Hindu extremists accompanied by the local police entered into the prayer meeting and accused the pastor and believers of forceful conversion.
				It was reported that at about 2 p.m. the extremists with the local police forcefully entered into the prayer meeting conducted in the house of a believer, from Beresheba Church of God and accused Assistant Pastor and the believers of forceful conversion.
				The police questioned the participants whether they have been lured to convert into Christianity. The Pastor and some believers were further summoned to the police station. However, after questioning, the Christians were released without any cases filed against them.
64	Pastor forced to relocate after threats on his life in Chhattisgarh, India	1/20/2014 13:24	Gariaband, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 20 January in Indagoan, Gariyaband, Hindu extremists accused Pastor Bhaiyalal Markam from Prarthana Bhavan Church of forceful conversion and threatened to kill him as he was returning home after he conducted a prayer meeting. The pastor vacated his house and relocated for safety measure for about seven days. Source: EFI News
65	Christians attacked by mob and forced to worship women dressed as goddess Durga in Chhattisgarh, India	1/19/2014 12:23	Gariaband, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 19 January in Navmuda, Gariaband, Hindu extremists barged into Sunday worship meeting of Prarthana Bhavan Church accused the Christians of forceful conversion and verbally abused them .The extremists tore Bibles, desecrated the alter, spat on the drinking water and food prepared for the Christians and forced the Christians to worship two Hindu extremists women who were claiming to be in possession of their goddess Durga.
				Source: EFI NEws

66	Meeting disrupted and 2 Pastors and 7 believers including 3 women arrested underfalse charges of conversion.	10/29/2013 0:00	Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, India	2 Pastors and 7 believers including 3 women were arrested from Ranibagicha, Distt. Jashpur, Chhattisgarh on 29 December 2013 on false accusations of conversion. Open prayer meeting was arranged by the local believers of Ranibagicha, close to Jashpur town. Meeting was started in the evening of 28 December. Ps Palath Dungdung from Simdega, Jharkhand was the main speaker. People were getting ready for the meeting on Sunday morning, when a crowd of Hindu fundamentalist belonging to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad and Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad stormed the meeting place. Pastor and believers were accused of conversion by force, fraud and allurement. Crowd then forcibly entered nearby house of Ps Lalit Kujur. Where worship of CGM (Calvary Gospel Mission), Church had already been started. He was also accused of converting Hindus. Police soon reached the spot. About 25 believers including pastors were brought to the police station for inquiry. Ps Lalit Kujur, Ps Plath Dungdung, and other believers were arrested under IPC Sections 295 A, 153 A, 120 B and Sections 3 & 4 of Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act.
67		12/24/2013 0:00	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	A crowd led by Hindu fundamentalists stormed a Christmas celebration on 24th December 2013 at Village Tendumudi, Thana Bilaigarh, Distt. Baloadabazar in Chhattisgarh. They started allegations of conversion by force, allurement and fraudulent means. Police reached the spot and arrested Christians namely Devnarayan Banjare, Gopi Patel, Parmeshwar Patel and Gopal Patel under IPC Section 151. Bail was denied at Bilaigarh and all the believers were sent to Baloadabazar jail. They were later released on bail on 28th December 2013.
68	Christian Boy Died in Forceful Captivity in Chhattisgarh, India	12/1/2013 11:04	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	A Christian boy aged 11 allegedly died of malnutrition in the house of his uncle who forcefully kept him in his house for almost a year in Salebhat, Kanker. It was reported that the uncle opposed his brother for accepting Christ three years ago and seized the house, land, tree and son of his Christian brother. Thereafter, in 2013, the boy's father submitted a police complaint. Subsequently, his uncle returned the house, land and tree but he refused to give the boy back to his father. On 1 Dec, 2013, the boy died in the house of his uncle allegedly of malnutrition. The boy's father filed a police complaint at Kanker police station. However, no action has been taken till now.

69	Christian Arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	10/23/2013 15:19	Lohandiguda, Bastar, Chhattisgarh,	Police on 23 Oct arrested a Christian after one Hindu extremist falsely accused him of harassing him and his family in Taragaon, Lohandiguda, Bastar.
			India	It was reported that a Church memeber was arrested after one armed Hindu extremist attacked a Christian family.
				At about 10 p.m. on 15 Oct, the extremist with a knife and a trident in his hands kicked at the door of the church member and tried to forcefully enter into his home and further verbally abused him and his family and threatened to sacrifice them to the local tribal deities.
				However, him and some Christian families who lived close by came out and snatched the weapons from the extremist.
				Thereafter, the extremist went home but later come back and beat up the church member and later lodged a false complaint against another Christian of beating him up and his mother.
				Subsequently, he was arrested under Sections 294, 323 & Description of the Indian Penal Code for Obscene acts
70	Christian abused and attacked due to his faith. Police refuses to lodge complaint.	10/15/2013 0:00	Bastar (Jagdalpur), Chhattisgarh, India	Maniram Mandavi, s/o Sadhuram, 30 yrs, verbally abused Dhaniram concerning his faith and later violently attacked him on 15 October 2013 at village Taragaon, Thana Lohandiguda, Distt. Bastar (CG). Dhaniram got injured. He complained to the Police at Lohandiguda. But any police action is yet to be taken against Maniram.
71	Pastor serverly beaten up	10/9/2013 0:00	Korea (Baikunthpur), Chhattisgarh, India	Alleged Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer meeting and later beat up a pastor unconscious on 09 Oct 2013, in the village Neelampathra, Boridand, thana Manendragarh, Distt. Korea (Baikunthpur), Chhattisgarh. The incident took place when prayer meeting of a house church conducted by Ps Arun Toppa (37 yrs) and Ps Shyam Sundar Markam (23 yrs) was going on. Police has yet to take any action. Pastors work with the Indian Pentecostal Church (IPC) and resides at the village Dola, Distt. Anuppur, MP.
72	Series of Attacks against Christians in Chhattisgarh, India	10/4/2013 11:26	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On 4 Oct in Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Bastar, the village council summoned a Christian man Tangru, verbally abused him and threatened to harm him if he did not renounce his faith in Christ.
	emacasgarii, mala		mala	The extremists tried to strangulate Tangru when he refused to renounce Christ. However, area Christians massed up and rescued the believer.
				The Christians lodged a police complaint but no action has been taken at press time.
73	Christians Beaten Up, Chased Out from Home in Chhattisgarh, India	9/22/2013 16:18	Kondagaon, Bastar, Chhattisgarh,	On 22 Sept in Kongud, Kondagoan, Hindu extremists beat up two Christian's siblings after they refused to renounce Christ.
			494226, India	However, the Christians refused and the mob thereafter started to beat them up, accused them of forceful conversion and further vandalized their homes, locked it up and chased them out from the village.
				With the help of area Christian leaders, the Christians submitted a police complaint.

74	Two women Assaulted in Chhattisgarh, India	9/21/2013 11:37	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	On 21 September in Taragoan, Lohandiguda, Bastar, Hindu extremist harassed two Christian women from Divya Jyoti Church which led to one receiving hospital treatment. Hindu extremist, who goes by a single name, Maniram attacked one of the women and forced her to renounce Christ after he repeatedly threatened to harm her in the past because of her faith in Christ. Later that evening at about 7 p.m, the same extremist, Maniram attacked a Christian widow as he forced her to renounce Christ in the same locality.
75		9/16/2013 0:00	Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh	Nirmal Ekka is the local pastor of the house church at village Batwahi, Thana Lundra, Distt. Surguja, Chhattisgarh. He was falsely accused of beating, resulting in fracture of a hand of a school boy, Dilbodh Nagesh on 16 September 2013. He was also falsely accused of threatening boy's father and school teacher, while they were approaching the police. Police filed a case against Nirmal Ekka under Sections 294 & 323 of Indian Penal Code.
76	Christians Chased Out from the Village, Burial Denied in Chhattisgarh, India	9/7/2013 12:46	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	On 7 Sept in Kherwar, Dhamtari, a group of villagers chased out Christian families from the village after the Hindu extremists disrupted a burial service and prohibited the Christians to bury the demise. The Christians were socially boycotted and chased out from the village after they refused to renounce Christ. At press time, they were taking shelter at the house of the local Pastor.
77	Pastors Arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	8/28/2013 12:30	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 28 August in Tarpongi, Thana Dharseenwas, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, police arrested two pastors after the Hindu extremists barged into the worship meeting and threatened to kill them if they continued to worship Christ in the village. At about 12:30 p.m. the extremists barged into the Sunday meeting conducted by the Pastors and told them to stop the meeting or face consequences. The extremists also accused the pastors of trying to forcefully convert the people into Christianity.
78	Christian Widow Beaten Up, House Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	8/24/2013 12:50	Kondagaon, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494226, India	On 24 August at about 11 p.m in Kakadi Beda, Kondagoan, Hindu extremists forcefully entered the house of a Christian widow, beat her up and threatened to rape her teenage daughter after she refused to renounce Christ. The next day, when she returned back home with area Christian leaders to find her house fully demolished.
79	Four Pastors Arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	5/3/2013 15:44	Jashpur, Chhattisgarh, India	Chhattisgarh police arrested four pastors on 3 May in Bhelwa Baddhara, Jashpur after alleged Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion and filed a police complaint against them. On the same day, ten local believers testified at the police station that they decided to follow Christ by their own free choice. However, the pastors were charged with sections 151 of the Indian Penal Code for knowingly joining or continuing in assembly of five or more persons after it has been commanded to disperse. They were released on bail the same day after the intervention of area Christian leaders.

80	Church Burnt in Chhattisgarh, India	4/2/2013 22:00	Kondagaon, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494226, India	The Church building at village Chhote Salna in Kondagaon district was burnt down in the night of 02 April 2013 at about 10 PM. Local believers tried to quench the fire, but could not succeed. Mats, musical instruments and a cot, kept inside the church were all burnt.
81	Gospel meetings cancelled on false charges of conversion.	3/25/2013 0:00	Balrampur, Chhattisgarh, India	Open special Gospel meetings were arranged in Nagra village, Distt. Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh by the Believers Church from 25 to 27 March 2013. A mob instigated by the Hindu fundamentalists reached the meeting place on the firsr day itself i.e. 25 March and started accusing the Christians of conversion by force and fraudulent means. Tehsildar and Police Inspector soon reached the spot with police force. They pressurize the local organizers to stop the meeting.
82	Church Building Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	3/13/2013 16:23	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	On 13 March, administrative officials along with the Hindu extremists demolished a church building in Gadia, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh. It was reported that the administrative officials and the Thana Incharge of the Patwari Police Station along with the mob of Hindu extremists demolished the church with a tractor loader and verbally abused and manhandled the local believers including women and children who were trying to stop them. Musical instruments, fan, chairs and table were vandalized. Bibles, gospel literature and offerings were also desecrated.
83	Christians Women chased out of the train in Chhattisgarh, India	2/25/2013 16:25	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	On 25 February, frightened Christian women get off their train after the Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion. It was reported that a group of 19 Christian women led by Christina Nag boarded Chhattisgarh Express train from Rajnandgaon to Dongargarh stations to attend a women seminar in Betul. When some of the Hindu extremists co-passengers came to know that they are Christians and that they are going to attend a Christian women seminar, they started accusing them of forceful conversion and started making sarcastic remarks against them and even tried to stop the women when they were getting down at Gondia station to go back home. Finally the women got down in the middle of their journey and returned to their respective homes
84	Gospel meetings stopped after false accusitions of extremists.	2/21/2013 0:00	Surguja (Ambikapur), Chhattisgarh	Christians had to close the three days Special Gospel meeting, in Doeri village, Distt. Surguja, Chhattisgarh, after Hindu extremists disturbed them on 21 Feb 2013. They accused the pastors and the organizers, of forceful conversion. Special meeting was arranged by the Believers Church.
85	4 pastors arrested on false charges of forceful conversion.	2/21/2013 0:00	Balrampur, Chhattisgarh	Police arrested four pastors Albis Bara, Akshay Kumar, Harendra and Angad Singh under Sections 151 of IPC at Aara, Distt. Balrampur, Chhattisgarh on 21 February 2013. Calvary Gospel Mission had organised a three day special meeting. Hindu extremists barged into the house of one believer and accused them of forceful conversion, while they were having dinner.

86	Christians Beaten up; FIR Registered Against Pastors in Chhattisgarh, India	2/8/2013 16:36	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	On 8 February in Rajnandgoan, Raipur, police registered First Information Report against two pastors after a mob of Hindu extremists barged into the special meeting of Indian Christian Assembly of God Church and beat up Christians, injuring four.
87	Pastors beaten in Chattisgarh, India	1/18/2013 16:38	Rajgarh, Chhattisgarh	On 18 January in Saranggarh, Rajgarh Hindu extremists stormed the Christians prayer meeting conducted at the house of one believer, accused the pastors of forceful conversion and beat them up. Pastors were beaten up badly. No case has been registered.
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88	Pastor narrowly escapes attacks from fundamentalists.	1/18/2013 0:00	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	A group of Hindu fundamentalists surrounded the house of an independent pastor Ankush Bariyekar on 18 January 2013. Police immediately reached the spot. Fundamentalists scattered and did not turn back.
89	Police files false complaint of forceful conversion against	1/13/2013 0:00	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu fundamentalists accused Ps Benu Mahanand on the evening of 13 January 2013 and filed a complaint to the police, of fraud and forceful conversion at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
90	Pastor. Worship service disupted	1/13/2013 0:00	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	A group of Hindu fundamentalist, barged into the worship at Ghaspara, Near WRS Colony, Raipur on 13 January 2013. They started accusing the Christians of forceful conversion, claiming that the church was involved in fraudulent and forceful conversion. They beat Ps Sanjay Nag and believers and then ran away. Fundamentalists filed a complaint to the police, against Ps Sanjay Nag.
91	Christians Beaten; Building Dedication Service Stopped in Chhattisgarh, India	1/10/2013 11:44	Dantewada, Chhattisgarh, India	On 10 January in Kirandul Basti, Dantewada, anti-Christian people disrupted the dedication ceremony of a newly constructed building and accused the Christians of forceful conversion.
92	Christian Graveyard Demolished in Chhattisgarh, India	1/8/2013 11:47	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	On 8 January in Jagdalpur, government officials demolished one side of the boundary wall of Karkapal Christian Graveyard after Hindu extremists filed a complaint against the Christians of constructing a boundary wall in an encroached area and staged a protest, reported our correspondent Rev. Akhilesh Edgar. Thereafter, a group of about 100 extremists soon arrived and further demolished the broken boundary wall.
				They then desecrated the old graves, shouted anti Christian slogans and hurled verbal abused against the pastors and church leaders present on the spot.
				Later, about 1000 (One Thousand) area Christians massed up at Bodhghat police station to file a complaint against the extremists. However, the police refused to file any complaint against the extremists. Traffic on the national highway was also interrupted and police force was deployed in large number to control the situation.

93	Prayer meeting disrupted and pastors beaten up and house vandalised.	12/9/2012 0:00	Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu extremists from the Bajrang Dal on 9 Dec 2012 in Tarra, Distt. Gariyaband, barged into the prayer meeting conducted in the house of believers. The extremists accused Pastor(s) Sunil Joseph and Tapkishore Nand and other Christians of forceful conversion and began to beat them up. The extremists also damaged the car, motor cycles and household items, accused them of forceful conversion and beat them up. Case was registered against the pastors and one believer, Devcharan Sahu.
94	Christians Beaten up in Chhattisgarh, India	11/30/2012 12:01		On 30 Nov in Machewa village, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh, Hindu extremists attack four Christians, accused them of forceful conversion and of arranging inter caste marriage for the three newly converted girls from the Sahu community.
95	Christians arrested, beaten up in Chhattisgarh, India	11/29/2012 11:55	Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, 494001, India	Police arrested seven Christians after Hindu extremists accused them of forceful conversion in Kinjoli, Jagdalpur, Bastar on 29 November.
96	Village prayer meetings stopped after series of harassment and disruptions and imposition of fines.	11/5/2016 0:00	Korba, Chhattisgarh, India	Ps Narayan Sonwani of Bethel Prarthana Bhavan, Mudipar pastors a congregation at Village Lotanapara, Thana Deepka, Distt Korba, Chhattisgarh. Village heads, instigated by the anti Christian elements summoned believers, about 100 in number, in a series of village meeting on 3rd, 4th and 5th November 2012 at Lotanapara. Believers were verbally abused. Villagers accused believers of fraudulent and forceful conversion, insult of Hindu deities and disturbance of social peace in the village. Bibles were confiscated from many believers and drowned in a nearby river. It was decide to impose a fine of Rs 10,000/- and social boycott of the believers, if they do not denounce their faith in Jesus. Local have been forced to stop village prayer meetings and worship.
97	Anti-Christian elements threaten Christians on false charges of conversion.	10/24/2016 0:00		Kanuram Mandavi and 8 others lodged a complaint against Piluram, Guler and Inder, residents of Pujaripara, Village Baganpal, Thana Lohandiguda, Distt. Bastar (Jagdalpur), Chhattisgarh on 24 Oct 2012. Anti Christian elements forcefully entered the house of Guler, accusing Christians of witchcraft and forceful conversion, claiming that the church was involved in fraudulent and forceful conversion. A case was registered against Piluram, Guler and Inder under IPC Sections of 294, 323 and 506 (B). Christians belong to Bastar for Christ Movement.
98	Pastor Harassed in Chhattisgarh, India	10/17/2012 12:58	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh,	On 17 Oct in Sakti town, Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh, anti-Christian elements harassed a pastor, accused him of forceful conversion and told him to vacate his rented house. It was reported that a Pastor was renting the house of Kanhaiya Pande who requested the Pastor to pray for his 18 months old son. As the Pastor started to share the love of Jesus before he prayed, Pande got angry and started to verbally abused and harassed him.
99	Pastor Arrested in Chhattisgarh, India	10/12/2012 13:13	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	Police arrested a pastor from Bethel Full Gospel Church on 12 Oct under Sections 3 & Description and Sections 3 & Description Act after he was accused of enticement in Pendra Road, Bilaspur Chhatisgarh.
100	Sunday Worship Disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	9/16/2012 17:29	Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh, India	On Sept 16 in Durgapur, Balrampur, Chhattisgarh, alleged Hindu extremists disrupted a prayer meeting and accused a pastor of forceful conversion.

101	Pastor booked under	9/4/2012 0:00	Janjgir Champa,	Police arrested Pastor Anand Nirala on 4 Sep 2012, after Hindu extremists accused him of forceful conversion,
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	false charges of		_	making derogatory remarks against the Hindu deities and of disturbing social peace in the Village Gobara, Distt
	conversion.		India	Janigir Champa in Chhattisagarh. A case was filed under IPC Sections 151, 107 & 116(3) against Ps Anand Nirala
				and another case was filed under IPC Sections 295(A) & 153(B).
102	12 believers	9/3/2012 0:00		A mob of about 600 villagers led by area Hindu extremists leaders stormed the houses of the three Christian
	excommunicated due to			families at about 11 PM on 3 September 2012, in the Village Bhanpuri, Police Station Gurur, Distt Balod in
	their Christian faith.			Chhattisgarh. The extremists accused the Christians of trying to forcefully convert Hindus to Christianity and
				threatened them of dire consequences if they do not give up their faith. They forced three believers family
				having 12 members in all, to leave the village.
	Christians Beaten Up,	9/2/2012 17:40	Balod, Durg,	In Bhanpuri, Balod, Chhattisgarh, alleged Hindu extremists attacked Christians and chased them out from the
	Expelled from Village in		Chhattisgarh,	village for their faith in Christ on Sept 2.
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103	Villagers Protested	8/30/2012 13:10		On 30 August a dead body of a pastor was exhumed after the Hindu extremists protested his burial, verbally
	Burial; Pastor's Body		•	abused the Christians and threatened them in Pendridih village, Mungeli.
	Exhumed in		Chhattisgarh,	
	Chhattisgarh, India			Pastor Daniel Das (85) died at 4.30 p.m. on 29 August. His burial in the graveyard of the Disciples Church,
				Pendridih was not possible due to water logging in the graveyard.
				Thereafter, the Christians buried Pastor Das in another graveyard newly allotted to them by the village head and
				the Sub Divisional Magistrate. However, about 700 people from Pendridi village and neighouring villages,
				allegedly instigated by the Hindu extremists, massed up and demanded the exhumation of the dead body and
				ordered the Christians to bury him in the old graveyard.
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				The villagers also verbally accused the Christians and threatened to harm them. Police soon reached the spot
				and took the local Pastor Rev. Rodrick John and others to the Jarhagaon Police Station.
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				The angry mob also reached the police station and pressurized the police and administration and started
				repeating their demands of exhuming the dead body.
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104	6 believers forced to	6/19/2012 0:00	Dantewada,	6 Believers of Jawanga village, Distt - Dakshin Bastar (Dantewada), Chhattisgarh belonging to House Church of
	worship Hindu dieties			Obedient Life Mission were forced to worship tribal and Hindu deities and to participate in the rituals, by anti
	and epelled from village		_	Christian elements on 19 June 2012. They were then severely beaten up and expelled from the village.
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105	Christians Attacked, Burial Service Disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	6/6/2012 16:01	Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India	Armed anti- Christian people disrupted a funeral service, beat up Christians resulting in nine admitted in a hospital on June 6 in Bacheli, Dakshin Bastar.
				It was reported that at about 8:30 a.m. the anti Christians elements armed with sharp edged weapons, clubs etc shouting anti slogans stormed the funeral service of Soni (19) daughter of Pastor Shankarlal Karma. The service was taking place at the land of Pastor Karma, at the outskirts of the village, attended by around 100 Christians from Bastar For Christ Movement Church. The assailants threatened the Christians and mercilessly beat them up. Denying the burial of the deceased, they forcibly filled up the grave with loose soil.
				Nine Christians were admitted in the National Mineral Development Corporation hospital. However, there is no information of the whereabouts of many believers, who attended the funeral service and were suspected to be hiding in fear.
				The dead body was carried to Bacheli town as the police were not able to provide security for the burial in the village. Finally, the burial was done in the Christian Cemetery of Bacheli at about 5 p.m. the same day.
				A police complaint was lodged in Bacheli Police Station by Ps Shankarlal Karma. FIR has been registered vide no.
106	Sunday woship service di	6/3/2012 0:00	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	Sunday worship service of an independent house church conducted by Ps Ankush Bariyekar at village Beltokri, Distt Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh was attacked by Hindu extremist elements on 3 June 2012.
107	Permission for burial in village denied. Believers beaten severely when the tied to do the burial in private land outside the village.	5/19/2012 0:00		Anti Christian elements of the village refused to allow burial of Dudhu Mandavi, 45 years at Patinaikras village, Distt Sukma, Chhattisgarh on 19 May 2012. Believers were severely beaten up by the anti Christian elements of nearby village of Baseras, when they carried out burial in the private land of Aita Mandavi, husband of the deceased believer, outside the village.
108	Christians Attacked, Burial Denied in Chhattisgarh, India	5/13/2012 15:53	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	In Kurud, Dhamtri, Chhattisgarh, Police registered a case against a Christian after about 50 Hindu extremists led by Samaruram Sinha attacked the Christians and disrupted a worship meeting on May 13. It was reported tat the extremists barged into the Sunday worship meeting conducted by Pastor Varghese Chako
				in the house of the a local Christian Edwin Paul, verbally abused the Christians and beat them up. The extremists also completely damaged the Tata Indigo car of Edwin Paul. Area Christian leaders submitted a complaint to Superintendent Police of Dhamtari on May 14.
				However an FIR was registered against Edwin Paul and his son Rakesh Paul and against the assailant Somaruram Sinha and few others, under IPC Sections 107) for " Abetment of a thing " and Section 116. Abetment of offence punishable with imprisonment-if offence be not committed.
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109	Christians Attacked,	4/20/2012 17:48	Kanker,	Alleged Hindu extremists on April 20 denied the burial of a Christian, beat up the pastor and believers including
	Burial Service Denied in		Chhattisgarh,	children and woman till they fell unconcious in Belgal, Kanker, Chhattisgarh.
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				It was reported that the village head and about 300 villagers instigated by the Hindu extremists refused the
				burial of Jaikant Pawar, a convert Christian, who succumed to asthamatic problems.
				Pawar on the previous day was taken to a nearby village, Pakhanpur, for treatment, however, the next morning he felt severe chest pain and an ambulance was called. However, unfortunately he died before arrival of the ambulance and his body was sent back to his village.
				As the local pastor, Dhaniram Nag and the believers were taking the body of Pawar for burial service from his house, the extremists suddenly surrounded his house shouting anti-Christian slogans, verbally abused the Christians and challenge the pastor and the believers to bring life back in the dead body, started beating the pastor, his wife and other believers including children, women and aged ones.
				As they continued attacking the small Christian community, the extremists dragged the believers out from their houses and the small children were pushed and thrown. The beating went on till the pastor and the believers fell
110	Woman Chased Out From Home for Her Faith in Madhya	2/28/2012 15:06	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	On Feb 28 in Tuthuly, Kanker, Madhya Pradesh, a Christian woman, Satwantin Mandari was chased out from her home and village because of her faith in Christ.
	Pradesh, India		mula	According to reports, Dasrath Mandari forced his wife to leave home and their village after alleged Hindu extremists threatened him that they would ostracize the whole family if his wife continued to believe in Christ.
				On the same night, after Satwantini Mandari refused to denounce Christ, her husband along with the extremists drove her out from her home and from the village. The community strictly prohibited her from returning home unless and until she returned to Hinduism.

111	Prayer service disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	2/15/2012 16:49	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India	A group of Hindutva extremists disrupted a prayer service organized by Bershebha church on February 15th in Pandhi village, Seepat road, Near Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
			mala	Pastor Daultram has organized a three day worship service and about 200 people were participating in the prayer service with prior police permission.
				The first day of the meeting went on smoothly. On the second day a group of about 6 miscreants from the area came and told pastor Daultram to stop the meeting.
				On the third day, at about 12.30 in the afternoon, a mob of about 50 well armed activists came and destroyed the tent, mike and speakers. The mob then dragged the hristians present at the prayer service and started brutally assaulting them.
				The ensuing rampage resulted in severe injuries to the Christian and Pastor Sunam Besra suffered head injuries resulting in receiving stitches.
				The Inspector in-charge, Mr. Rajan Singh , arrived on the spot and took charge . A case has been registered
112	Pastor attacked in Chhattisgarh, India	2/10/2012 13:28	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, India	Armed Hindutva extremists brutally attacked Pastor Rajendra Masih in Indira Nagar Village of Dongargarh Tehsil , Rajnandgaon District in Chhattisgarh.
				Pastor Masih was screening a Hindi movie on Jesus Christ named Daya Sagar, the show began at about 7.30 pm and ended at 10.30 pm. Just when they were about to disperse suddenly, a group of about 9 Bajrang Dal fundamentalists arrived on the spot and began destroying all the equipments like the DVD Player and the speakers etc.
				They then mercilessly assaulted, Pastor Rajendra Masih, which caused lacerations all over his face and wounded his left eye.
				The miscreants then called the Dongargarh Police personnel on the spot and falsely accused the pastor of forcibly and fraudulently converting Hindus to Christianity.
				The police took both the parties to the police station and matter was resolved between both the parties.

113	Christians beaten in Chhattisgarh, India	2/1/2012 13:20	Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India	A group of Hindu fundamentalists filed a false complaint against Pastor Harish Sahu and Mahendra Baghel, who are Christians from the New Life Fellowship church in Jorapara, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 1st February, 2012.
				The incident took place at about 1 pm (in the afternoon) when relatives of Mr. Baghel, named Purnima and Upendra Pande came to visit him. The car of the visitors was standing outside bearing a sign of the cross.
				Seeing the sign, on their car, the radicals thought that pastor Sahu is in the house and is conducting a worship service. The miscreants entered the house of Mr. Baghel, verbally abused and beat the Christians accusing them of false conversions.
				Later, the Christians went to the Modhapara, Raipur Police Station and reported about the incident. Meanwhile, mob led by Hindu fundamentalists also reached the police station and lodged complaint against Mahendra Baghel and Ps Harish Sahu, accusing them of converting people by force and allurement.
				Pastor Harish Sahu was called to the police station. The police registered a case against the believers under section 151 of the Indian Penal Code and were sent to the central jail, Raipur. They were released on bail at press time.
114	School attacked in Chhattisgarh, India	1/31/2012 16:52	Korba, Chhattisgarh, India	Nirmala Convent School was surrounded by a group of Hindutva fundamentalists on January 31st in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
				A newly constructed school building was being inaugurated when suddenly at around 10.30 am a group of radicals belonging to the RSS entered the school raising slogans and disrupted the inauguration ceremony. The radicals accused the school of conversions.
				The outburst of the above incident was on the pretext of a school student carrying a bag in the premises. When noticed and questioned the student stated that he is carrying an idol of "Saraswati" (a Hindu goddess of knowledge) and is going to perform "pooja" in the class. During all this the Hindu activists were standing outside the premises.
				The police came at the school and the Sub Divisional Officer, ordered that the pooja be conducted and told Sister Mary, the Principal of the Nirmala Convent, to conduct the pooja. When she refused, a Hindu Teacher was told to conduct the pooja in her place.
				Thereafter, a local cable T V Channel "Abhi Tak" kept repeatedly telecasting false news that the idol

115	Christian Not Allowed to Join Job in Madhya Pradesh, India	1/19/2012 14:39	Kanker, Chhattisgarh, India	On Jan. 19 in Modi, Thana Antagar, Kanker, alleged Hindu extremists stopped a Christian woman from joining her new job because of her faith in Christ. The Madhya Pradesh government appointed Shrimati Sambhai of Believers' Church as Anganwadi teacher, but the village head, Dhanuram Behari, and community leader Hiralal Behari persuaded the state to revoke her appointment because of her Christian faith. She submitted a letter of complaint to the Sarpanch, Amodi on Feb. 18, but to no avail. Area Christian leaders were intervening, but at press time the Christian was still not allowed to take her post.
116	Prayer meeting disrupted in Chhattisgarh, India	1/19/2012 13:27	Kawardha, Chhattisgarh, India	Hindu extremists on January 19th disrupted a worship service conducted by Pastor Victor Menon in Polmi Navapara village, near Pandaria in Kawardha district of Chhattisgarh. Pastor Victor Menon, Sant Kumar Diwakar along with family from the Masihi Aradhanalay church in Korba were invited by believer Sonsingh Paraste to conduct a prayer meeting. During the prayer meeting at around 10 am the police along with 6 to 7 personel entered the house of Mr. Sonsingh Paraste and stopped the meeting which was being conducted by Pastor Victor Menon. Police, informed the Pastor that a complaint has been filed against them in nearby Kukdur Police Station alleging them of conversion. Thereafter, Pastor Victor Menon, Mr. Sonsingh Paraste and Mr. Sant Kumar Diwakar were taken to the Police Station. Inspector Shukla arrived at the police station, he verbally abused and slapped the Christians and a case was registered against them under Section 151 of Indian Penal Code.
117	Church building locked in Chhattisgarh, India	1/1/2012 0:00	Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India	Masihi Prarthana Bhavan church was locked by a group of about 10 Hindutva fundamentalist on January 1st in Dudhawa village, 30 kms away from Dhamtari district in Chhattisgarh. The incident occurred at about 10 am in the morning, when the New Year worship service was being conducted by Pastor Komal Sahu. A group led by Bajrang Dal activist's entered the church and disrupted the service. They then pushed the congregation members out of the church and placed the pictures of Hindu deities inside the church building. Pastor Sahu and his wife Lata Sahu, were verbally abused and beaten by the mob. The radicals then locked the church building. The police reached on the spot along with the Sub District magistrate (SDM) Mr. P. K Shandil and resolved the matter between both the parties warning the radicals not to repeat this again

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