



GRANDVILLE, Mich., / Christian Newswire/ -- Legacy 2021, a conference missions, Muslims, and the heart of God, is coming June 17-19 to Grandville, MI—or, for the first time ever, through online livestream! The conference will draw missionaries, church leaders, and Christians from around the world for a weekend of inspiring, practical training. Christians today have unprecedented opportunities to reach Muslims with the gospel. More Muslims have accepted Christ in the last decade than in the entire history of Islam and countless Muslims are seeking the truth about God. Conflict in the Middle East has displaced millions of Muslims, and they are increasingly moving into our cities, neighborhoods, and workplaces. The Legacy conference

celebrates how God is moving in the Muslim world while equipping the Church to finish her task in fulfilling the Great Commission. Plenary speakers include Abdu Murray (Senior Vice President of Ravi Zacharias Ministries), Georges Houssney (founder and president of Horizons International), and Fred Farrokh (International trainer with Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim Peoples). Along with numerous breakout speakers, they will be covering topics such as God's work among Muslim peoples, truth in a postmodern world, boldness in evangelism, women in Islam, discipleship of CMBs, and much more. This year, Legacy is themed "Unashamed," based on Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel." The diverse range of speakers, all of

whom have dedicated their lives to ministry among to Muslims, have a passion for unashamed proclamation of the gospel. Attendees will come away inspired and equipped for fruitful ministry to Muslims, whether in an overseas missions context or in their neighborhood. Legacy conference is for the first time offering an online attendance option, allowing missionaries stationed around the world or those unable to travel to receive the same training and encouragement. Legacy 2021 is also offering a discounted package for churches or study groups to host a livestream event of the conference. Learn more about Legacy2021 & register today: LegacyConference.org CONTACT: Linda Raymond, linda@horizonsinternational.org



My Testimony including healed of Bipolar

By Chuck Kruppa

My name is Chuck Kruppa. I was born in Muskegon, Michigan at Hackley Hospital on June 24, 1946 to Maxine and Alex Kruppa. My mother was a home maker, and my father was a painter of houses. I attended various schools as we moved around a village. As a boy growing up, I took an interest in vocal singing. As I got older (teen years), Perry Como was my main influence. I also began to act, being the lead actor, Mcbeth, in my senior year play called McBeth. I was also accepted in the a cappella choir all three years of high school. I studied and took a general course graduating on June 10, 1964. I did not consider college -- but in the next fall. I found myself matriculating our junior college. Having been a cross country runner for two years, I went out for cross country. The year before (1963) our junior college won the National country championship. That fall 1964, we again won the National championship for Junior colleges. Last summer in 2019, the Cross-country

team was invited back to Muskegon for an awards banquet to celebrate our back-to-back championships. It was nice as they fed us, talked about us, and handed out plaques to commemorate our wins. When I was 20, out in California to do college, I had a dramatic encounter with the Living God. I repented of my wicked lifestyle and wept my way to salvation on March 26, 1967 just 90 days before the 6-day war in 1967. I finished college at a Christian school, now known as Greenville University in Greenville, ... on May 25, 1970, earning my bachelor's degrees in philosophy/Religion, I also minoring in Classical Greek and political Science/History. In March of 1973 I took my first of two trips to the Holy Lands of Israel. In October of 1973 I began employment at our local paper mill. I worked 15 years in production and the last 17 years of my 32 years and 4 months employment was as a pipefitter, retiring in February of 2006. I did not mention that on June 18, 1977, I married

Mercedes Christie and to us was born four sons. In January of 2011, after my wife threatened to kill me and I had been diagnosed as bipolar. I left for Florida the same day I was threatened. A few months later, about march or April, God touched me and miraculously delivered me of being bipolar. Soon afterwards I sought the services of a neuropsychologist who gave me an all-day examination and 11 days later issued me a 6-page summary of how, in his opinion, my bipolar was in remission. I struggled for several years in Florida. I had a fine income but was taken advantage of and scammed out of several thousands of dollars. I left it in the hands of God. He's always had my back and still does today. Now that I have lived in Florida for 10 years, God has helped me to buy some real estate and also a business. God has also called me to become a Pastor. Expect to do motivations speaking and financial coordination.

REPORT: Number of Christians Murdered for Faith Rose Sixty Percent in 2020

By: *Open Doors USA*
 COVID-19 and Technology Drive Rise in Anti-Religious Bigotry, According to Leading Watchdog Group

SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 13, 2021 /Christian Newswire/ -- Levels of Christian persecution are at a record high globally, according to watchdog organization Open Doors, who announced the 2021 World Watch List today via press conference. A comprehensive research-based report, the annual World Watch List ranks the top 50 countries where it is most dangerous to be Christian – and exposes startling shifts in the landscape of global religious persecution. This year's report reveals that more than 340 million Christians now suffer high levels of persecution for their faith, representing 1-in-8 Christians worldwide. "The COVID-19 pandemic has turned a bad situation into an unbearable one," said David Curry, president and CEO of Open Doors USA. "This public health crisis created an opportunity to expand faith-based disci-

mination and violence in regions where religious persecution had already reached alarming rates." Due to ongoing and increasing surveillance and censorship of religious minorities, China re-entered the top 20 for the first time in a decade. New data show China's surveillance state is used to persecute Christians and other religious minorities, such as Uighur Muslims. The Chinese Communist Party is not only normalizing these technologies within their borders, but exporting them to authoritarian regimes around the world. "This goes beyond where you're going to church or where you're going to temple, to what it is you're writing about on your phone," said Dr. Chris Meserole, Director of Research and Policy of the Brookings Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Initiative. "There's no country that can match the sheer scale of surveillance

technologies that China has developed and also deployed." For the first time in the 29-year history of the World Watch List, every country in the top 50 is ranked as experiencing very high or extreme levels of persecution. In 2020, extremist attacks spread further throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, from Nigeria and Cameroon to Burkina Faso, Mali, and beyond. In Nigeria alone, 10 Christians a day are murdered on average due to their religious beliefs. As the total number of Christians killed for their faith rose 60 percent for the year—from 2,983 registered cases (WWL 2020) to 4,761 (WWL 2021)—91 percent of the violent killings for religious reasons occurred in Africa. The report reveals that 1-in-6 Christians in Africa endure faith-based discrimination and violence. **2021 World Watch List Top 10:**

1. North Korea,
 2. Afghanistan
 3. Somalia
 4. Libya
 5. Pakistan
 6. Eritrea
 7. Yemen
 8. Iran
 9. Nigeria
 10. India
- To view the complete 2021 World Watch List report, visit ODUSA.org/WWL. For immediate access to the World Watch List press kit, including country-specific data, expert interviews, firsthand accounts, and images, visit opendoorsusa.org/newsroom. **About Open Doors USA** For more than 60 years, Open Doors USA has worked in the world's most oppressive and restrictive countries for Christians. Open Doors works to equip and encourage Christians living in dangerous circumstances with the threat of persecution and to mobilize the Western church to pray and advocate for the persecuted. Christians are one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world and are oppressed in at least 60 countries. For more information, visit OpenDoorsUSA.org.



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