



SUFFERING IN SUDAN

In northeastern Africa, separated from the holy land only by Egypt, lies Sudan. Today, in this land across the Red Sea from Golgotha, the followers of Christ die on crosses. The central government, in the name of Islam, has moved to eliminate Christianity and other minority religions. Even conservative estimates put the death toll over the million mark in a campaign fueled on child enslavement, infanticide, starvation, and crucifixion.

According to Peter Hammond of the Frontline Fellowship News in South Africa, the Southern Sudanese people are the oldest Christian community in Africa, with a strong Christian presence there since the third century A.D. These Christians make up 80 percent of the population. One million human voices, stamped out in just one small nation?

Here in America's relative paradise these horrible losses are funneled into press releases and further reduced to cold statistics. The voice of the Scripture will not let us stop here. To defy this reduction of God's children we are called to remember them. To remember them—not like we recall our phone number, but as a waking man lurches forward with the sudden realization that even now a loved one passes under the knife, and then prays and acts accordingly. Let us remember the Sudanese Christians and pray and intercede on their behalf. *For more info, see Voice of the Martyrs: www.vom.org.*†