

## Karen Christians



American Baptist missionaries began working with the Karen people in 1826, and Anglican, Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist missionaries followed.

Now about 15% of Karen people are Christian. Most Karen Christians are Baptist but some are Anglican, Catholic or Seventh Day Adventists.

Karen Christians living in conflict areas suffer human rights abuses at the hands of the Burmese Army. Churches are often burned when villages are destroyed, and Christian pastors have been tortured and killed by Burmese Army soldiers.

Karen Christian children hiding in the jungle celebrate Christmas.

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