

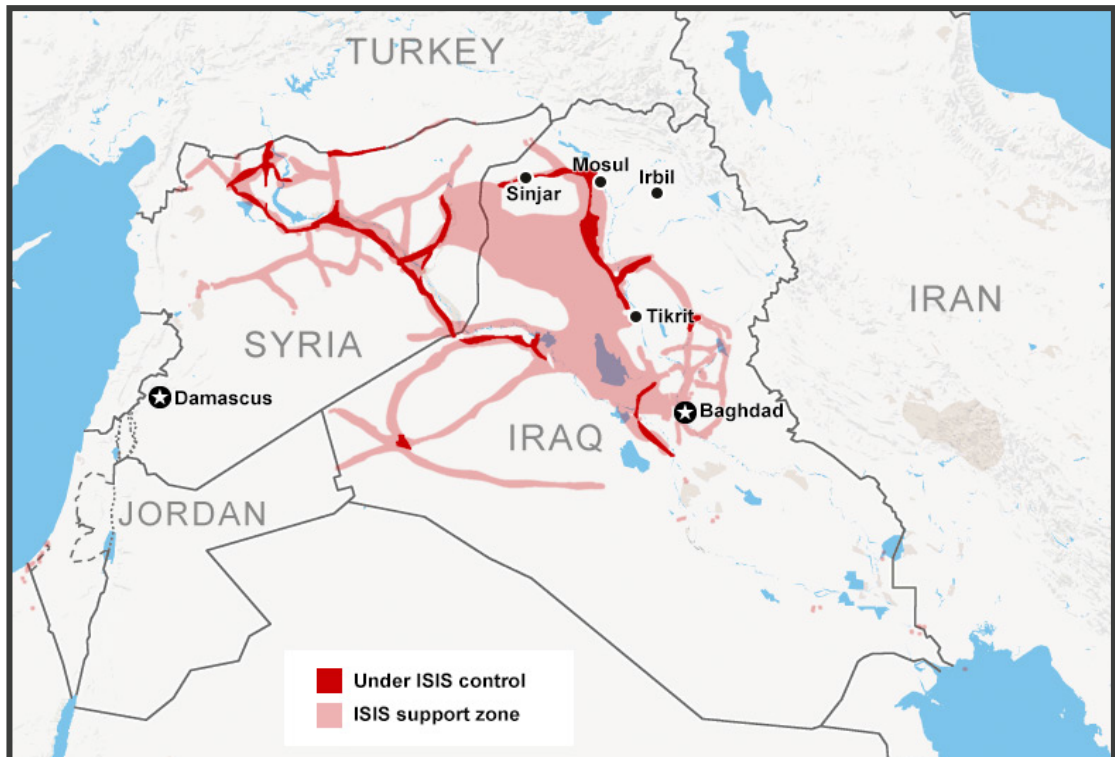
Persecution of Christians in Iraq

What Is Happening?

- In June, Sunni extremists known as ISIS took control of Mosul, ordering thousands of Iraqi Christians to leave, convert to Islam, pay heavy taxes, or face death. At the time of the takeover there were 3,000 Christians in Mosul
- In August, ISIS seized the Iraqi city of Sinjar, forcing 50,000 Yazidi Kurds to the Sinjar Mountains where daytime temperatures can exceed 120 degrees.

Who is ISIS?

- The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria
- ISIS began as an Al-Qaeda splinter group
- The group claims it is an independent state with claims to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon
- ISIS has targeted the military and governments of Iraq and Syria, and has claimed responsibility for attacks that have killed thousands of Iraqi civilians.
- The goal of ISIS is to create an Islamic state across Sunni areas of Iraq and Syria



How Can You Help?

Give to the International Mission Board

Text 'imbrelief' to 80888 to donate \$10 to relief for Iraqi refugees
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Pray

Ask God to use this crisis to help Yazidi Kurds hear the Gospel