



# Small Steps of Hope in Vietnam

## Who are the Hmong and Montagnard Christians - Why are they persecuted?

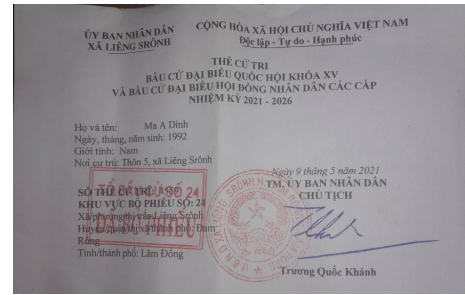
For almost two decades, local authorities have forced Hmongs who converted to Christianity to renounce their faith and evicted those who don't, forcing them to flee their home villages in the Northwestern Highlands. The government defends their actions saying Christianity is an "American religion."

Those who fled, after years on the run, settled in the jungle of Vietnam's Central Highlands, where they rebuilt new communities. However, to apply for new household registration and ID cards, they must secure a letter of reference and support from the government who forced them to flee in the first place - which is nearly impossible and would put them at risk.

Source: <https://dvov.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Stateless-Hmong-Montagnard-Christians-03-06-19.pdf>

## Elections + IDs

The Communist party in Vietnam is very keen to get as many individuals to "vote" - which is why BPSOS took this opportunity to work with local grassroots to push for Voting IDs also to be granted to the Hmong and Montagnard Christian populations - who were earlier unrecognised because of their conversion to Christianity.



In April, hundreds of Hmong Christians in Lam Dong Province, collectively [petitioned](#) their government authorities to grant them temporary ID cards so they could participate in the general elections on May 23rd.

On election day all residents of Subdivision 179 of voting age cast their votes. **For the first time their existence as local residents of Lieng Srong Commune was recognised.**



Standing in line to vote. A woman wearing traditional Hmong clothing. | photo source: BPSOS

## What next?



### **PICK UP YOUR PEN AND WRITE!**

This Memorial Weekend you can keep the pressure on the Vietnamese Government by sending a postcard to some of the at-risk-religious/indigenous communities.



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***Steps to Follow:***

**Grab a postcard!**

Grab a postcard and write a few words





What you can include: A Bible verse, a greeting, a prayer.

Avoid mentions of: the Vietnamese government, the Communist Party.

### Take a photo!

Take a photo of your postcard and email it to us at [information@jubileecampaign.org](mailto:information@jubileecampaign.org) - that way even if the postcard does not get through - our contacts can make sure it does.



### Send it out!

Take your postcard to the Post Office and send it out with a stamp and a prayer!

## Sample Letter:



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Hope you are doing well. Sending lots of greetings from \_\_\_\_\_. We are thinking and praying for you. Hope your family are staying well and healthy.

Love,

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

We thank God for you and your love for Jesus. We pray for the church family in Vietnam that you will continue to be a light for your community.

Blessings in Christ,



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