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CASES TO KNOW

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Free speech victory for graduate student in Mexico

A group of professors requested a university board withhold the professional practice license of Christian Cortez, a psychology graduate and class valedictorian, after he expressed his deeply held moral convictions on life and family in his commencement speech.

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 University Council of the Autonomous University of Baja California

UPDATE

 The University ruled against the professors, upholding Christian's right to freedom of expression.

PRAY FOR

-  Praise God for this win!
-  Freedom of speech in academic institutions.

2



Challenging anti-conversion law arrests in India

In July, six women who were conducting a private prayer meeting were arrested under the Uttar Pradesh anti-conversion law. Most of these women were the primary providers for their families and had small children at home. After being in jail for 25 days, they were released on bail.

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 Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe Court, Azamgarh

UPDATE

 In September, a private criminal complaint was filed to request an investigation into the arrests.

PRAY FOR

-  Christians in the state of Uttar Pradesh where, on average, 12 instances of persecution are reported every week.

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 Belgium


Top human rights court criticizes Belgium in euthanasia case

Tom Mortier's mother was euthanized for what the doctor called "incurable depression". Her son was not informed of this until the day after she was euthanized. The doctor who euthanized her is co-chair of the commission that approved her euthanasia.

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 European Court of Human Rights

UPDATE

 In a mixed judgment, the Court ruled that Belgium violated the right to life of Tom's mother.

PRAY FOR

 Society to invest in better responses to loneliness and depression than death.

 Human life to be protected. The finding that Belgium violated the right to life to provoke a real debate about euthanasia.

4

 Germany


Victory for freedom of expression in Germany

Twice a year, around 20 people gather to pray for women facing abortion, and their children outside a pre-abortion advisory centre. Following complaints from the centre, the prayer vigil was banned from the vicinity of the centre. The leader, Pavica Vojnović, filed a challenge against the restriction.

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 Baden-Württemberg Higher Administrative Court

UPDATE

 In August, the Court found the City of Pforzheim violated the 40 Days for Life group's rights to freedom of assembly, expression and religion by restricting their peaceful gathering outside the abortion centre.

PRAY FOR

 Praise God for this win!
 Those facing an unplanned pregnancy and their unborn children.

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 Nigeria


Musician challenging blasphemy laws in Nigeria

Yahaya Sharif-Aminu is a Sufi musician in Kano State, who has been sentenced to death and is appealing to the Supreme Court to challenge the constitutionality of the blasphemy laws. The law affects minority Muslims, Christian converts, and others.

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 Nigerian Supreme Court

UPDATE

 He is challenging the Kano blasphemy law at the Nigerian Supreme Court. This is the first time the law has been challenged before the Supreme Court.

PRAY FOR

 The Nigerian Supreme Court to find the blasphemy law unconstitutional.
 The protection of Yahaya and others facing prosecution and even death for their religious beliefs or speech.