



Prisoners for Peace 2015

A list of some of those currently in prison for their work for peace. We include those whose addresses we can obtain, and who are happy to have their names and stories made public. There are hundreds more people in prison whose details we cannot obtain, including over 600 Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors (COs) in South Korea, and many more in Eritrea and elsewhere.

Eritrea

Eritrea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. WRI has no recent information on the situation of the conscientious objectors listed below, who have not been charged. The below are all Jehovah's Witness, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

[Paulos Eyassu](#) (24 Sep 1994—)
[Negede Teklemariam](#) (24 Sep 1994—)
[Isaac Mogos](#) (24 Sep 1994—)
[Aron Abraha](#) (9 May '01—)
[Mussie Fessehaye](#) (1 Jun '03—)
[Ambakom Tsegezab](#) (1 Feb '04—)
[Bemnet Fessehaye](#) (1 Feb '05—)

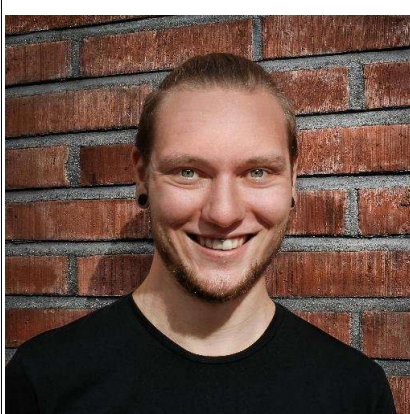
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[Henok Ghebru](#) (1 Feb '05—)
[Kibreab Fessejaye](#) (27 Dec '05—)
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[Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir](#) (1 Jan '06—)
[Amanuel Abraham](#) (1 Jan '07—)
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[Yosief Fessehaye](#) (1 Jan '07—)
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[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08 -)

For all write to **Sawa Camp, Sawa, Eritrea**

[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08—)
[Nehemiah Hagos](#) (26 Aug '08—)
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[Samuel Ghirmay](#) (1 Mar '09—)
 For all write to **Meitir Camp, Meitir, Eritrea**

Finland

[Visa Savolainen](#)
 27 Oct 2015 — 17 Apr 2016



Visa Savolainen, subject to house detention in Finland

Developments in Armenia

Some of you will have noticed that since 2013, no conscientious objectors imprisoned in Armenia have appeared on this list. In 2013, there was a mass amnesty for COs in Armenia. At the same time, the Armenian government introduced a substitute service for COs. Previously, the alternative service was under the supervision of the military – now there are options run by civilians.

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Action ideas

- On 1st December, set aside some time to write to those imprisoned for their peace work;
- Get your friends, peace group, class, faith or community group to organise a card-writing session;
- Set up a stall in your town centre, perform street theatre or find some other way to attract attention and interest – then give people cards to sign

For the most up to date *Prisoners for Peace* list go to: <http://wri-irg.org/inprison>

Support our future

For more than 50 years, War Resisters' International has publicised the names and stories of prisoners for peace. Help us keep up the tradition. Send in a special prisoners for peace donation to WRI to help fund next year's research.

Send contributions to: War Resisters' International, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX, Britain (email info@wri-irg.org).

Receive regular news

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For updates on the status of conscientious objectors, counter-recruitment work and conscription around the world, subscribe to our CO Update – the bimonthly newsletter of the [Right to Refuse to Kill](http://lists.wri-irg.org/sympa/info/co-update) programme, at <http://lists.wri-irg.org/sympa/info/co-update>

Visa is a total objector,
sentenced to home detention
for "refusal of civilian service".

Write to **c/o AKL, Peace
Station, Veturitori 3, 00520
Helsinki, Finland**

Korea, South

All COs in Korea face 18
months imprisonment, with no
opportunity for substitute
service. This is a list of COs
known currently to be in prison.
Additionally, there are around
600 Jehovah's Witness COs in
prison, but their details are
more difficult to obtain.

[Kim Kyung-mook](#) (#283)
(14 Jan 2015—13 Jul 2016)
Write to **Tongyeong P.O. Box
17, Tongyeong-si,
Gyeongsangnam-do, South
Korea, 53043**



Kim Kyung-mook, imprisoned as
a conscientious objector in
South Korea

[Park Ji-hoon](#) (#1230)
(15 May 2015—14 Nov 2016)
Write to **Jinjoo P.O. Box 68,
Jinjoo si, Gyeongnam,
South Korea, 52684**

[Kim Doo-won](#) (#1868)
(30 Jun 2015 — 29 Dec 2016)
Write to **Uijeongbu P.O. Box
99, Uijeongbu, Gyeonggi-Do,
South Korea, 480-700**

[Park Yoo-ho](#) (#1408)
(24 Aug 2015—23 Feb 2016)
Write to **Yeoju Prison, Yeoju
P.O. Box 30, Yeoju-gun,
Gyeonggi-do, South Korea,
469-800**

Turkmenistan

[Soyunmurat Korov](#)
(18 Nov 2014—)
Jehovah's Witness
conscientious objector. He has
not yet been tried.
Write to **Seydi Labour Camp,
Turkmenistan, 746222 Lebap
vilayet, Seydi, uchr. LB-K/12**

Ukraine

[Ruslan Kotsaba](#)
(9 Feb 2015—)
Write to **Ivano-Frankivsk
detention center, E.
Konovalets 70, Ivano-
Frankivsk 76018, Ukraine**

Resister who refuses to be
drafted into the Ukrainian army.
Arrested on charges of treason
and obstructing the military. Still
awaiting trial.

United States of America

[Rafil Dhafir](#) (11921-052) (26 Apr
'00—26 Apr '22)
Write to **FMC Devens, Federal
Medical Center, P.O. Box 879,
Ayer, MA 01432, USA**
22 years for convictions
resulting from providing
humanitarian and financial aid
to Iraqis in violation of U.S.
sanctions.

[Chelsea Manning](#) (15 May '10-1
Aug '48)
35 years imprisonment for
espionage and theft, espionage
and other charges.
Write to **PVT Bradley E
Manning, 89289, 1300 N
Warehouse Rd, Ft
Leavenworth KS 66027-2304,
USA**

[Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. \(KN
9758\)](#) (1 Aug '11—31 Aug '18)
Sentenced for third trespass at
military recruiting office in
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Serving one to seven years -
31/08/18 is the last release
date.

Sending cards and letters

- Send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life or drawings;
- Let the prisoners know what you are doing to stop war and war preparations;
- Don't write anything that might get the prisoner into trouble;
- Think about the sort of thing you'd like to receive if you were in prison;
- Try not to begin your correspondence with "You are so brave, I could never do what you have done";
- Remember that the prisoner may not be able to reply.