

What makes it a barrier?

Family: The people of NAME are very close to their families. That's a good thing, but many people are afraid to learn about Jesus because their families would be angry or upset.

Location: If we can't reach people, we can't tell them about Jesus. Some people – like ones who live in the desert – are so difficult to get to, that the people have never met a Christian or heard of Jesus.

Poverty: When someone is very, very poor, they have limited or no access to the Gospel. They can't get in a car and go to church. They can't afford a Bible – if there even is one in their language – or electronics that might tell them about Jesus.

Sickness: In some places, people are dying of sickness and disease before they have a chance to hear about Jesus. In areas without medical care, sickness is definitely a barrier to the Gospel.

War: War is destroying many lives in North Africa and the Middle East. When war is going on in a country, it's not safe for Christian workers to go in and tell people about Jesus.

Persecution: Persecution is when people are treated badly or even killed because of their beliefs. In most NAME countries, Christians are persecuted and it is not safe for people to worship Jesus openly. Many people don't want to know more about Jesus because they are afraid of the persecution.

