

This is a short summary of the persecution of Arthur Pawlowski and his church. Given via phone from his Calgary jail cell to his family. Artur Pawlowski has been held in solitary confinement since February 9, 2022.

In 2005, the government declared preaching the gospel, congregating, and giving away Bibles and other gospel materials as prohibited by municipal laws. This included free goods and services, distributing printed materials, legal gatherings in public, and legal signage and banners saying, "Jesus is King" and "Jesus Loves You."

We received over 300 tickets and summons for feeding the homeless from 2005-2015. Tables for feed were declared illegal, as well as barbeques, having materials on the ground, such as crosses. We were charged for standing and distracting motor vehicles where they fed the poor. Almost every service conducted was monitored and harassed by the bylaw services or the police, or both.

We were subjected to over 100 court cases, some lasting as long as 3 weeks.

In 2006, I became the first clergyman in Northern Canadian history to be arrested and criminally charged for reading the Bible in a public park. A number of charges were placed.

Between 2005 and 2015, I was arrested 12 times for crimes related to preaching the Bible, congregating in parks, or for feeding the poor. I had to face, at times, dozens of city and provincial attorneys, and sometimes the general himself with crowds of persecutors. I was forced to relocate my home 7 times.

I had to survive an enormous attack on my rights and freedoms. In 2015, my church finally won. The politicians and lawyers left us alone for a few years. This church feeds thousands of homeless and less fortunate, including working poor and single mothers every single month. We provide these services without any assistance from the government, and we do not receive any tax dollars covered by the government. All the work is done by volunteers and the

food is donated by people in Alberta. For exposing government corruption and speaking about what was happening to me, I have been slandered by the government media and have become the voice of the poor for freedom.

In 2020, the attacks on a peaceful church that houses and feeds so many poor became more vicious. In April of 2020, I was the first clergyman to receive a ticket for feeding the poor. I was told that soup kitchens were now outlawed. From 2020 to 2022, the church has been harassed and fined on a regular basis.

We have received over 40 tickets, had multiple trials and 5 arrests in just a few months, some done by SWAT style operations in the middle of the highway. I, along with others, have been charged with the crimes of inviting people to come to church, officiating an illegal gathering (church service), participating in illegal gatherings to feed the poor, and organizing illegal church meetings.

During the church services, we have had from half a dozen officers on the Christmas service (in which we received 15 tickets) to over 100 officers, gang suppression units, and 52 police cars harassing and intimidating parishioners. In April and May 2021, the church was invaded contrary to Criminal Code Section 176. I was fined and arrested for kicking armed officers from the church.

Right now, for refusing to shut down the church, for conducting church services during protests and feedings the poor, I am facing criminal charges, contempt of court, compelled speech rulings and am being fined with huge penalties.

As I am writing this, I am locked in solitary confinement with no court date after my bail was denied. Everything happening to me and to the church is contrary to the criminal code and the charter of rights and freedoms.

Christianity is on a heavy attack and the government has declared churches nonessential and therefore not protected. About 70 of our churches were attacked and some were burnt to the ground in 2021. Abortion clinics, liquor, and marijuana stores, Costco's, Walmart's, and Ikeas all have more protection than a Christian pastor who feeds the most vulnerable people in our society.

I am currently in prison for standing up for the truckers who did their best to stand up for all of their liberties. From 2005 to 2022, we have been hammered with 16 arrests, over 100 court hearings, over 340 tickets, 3 court injunctions, 2 issues of contempt of court and a compelled speech forcing me to repeat the lies of the government regarding the covert corruption, which I refuse to do again.

We need your help. Canada needs a shaking.

PASTOR ARTUR PAWLOWSKI

CANADIAN PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE