



Christian Freedom[®] International



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GIVING GUIDE

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

"Remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3



WHO WE ARE:

Christian Freedom International (CFI) is a non-profit organization assisting persecuted Christians around the world.

CFI aids, equips and advocates for Christians who suffer persecution from their government, neighbors, or hostile groups, because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Working with Christian leaders and co-workers in repressive and dangerous countries, CFI provides on-going programs in areas of grinding, relentless hostility, and emergency aid as crises flare up.

CFI has worked in countries such as Burma, Laos, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Tibet, India, Indonesia, and has provided disaster and medical relief, food, clothing, Bibles, schooling, emergency supplies, aid to the disabled, vocational training, micro-enterprises, and asylum support.

With headquarters outside Washington, DC, CFI advocates for persecuted Christians with reliable reports from on-the-ground.

CFI is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

HELP PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WHERE MOST NEEDED

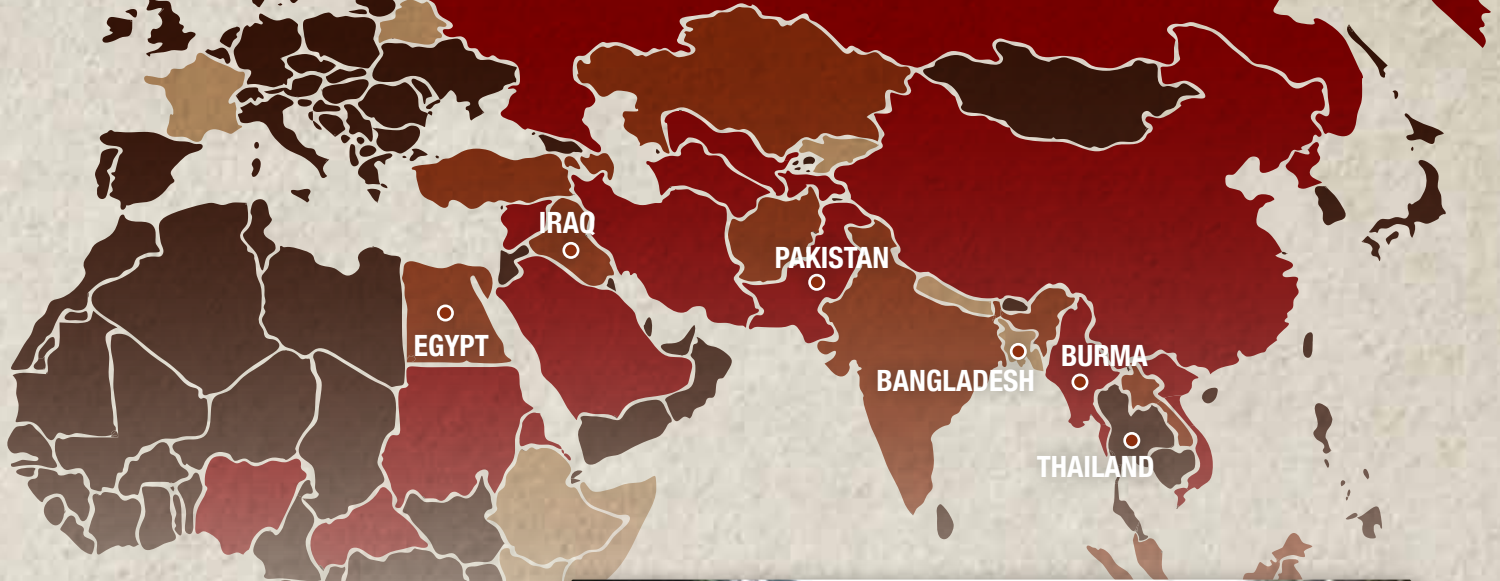
SUGGESTED DONATION: ANY AMOUNT

Many Christians endure not only hostile political and cultural climates – but the threat of natural disasters as well. Families living in perpetual poverty are ill-equipped to deal with earthquakes, typhoons, floods, and fire – or the diseases that follow.

Christians living in repressive regions are helpless to protect themselves when mobs of rioting Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, or local regimes attack them and destroy their churches, or neighbors take their property.

Discriminated against in education, jobs, and society, common life events like child-birth can be life-threatening if Christians cannot access or pay for medical care.

Your generous support to help where needed enables CFI to act quickly when urgent needs arise.



CFI co-workers in Bangladesh rushed to villages to provide emergency aid after massive flooding in 2017. One-third of Bangladesh was under water in the worst flooding in 40 years.



OVER 215 MILLION CHRISTIANS FACE HIGH-LEVELS OF PERSECUTION.

Nearly 1 in every 12 Christians lives in a place or culture where Christianity is illegal, forbidden or punished. *



CFI provides emergency medical assistance to Christian victims of persecution by ISIS in Iraq.

* "The 2017 World Watch List," Open Doors



HELP CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ

SUGGESTED DONATION: ANY AMOUNT

Since 2014, over 125,000 Iraqi Christians fled their homes in the Nineveh Plains from the invading barbaric Islamic State (IS). Many others fled from Syria and the Kurdistan region.

CFI distributes medicine, food, school supplies, and other essential aid to refugees in villages and towns such as Mosul, Irbil and Qaraqosh.



GIVE FOOD AND MEDICAL HELP TO AFFECTED CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN IRAQ

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8



SPONSOR A CHRISTIAN CHILD

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$35 MONTHLY

Christian children in repressive countries like Burma, Egypt, Pakistan, and Bangladesh know the grim reality of fear, persecution, and poverty. Unless someone intervenes on their behalf, many will remain trapped in a vicious cycle as they grow into adults. CFI makes a long-term investment in the lives of these children and young adults through Sponsorships, which provides food, medical care, and educational opportunities, run by Christian leaders or pastors.

Caring donors pledge to regularly support these children's physical and spiritual needs. Donors and their sponsored children may write letters, pray and encourage each other. Your monthly support helps make a long-term contribution to the lives of young victims of persecution.



GARBAGE CITY

Garbage City is home to thousands of Coptic Christians who collect, sort and recycle garbage from throughout Cairo. Children work alongside adults.

Your sponsorship of \$35 a month will help give a child food, clothes, medical care, and more. Most importantly, each sponsored child will see God's love through the compassion of their sponsor.



Pictured is a 10 year old sponsored Christian with his family. He is the breadwinner of his family, and works sorting garbage in Garbage City. But he says he is blessed, and sings Christian songs and prays. His family loves him. And he has a sponsor through CFI whose monthly support assists the small family, and helps him go to school.



PAKISTANI “URBAN REFUGEES”

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$100

Christians have fled Pakistan – with its blasphemy laws, forced conversions to Islam, abductions, deadly beatings, and church bombings – to seek asylum in Thailand and other countries. The Thai government views them as illegal immigrants and have arrested hundreds of Pakistani Christians, including children. They live in limbo and in hiding, as “urban refugees,” while they await years for their asylum hearings.



Pictured above: CFI's school, in a discreet location, provides education for Pakistani Christian refugee children, and jobs for Pakistani refugee teachers.

Prayerfully consider becoming a friend to a Pakistani Christian “Urban Refugee” family in Bangkok through a sponsorship of \$100 per month. Your sponsorship with a persecuted Christian family will help provide rent, food, medicine, and other necessary items. You may communicate with the family you sponsor through regular correspondence.



CHRISTIANS IN DEBT BONDAGE IN PAKISTANI BRICKYARDS

**SUGGESTED DONATION:
ANY AMOUNT IS NEEDED**

Christians working in the brickyards of Pakistan are modern-day slaves, making bricks 12 hours a day, six days a week, to pay back a never-ending debt. Entire families, including children and elderly, must make a daily quota of bricks.

Your monthly support will provide food, Bibles, and essential items for Christian families.



**FOOD AND DAILY ESSENTIAL RELIEF
DISTRIBUTIONS TO CHRISTIANS IN THE
BRICKYARDS**

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25



GOATS FOR CHRISTIAN WIDOWS AND ORPHANS



**SUGGESTED DONATION:
\$100 PER GOAT**

After the beheadings and terrorist attacks, after the media turns to the next breaking news, what happens to the families of Christians killed by Islamic State terrorists?

Widows and children in Egypt – whose husbands and fathers were killed by IS because they would not deny Christ – are destitute. Goats can provide a regular source of income for these families. A small herd of sixteen goats can sustain a small family.

FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

In 2017, Egyptian Christians traveling to a monastery on a desert road were stopped by masked gunmen. The Islamic state (IS) terrorists told them to recite an Islamic creed or be killed. “We are Christians and we will die Christians,” they said, and 28 were killed. “We forgive them,” said one survivor. “I pray God touches their hearts and changes them so that they see the right path.”

One family (pictured) holds a blood-stained garment worn by their father and husband, a Christian killed in the bus attack.

CFI visits, prays with, and assists these and other widows and children of Christian men killed by IS terrorists.



CFI CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND DISABLED

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$55 FOR ONE DAY OF SUPPORT

On the streets of Bangladesh, a Christian with a disability faces a lifetime of harsh poverty and begging to survive. Your contribution helps CFI's Center for the Blind and Disabled offer assistance, shelter, support and Bible teaching to disabled Christians.

PROVIDE A WHITE STICK TO A BLIND CHRISTIAN IN BANGLADESH

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15



CFI President Wendy Wright with a house-church pastor serving in a Bangladesh Muslim village.

SPONSOR A PASTOR

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$50 MONTHLY

Christian Freedom International works in areas of intense persecution, finding pastors, evangelists, Sunday school teachers, and missionaries already serving the persecuted Church in their own area. We verify their ministries, and then come along-side to aid and assist with the resources God has provided to us for that purpose. There are many struggling pastors in the desperately oppressed and impoverished countries and refugee camps where CFI operates. Sponsorship pledges help these hard-working men and women with basic needs, ministry support, and provide tremendous spiritual and personal encouragement.



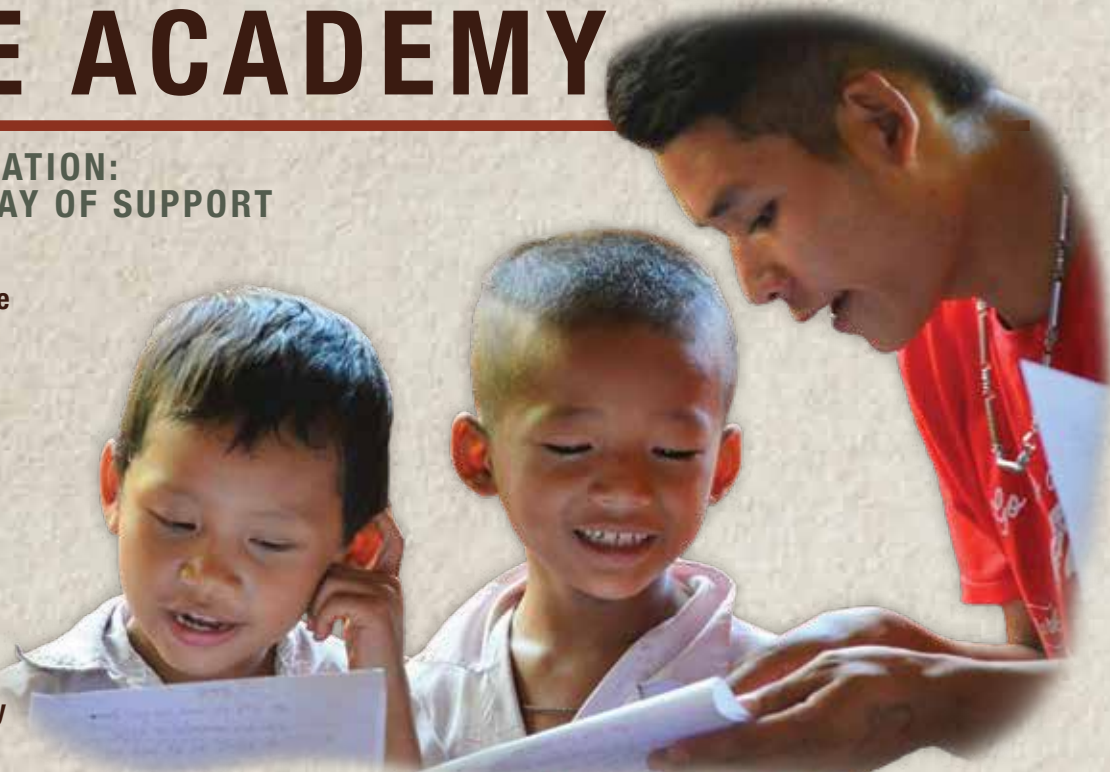
A Bible Seminar for pastors and Christians in Bangladesh taught by Dr. Mike Forrester, a medical doctor and Bible scholar

VICTORY BIBLE ACADEMY

**SUGGESTED DONATION:
\$155 FOR ONE DAY OF SUPPORT**

Victory Bible Academy (formerly Huai Kalok Bible Institute) is designed to train Karen refugees – targeted by Burma/ Myanmar's military government – in Bible and a vocation to be self-sustaining Christian leaders.

They are disciplined to be leaders to their community – persecuted Christians who will boldly go forth to minister to persecuted Christians.



Victory student teaching children at a vacation Bible school



Victory Bible Academy classes – math, computer, gardening, English, silk-screening, traditional weaving, and more – are connected to the Bible. Students enjoy sports and music programs, and learn maintenance as needs arise around the school.

Victory students put their training into practice on mission trips to nearby Thai villages and deep into Burma.

CFI's t-shirt micro-enterprise operates at the school, providing jobs for teachers and students.



Burma (Photo taken by a Victory Bible Academy student)

Burma's military has murdered, raped, conscripted child soldiers, destroyed crops, livestock, villages, medical clinics and schools. The Karen have suffered decades of human rights abuses in the longest current war in the world.

Several students had to shelter at Victory instead of returning home at the end of the school year when the Burmese military invaded their villages.

“A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT”



Karen students at Victory learn traditional and modern textile trade skills of silk-screening and weaving.

You can buy their handcrafted products at: Store.ChristianFreedom.org



Karen students create t-shirts in support of persecuted Christians in Iraq. This shirt is available to buy at Store.ChristianFreedom.org.

FREEDOM INN

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$115 FOR ONE DAY OF SUPPORT



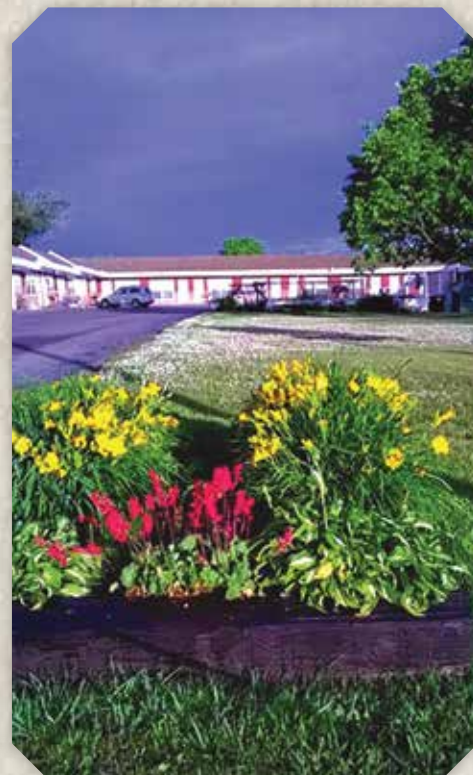
After decades of living in fear and persecution, thousands of persecuted Christians are living in peace and freedom in the United States.

When a resettlement initiative was approved by the U.S. State Department in 2007, CFI worked with former First Lady Laura Bush to successfully convince the U.S. and UN officials to include Christian Karen and Karenni from Burma.

CFI established the Freedom Inn in 2009, a renovated motel in Sault Sainte Marie, MI, to become affordable housing for refugees from Burma.

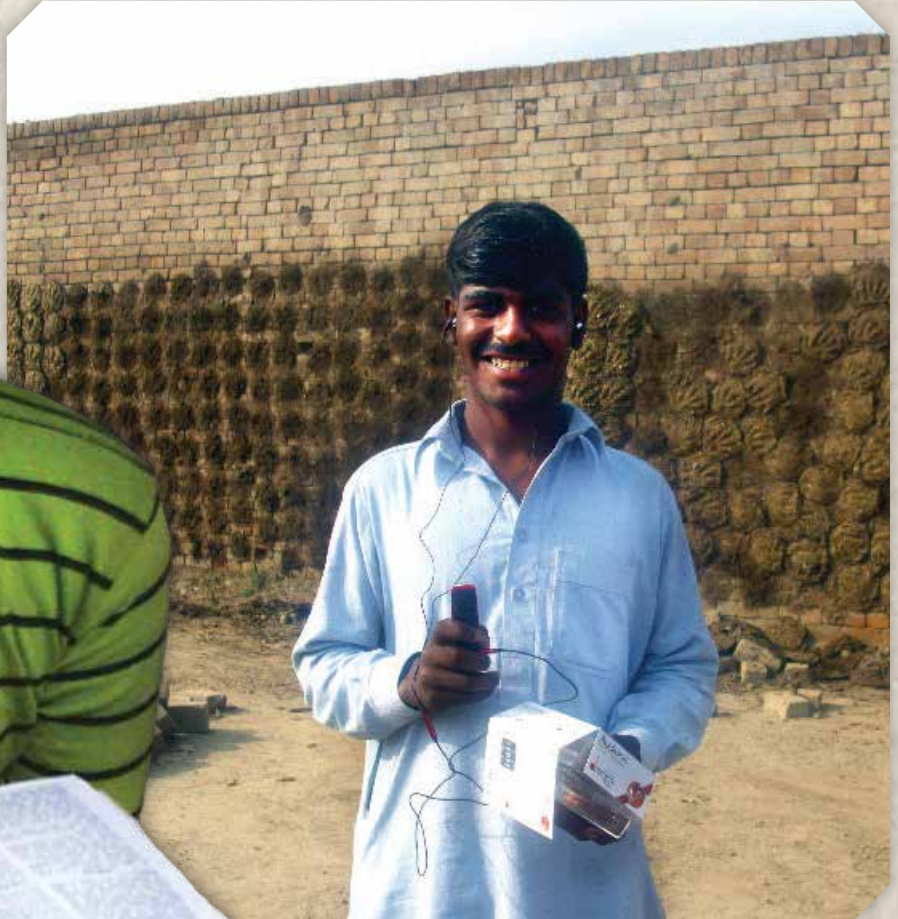
Two ladies (pictured) are the most recent of the Karen community to earn their U.S. citizenship.

CFI's Freedom Inn is a model for immigrant assimilation. The refugee program and local Christians made a monumental difference for the Karen and Karenni refugees to become thriving citizens. Repairs, maintenance, snow removal, and operating costs are on-going expenses to maintain this tremendous ministry to Christian refugees.



BIBLE OR AUDIO BIBLE

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5



The Bible is the best-selling book of all time. It's been translated into hundreds of languages. But for Christians living in restricted countries, owning a Bible can be impossible. As incredible as it seems, the Bible is either too difficult to obtain or too expensive for impoverished believers.

CFI's "Bible Stick" helps spread the Word of God to believers in restricted nations like Burma, Bangladesh and Pakistan. These small MP3 players come complete with an audio version of the New Testament translated in their language for people with little access to the Bible or are not able to read.

Your gift can provide a Bible or a Bible Stick to a persecuted Christian.

VOLUNTEER



Photo courtesy of the Scott family

THAILAND

Can you teach a skill that would be useful for Victory Bible Academy students?

English, Bible, starting a small-business, medic training, journalism, management skills, conflict/resolution . . . what knowledge or skills would help young students?

If you feel God is nudging you to serve short or long term in Mae Sot, Thailand, contact CFI at 800-323-2273.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS T-SHIRT CLUB \$15 PER MONTH



A Victory student wearing a Freedom Fighter t-shirt

Get a unique t-shirt each month to boldly declare your faith in God and support for persecuted Christians.

Each t-shirt is hand-crafted by Christian refugees. The shirts are sewn by Pakistani refugees in Bangkok and silk-screened by Karen refugee students at Victory Bible Academy.

CFI's micro-enterprise program provides jobs for Pakistani Christian refugees, and silk-screening and business training for Karen Christian refugees.

100% of your pledge of \$15 per month goes to refugee students at our CFI Victory Bible Academy, and refugee asylum seeking families from Pakistan.

With your pledge you will receive a Christian-themed t-shirt each month and CFI's newsletter.

The shirts ship directly to you from Thailand. Please allow up to 6 weeks for production & delivery.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER

Download a FREE Church Resource Packet at:
www.ChristianFreedom.org/Day-of-Prayer

STAY INFORMED

The first step to helping persecuted Christians is to be aware.

CFI offers free weekly e-mails, monthly newsletters, and information on our website about Christians who are persecuted and ways to help.

SPEAK OUT

Many Christians are unaware of how severe is the crisis of persecution around the world. You can become a "voice for the voiceless" by sharing with fellow church members.

Pass along CFI's e-mails and newsletters. Sign CFI's petitions (available on our website) to government officials - and forward them to your friends.

PRAY

The first step to helping persecuted Christians is to pray for those who suffer for their faith.

Hebrews 13:3 tells us to "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body."

Whether you pray alone, with your family, or with fellow Christians, your prayers will affect the lives of suffering Christians.

Pray that God will work in their hearts and lives, and give them endurance.

Pray that God will raise up and strengthen Christians in repressive countries.

Pray for those who bravely declare their faith in Jesus Christ despite the risk of harassment, imprisonment, beatings, and martyrdom.

Pray for CFI's co-workers throughout the world.



HELP



KEEP OTHERS INFORMED ABOUT *the* PERSECUTED CHURCH

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