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## PAKISTANI REFUGEES FLEEING PERSECUTION

*"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*





## CFI STARTED A SCHOOL FOR PAKISTANI CHRISTIAN CHILDREN IN BANGKOK...

Held in a safe house, children fill three classrooms to learn math, English, reading comprehension, writing, Bible and much more.

These children and dozens others choose to go to school. It is a source of hope for them and their families.

At school they have teachers, curriculum, hot lunch, and help with emergencies like medical costs. All in a Christian atmosphere and mixed with fun.





Thousands of Christians have escaped out of Pakistan, their homeland, and into Thailand to seek asylum and be resettled elsewhere. But the wait for an interview with the UN to get asylum status can often be 3 years — or more.

Without legal papers they can be arrested, or worse, deported at any time. Children, whose language is Urdu, cannot attend school if they do not speak Thai.

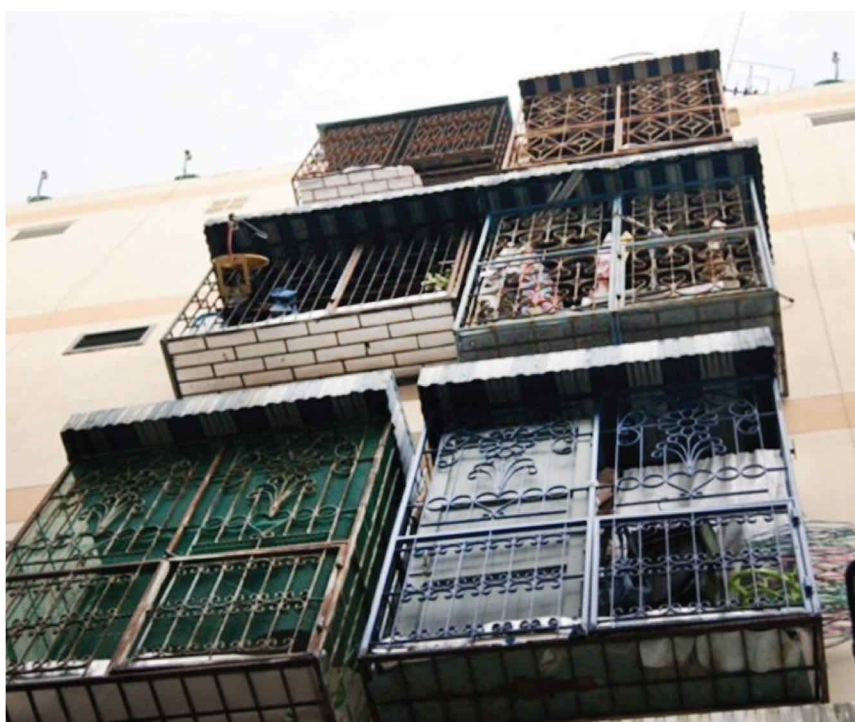
PICTURED BELOW // Care packs are being distributed to the Pakistani Christian refugee families who often do not have access to basic necessities.

Please pray for these families, our brothers and sisters in Christ.



They arrive in Bangkok with only what would fit in suitcases. Now they hide in apartments, sometimes several families in one unit. Waiting for asylum.

Christian children fled Islamists in Pakistan but now live in hiding in Thailand.





# HELP



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& CORRESPONDENCE

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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Pakistani Refugee in Bangkok

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Dear Friend of the Persecuted Church,

They arrive in Bangkok with only what would fit in suitcases. Now they hide in apartments, sometimes several families in one unit. Waiting for asylum.

Christians in Pakistan are targeted by Islamists. Suicide bombers infiltrate their churches, and gunmen shoot those that flee. Christian teenagers are beaten to death in school. Young daughters are abducted into "forced conversion" marriages, and sons to inhumane madrassa schools where they are forced to submit to Islam. Charges of "blasphemy" are thrown at unsuspecting Christian women and men, inciting mobs to kill them.

Would you want your child or grandchild to live like that? Thousands of Christians have escaped out of Pakistan, their homeland, and into Thailand to seek asylum and be resettled elsewhere. But the wait for an interview with the UN to get asylum status can often be 3 years – or more.

Without legal papers they can be arrested, or worse, deported at any time. Children, whose language is Urdu, cannot attend school if they do not speak Thai.

Recently, Christian Freedom International started a small school for Pakistani Christian children in Bangkok. Held in a safe house, children fill three classrooms to learn math, English, reading comprehension, writing, Bible and much more.

Peter is ten years old. He and his five siblings made it to Bangkok without their father, a taxi driver who the government won't give a visa to leave Pakistan.

Aanya, a teenager, has been in Thailand for 3 years. Her older brother works low-paying day jobs to provide food for her family. Her father died and her mother cannot work.

Labia, a little 8 years old girl, likes to pray and wants to be a police officer.

*(Over, please)*



These children and dozens of others choose to go to school. It is a source of hope for them and their families.

At school they have teachers, curriculum, hot lunch, and help with emergencies like medical costs. All in a Christian atmosphere and mixed with fun.

But there is something the children need.

They need Christians to provide educational sponsorships, and to pray for them.

A sponsorship for a child, or for siblings, provides them an education and a safe place - and a connection to a Christian while they are in a foreign land.

And here is a bonus. The teachers and helpers are Pakistani Christian refugees. Scholarships help provide them work, a small income, and a way to serve others.

The teachers and students fled Islamists. But they live with the constant insecurity that they could be picked up by Thai police and put in detention. Or forced back to Pakistan.

Frankly, Christian Freedom International took a leap in starting the school. It is risky in many ways. Taking this on was a step of faith. But that is what faith is all about - trusting God and loving others.

Please pray for these families, our brothers and sisters in Christ. And if you can, help provide an education for these children who have already suffered so much. You can give them hope that they are not alone, and a pathway to provide for themselves.

For Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wendy Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" and last name "Wright" clearly distinguishable.

Wendy Wright  
Director of Global Programs

P.S. Christian children fled Islamists in Pakistan but now live in hiding in Thailand. You can help them get an education, and provide work for their teachers, at Christian Freedom International's school.