CHRISTIAN REFUGEES IN DESPERATE NEED

"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
Thanks to you, this Christian woman in Ashti Camp 1, Irbil Iraq has received aid. [Photo courtesy of Ameer Aliraqi]

BEHIND THE REFUGEE CRISIS

- Thanks to your sacrificial support, CFI is working to bring much needed aid and necessities to the front lines of persecution in Iraq where the need is greatest.
"AMERICA MUST END ITS SILENCE ABOUT THE ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST CHRISTIANS...IN IRAQ & SYRIA."

The United States must end its silence about and tolerance of the ongoing genocide against Christians in Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, and around the globe.

The United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide defines “genocide” as killing and certain acts “committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.”

Extensive and irrefutable evidence supports finding that the so-called Islamic State, and other Islamic terror groups such as Boko Haram and Al Qaeda, not only encourages, but requires the mistreatment of Christians, Yazidis and other vulnerable minorities. This despicable credo clearly meets the definition.

EVIDENCE OF MISTREATMENT OF CHRISTIANS INCLUDES:

- Assassinations of church leaders
- Mass murders and deportations
- Propaganda-style executions
- Torture
- Kidnapping for ransom
- Sexual enslavement and systematic rape of girls and women
- Forcible conversions to Islam
- Destruction of Christian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and artifacts

ISIS’ Own Public Statements take “credit” for the murder of Christians precisely because they are Christian, and express its intent to wholly eradicate Christian and other minority communities from its “Islamic State.”

International consensus has already declared ISIS’ actions against Christians in Iraq and Syria genocide.

The European Parliament, prominent members of both political parties in the United States, presidential candidates on both sides, and the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; groups such as Genocide Watch, Christian Freedom International, and American Christian leaders of a broad array of faith traditions, the remaining Christian leaders of Iraq and Syria—and even ISIS itself-- have all pronounced that the “Islamic State’s” intention is to exterminate these minority populations.

It is past time for the United States to officially support the religious freedom of Christians subjected to genocide in regions influenced by ISIS and other Islamic terror groups.
WHAT YOU CAN DO:

► SIGN THE ENCLOSED PETITION. It’s time we end the silence about the ongoing genocide against Christians and other minority groups in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere.

► CONTINUE TO HELP CFI MAKE A LIFESAVING DIFFERENCE. Thanks to your ongoing support, pictured left is a distribution of much needed necessities for Christians living in a refugee camp near Irbil, Iraq.

► PRAY. Your prayers are crucial to our Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

► SPONSOR A REFUGEE FAMILY. CFI is also active in helping the Christian “Urban Refugee” community in Bangkok, Thailand, consisting of thousands of Pakistani families seeking asylum in a country where they can freely worship without fearing for their lives. Unfortunately, the U.N.H.C.R. in Bangkok systematically discriminates against Christians, making it impossible for them to be granted asylum and forcing them to live illegally in Bangkok slums. Pictured left are Pakistani refugees who have received support from CFI. Pray for Pakistani asylum seekers.

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PICTURED RIGHT // A FRIENDSHIP BLANKET EXCHANGE BETWEEN IRAQI REFUGEE STUDENTS AND STUDENTS AT FRONT ROYAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA

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