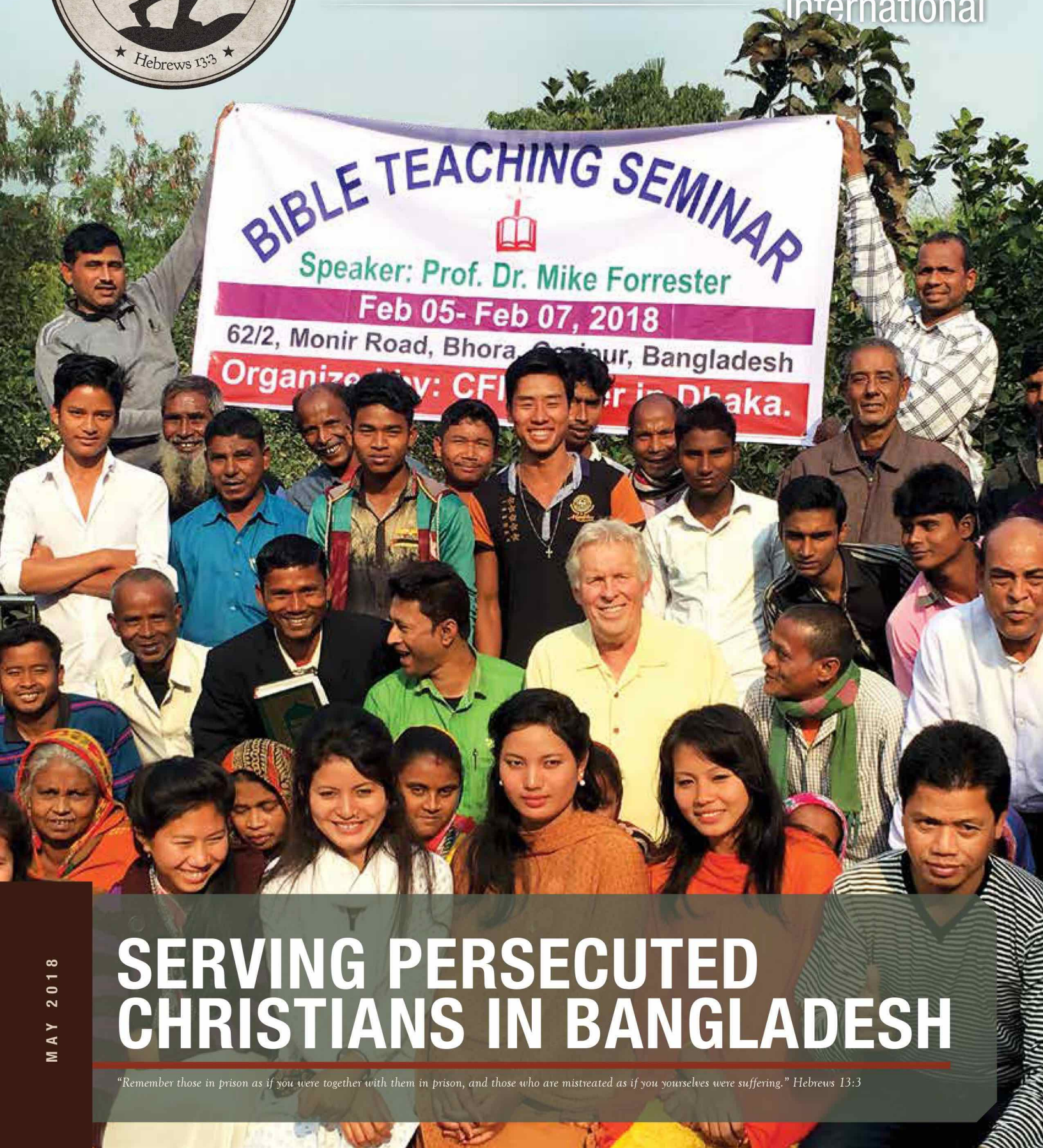


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BIBLE TEACHING SEMINAR



Speaker: Prof. Dr. Mike Forrester

Feb 05- Feb 07, 2018

62/2, Monir Road, Bhora, Gopainur, Bangladesh

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SERVING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN BANGLADESH

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"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



THE FRONT LINES OF PERSECUTION...

Over 110 Evangelical pastors, teachers and theology students came from around Bangladesh – a nation rocked by terrorism and violent protests – to learn from Dr. Mike. A medical doctor and Bible scholar, he taught how to study the Bible – a critical skill for Christians who cling to Jesus in a culture of immense persecution and suffering.

He is famous to them from his visit years ago when he taught on God's faithfulness. This time he also taught on trials and tests, and answered their probing questions for three days.

Islamic terrorists have reportedly circulated a list of Evangelical leaders, converts from Islam, to kill. Bangladeshi terrorists notoriously hack dissenters to death with machetes.





Ten years ago Habel was baptized by Dr. Mike. He traveled far to learn from Dr. Mike again. He lost his leg when Muslim extremists knifed him for converting to Jesus.



After the seminar, Dr. Mike flew to a village to visit house churches and distribute blankets to believers during this winter.

Bibles were given to house church pastors to give to new converts.



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On the streets of Bangladesh, a Christian with a disability faces a lifetime of harsh poverty and begging to survive.

The CFI Center for the Blind and Disabled was forced to move out of the city when the Muslim landlord refused to renew the lease. Please pray that it will be able to relocate to a central location. Pray for a location where blind and disabled Christians can easily get to it, and it can be a safe house for new converts to escape from neighbors, relatives, or fanatics seeking to kill them.

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"He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD." Deut. 8:3

Dear Friend of the Persecuted Church,

Violent protests rocked Bangladesh. Thousands of people clogged the streets as Dr. Mike dodged traffic to catch a plane to a distant village. A bitter political rivalry had erupted, the latest trouble in a country racked by poverty, unrest and fears of terrorism, where hundreds have been killed, abducted or disappeared.

Islamic extremists reportedly have a list of Evangelical converts from Islam to kill. Bangladeshi terrorists' favored method is hacking dissenters with machetes.

A year before, more than 20 places were bombed by Muslim militants. The government deployed the army in some areas. More than 25 terrorists were killed. Christian Freedom International's co-workers didn't move for days, sheltering in their home to protect their lives. Please pray for their safety and wisdom.

This year, Christians made it to Dr. Mike's seminar before the protests erupted. He had traveled from his medical practice in San Diego to do three days of Bible training in this Muslim-majority country.

Over 110 pastors, Sunday School teachers, and theology students came from around Bangladesh. Dr. Mike was famous to them from his visit nearly 10 years before. He had taught the Bible and an "enjoyable session of Questioning and Answering where everyone who seeks God's knowledge asked questions" - dozens of questions, day after day - and "Dr. Mike answered them satisfactorily" straight from the Bible, said CFI's co-worker.

"Our people learned a very new thing," he said. "How God had been preparing His people to be ready to accept the Savior Lord Jesus. He helped our pastors and evangelists to understand

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how God works toward His plan and fulfilled His promise to Abraham."

This time Dr. Mike taught how to study the Bible. "Some pastors, evangelists and students who are studying theology, especially the Muslim background believers," CFI's co-worker said, "get stuck when studying different verses from different chapters of the Bible and they find some contradictions." Studying the whole Bible to discover truth is a skill desperately needed by people who cling to Jesus in a culture of immense threats and suffering.

Dr. Mike also taught on trials and tribulations. Then they were tested - with an exam. Sixty-five percent did very well. At the end, Bibles were distributed to pastors for their house churches to give to new converts.

One disciple thrilled Dr. Mike by showing up. He had passed a cruel test.

Dr. Mike had baptized Habel, a Muslim convert, on his trip nearly 10 years ago. When Habel's neighbors and relatives discovered he had become a Christian, they tried to take his small bit of inherited land and kick him out of his tiny house and village. He escaped from being murdered, but fanatical Muslims stabbed his leg. Doctors failed to save it. He used to work as a day laborer in the fields. Now as a one-legged man, he cannot move freely.

The energetic young man now works in a tiny shop and tells the Gospel to all who come in.

After the seminar, Dr. Mike braved the protests and flew to a village to visit house churches and distribute blankets to believers during this unusually cold winter.

He missed out on visiting CFI's Center for the Blind and Disabled, which moved to a remote area after losing its lease in the city. Please pray for the CFI Center to re-open in a central location where blind and disabled Christians can easily get to, and it can be a safe house for new converts to escape from neighbors and relatives and fanatics trying to kill them.

For Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned between the phrase "For Christ," and the typed name "Wendy Wright".

Wendy Wright
President

P.S. Would you give to CFI's Center for the Blind and Disabled, for Bibles, blankets and the other good work of CFI in these dangerous lands?