



# Christian Freedom International

## PICTURED:

Our co-worker in India, Pastor Karma with part of his church congregation

More than 70 people gather for Sunday service in a tiny, upstairs two-room rented area. It is the only place they have for a church and fellowship. The stairs are difficult, especially for the elderly and those with disabilities. A new Missions Center is needed to provide a place for believers to worship.

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# CHRISTIANITY IS HERE TO STAY AND THRIVE.

*"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*

A map of India is shown in the background of the text box, with the state of Orissa highlighted in a darker shade.

**OUTCAST.** Pictured is a Christian woman with leprosy who lives in a “cage.” In Orissa, India, she suffers for her faith and for having leprosy. She, and others like her, receive food, medicine, clothes, and hope from CFI. The new CFI Missions Center will be located nearby this leprosy colony and will be a lifeline for the Persecuted Church here. The Center will also serve as clinic for basic health care.



# CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN INDIA TODAY

India is the second most populous nation on earth with a population of over 1.2 billion people. Approximately 80 percent of population of India practice Hinduism, Muslims make up about 15 percent, and Christians comprise less than three percent of the population.

According to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, 2015 report, India remains on

a list of countries that includes Afghanistan and Cuba, whose governments engage in or tolerate “the systematic, ongoing and egregious” violations of religious freedom.

Hindus who convert to Christianity have reported more frequent harassment and violence, particularly in states with anti-conversion laws.



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As difficult the Hindu influence has been for Christians, it is estimated that at some point in the 2020s, India will be home to more Muslims than any other country in the world. A recent study by the Pew Research Center predicts that by 2050, the world’s largest religion will be

Islam. India is expected to pass Indonesia and become the country with the world’s largest Muslim population.

This is why it is so important to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in India today, while we can.

**HELP**  
  
**KEEP**  
**OTHERS**  
**INFORMED**  
**ABOUT**  
*the*  
**PERSECUTED**  
**CHURCH**

**PLEASE**  
 PASS THIS NEWSLETTER  
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 FINISHED READING IT.



CFI sponsored children are happy to receive educational supplies from our co-worker in India, Pastor Karma. The new Center will provide a place for training and education for Christian leaders, students, and sponsored children.



CFI president Jim Jacobson inspects the building site with local Christians.



Christians with leprosy receive care packs distributed by Pastor Karma. CFI recently installed a new well here so that the colony will have water for drinking and bathing.

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