



# Christian Freedom International



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## CHRISTIANS NEGLECTED AMIDST DISASTER

*"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*



# CHRISTIANS IN NEED AFTER NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

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# MINISTRY UPDATE:

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

**PLEASE**  
PASS THIS NEWSLETTER  
ALONG WHEN YOU ARE  
FINISHED READING IT.

## SURVIVING CHILDREN OF SHAHZAD AND SHAMA RECEIVE FREEDOM AND ONGOING CARE.



Earlier this year, we shared the shocking report of Shama Bibi, 24, and her husband Shahzad Masih, 26, two Christians who were burned alive in Pakistan this past November.

In a brickyard about 25 miles from Lahore, Pakistan, mob of angry Muslims beat to near-death the Christian man and his pregnant wife for their alleged "blasphemy," then threw them both -- still

alive -- into the large brick furnace where they both worked as bonded servants. The martyred couple left behind four young children.

We asked you, our caring supporters, to help the surviving children of Shahzad and Shama. It was our shared desire to free the surviving children from their bonded labor status and provide a new safer environment for the children to live.



You and others like you responded. Your gifts are making a life-changing difference. The children are free from their bonded status. The family's debts to the Muslim brickyard owner have been paid. The children are free from the brickyards and will never have to work there. They are now living with grandparents and relatives. We continue to provide for the children's ongoing needs. We will continue to do whatever we can for the surviving children of Shahzad and Shama.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Persecuted Church through Christian Freedom International.

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Jim Jacobson  
President

October 2015

Dear Friend of the Persecuted Church,

This past April, a devastating earthquake killed more than 9,000 men, women, and children in Nepal. More than 23,000 people were injured with homes and entire villages leveled.

Nepal, also known as the "Hindu Kingdom," has a tiny Christian minority, comprising less than three percent of the country's 30 million population. Christians in Nepal face much discrimination, harassment, and persecution for their faith.

While world attention turned to providing much needed assistance to Nepal following the earthquake, the cry for help from Nepalese Christians received little to no notice.

Fortunately, CFI has been working quietly behind the scenes to aid our brothers and sisters in Nepal.

Our CFI coworker in Nepal, Pastor DK Sam, reported the following . . .

"I want to inform you of our situation in Nepal after the earthquake. We were in the church service during the earthquake. The wall of our Sunday school and church kitchen collapsed but our children were all safe by the Grace of God. Many churches have been collapsed with many believers and pastors."

Pastor DK Sam said, "Regarding the churches under our ministry, five believers in different areas died in their houses. In total, the homes of 157 believers and pastor have been lost. We are now doing food distribution and rebuilding projects. We thank you so much for the aid you are providing for food, medicine and reconstruction for Christians in Nepal. May God bless Christian Freedom International. We are now doing food distribution as well as rebuilding churches. Please keep praying for us."

Without the assistance of CFI and other Christian organizations, believers in Nepal would receive no help.

Pastor DK Sam said, "I would like to inform you there is religious discrimination against Christians by the government. The Nepal government is only concerned for the rebuilding of Hindu temples, Buddhist monasteries, and Muslim mosques. The Nepal government has no concern for Christian churches. They do not even list them as damaged."

Christian Freedom International is providing aid for food, medicine, and reconstruction of homes and churches for Christians. Christians are so thankful for the help they are receiving from you and others like you through CFI.

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"Approximately 40 percent of our church in Kathmandu has been broken. Thank God for CFI to provide us the funds to rebuild our church and distribute food and aid to our Christian brothers and sisters here in Nepal," said Pastor DK Sam.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nepal. Your gifts of any amount for "where needed most" to Christian Freedom International will help Christians in Nepal and other places where Christians suffer for their faith.

Thank you for your support of the Persecuted Church through Christian Freedom International.

May God bless you!  
Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Jacobson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jim Jacobson  
President

P.S. Your gifts to "where most urgently needed" literally save the lives of persecuted Christians on the front lines of persecution. Thank you for your prayers and whatever sacrificial gift you can give.