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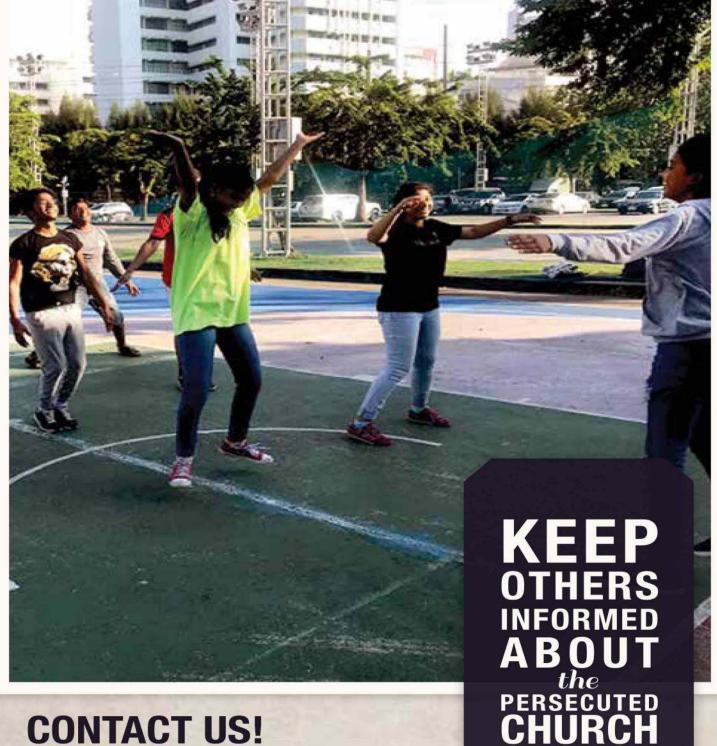
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## Christian Freedom®

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Dear Friend of the Persecuted Church,

A crack-down in Thailand forced Pakistani Christian asylum-seekers to scatter in fear.

They had fled Pakistan - and the threat of being falsely accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death, abductions, forced conversions to Islam, beatings, and church bombings - to reach the UN refugee office in Thailand. If the UN grants them refugee-status, they can be resettled to a safe country.

This can take years. Not all get accepted or can get resettled. In the meantime, they wait in Bangkok under constant threat of arrest or being sent back to Pakistan.

Christian Freedom International gets food and supplies to these families. Hiding in Bangkok, children can miss out on years of education. CFI started a school. It provides education for refugee children - and jobs for refugee teachers.

In October, Thailand began a nation-wide crack-down. The families fled again.

It was too risky for the refugee kids to go to school. So CFI's teachers went to them, finding students in their hiding places to keep up on their lessons. Food and supplies were delivered at night.

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Toilets and faucets were broken. Stains on walls. Rats and cockroaches. Water pump burned out. Few lights.

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Our Director said:

"I gathered the students, bought the materials: paint, lights, toilet cleaners and detergents, trash bins & bags.

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Invited some adult men, gave them all a pep-talk that it is a privilege for us that we get the honor to build this school piece by piece - just like how it should be. Because we cannot leave the future of our children and nation in the hands of others and we begin today by taking charge and by renovating this building for our kids."

"None of the Pakistani people who would come to work asked for any money, but only for food and tea. Both the children and adults happily worked for long hours."

A plumber cost \$50. He reduced his rate - and asked if his kids could attend the school!

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The new location was ready in time for Christmas - and the students put on a Christmas play for the neighbors!

"Our hope was to inspire curiosity in them to learn more about our Christ," they said.

They spread the good news of Jesus Christ - despite their circumstances.

Would you like to help keep the school running?

Here are examples of monthly expenses:

• School supplies: \$50

- Transportation to school: \$100
- Rent and utilities: \$340
- Drinking water: \$30
- First aid and medical emergencies: \$50

Your donations to CFI make all of this possible.

Thank you,

Wendy Wright

President

P.S. Sometimes we have to act quickly - with no warning. Your donations for Most Urgent Needs help in times like this.