



Christian Freedom[®] International

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ANNUAL REPORT

"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



Annual Report: From the President

Dear Friend,

We were warned by Jesus, “If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”

In 2021, Christians around the world suffered for their faith. They were harassed, beaten, imprisoned, their property and livelihoods destroyed. They braved violence – even death – for their faith.

Yet Peter encouraged Christians to see a higher calling in their torments:

“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.”

Our Annual Report describes many of the ways that Christians were persecuted – and ways that your prayers and support helped them. Their lives were changed through your support, and the body of Christ is being built up.

Much of our work gets done quietly. But the impact is eternal.

I pray that as you read this report, you will be encouraged. God is working even in times and places of suffering. And He lets us play a part in His work.

We cannot thank you enough for your contributions. Your gracious prayers and support provided desperately needed help – like the ones highlighted in this report – for Christians who pay a price for their faith.

Thank you for joining with us to serve the persecuted church.

For Him,

Wendy Wright
President



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:1

MISSION & VISION:

Unshackling the Persecuted Church to survive . . . and thrive.

- † *Bringing relief.*
- † *Advocating for Christian freedom.*
- † *Safeguarding persecuted Christians.*
- † *Equipping for Christian ministry.*
- † *Sustaining and Growing the Local Church.*

WHERE WE HELPED IN 2021:

WHERE CHRISTIANS ARE PERSECUTED:*

1. NORTH KOREA	25. SAUDI ARABIA
2. BURMA	26. ROMANIA
3. CHINA	27. UZBEKISTAN
4. EGYPT	28. TURKEY
5. IRAQ	29. UYGHURISTAN
6. PAKISTAN	30. SOUTH SUDAN
7. INDIA	31. SOMALIA
8. VIETNAM	32. CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
9. JAPAN	33. SOUTH SUDAN
10. HONG KONG	34. NIGER
11. LAOS	35. YEMEN
12. CAMBODIA	36. ETHIOPIA
13. SYRIA	37. BURUNDI
14. NORTH AFRICA	38. CONGO, REPUBLIC OF
15. SOUTH AFRICA	39. RWANDA
16. MALAYSIA	40. MALI
17. INDIA	41. SUDAN
18. HONG KONG	42. BURUNDI
19. VIETNAM	43. ETHIOPIA
20. SOUTH KOREA	44. CAMBODIA
21. BURUNDI	45. LAOS
22. HONG KONG	46. MALI
23. HONG KONG	47. NORTH KOREA
24. HONG KONG	48. SAUDI ARABIA

* SOURCE: PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLD WATCH (PCPW) 2021
WWW.PERCUTEDCHRISTIANS.WORLDWATCH.ORG

WHERE CFI WORKS:

BD BANGLADESH	IR IRAQ	PK PAKISTAN
BM BURMA	EG EGYPT	SL SRI LANKA
NP NEPAL	NI NIGERIA	TH THAILAND: BANGKOK (CHRISTIAN REFUGEES)
JP JAPAN	NO NORTH KOREA	TH THAILAND: NONG TOY (CHRISTIAN REFUGEES)

HOW CFI WORKS:

- BRING RELIEF
- ADVOCATE
- SAFEGUARD
- EQUIP FOR MINISTRY
- SUPPORT LOCAL CHURCH

"REMEMBER, THOSE IN PRISON AS IF YOU WERE TOGETHER WITH THEM IN PRISON, AND THOSE WHO ARE TORTURED AS IF YOU WERE ALSO WITH THEM IN TORTURE."
HEBREWS 13:3

WHEN THE FREEDOM TO BELIEVE IS A CRIME

Christians who escaped torture and death sentences for their religious beliefs call for the end of “apostasy” laws.



Mariam Ibrahim, a Christian, was accused of ‘apostasy’ and sentenced to death in Sudan. She spoke at the International Religious Freedom Summit on a panel co-sponsored by Christian Freedom International.

(Photo: William Levi)

Mariam Ibrahim was imprisoned, gave birth while shackled, and sentenced to death in Sudan.

She joined other survivors and experts at “Free to Choose,” a panel held at the International Religious Freedom Summit held in Washington, DC., and co-sponsored by Christian Freedom International.

The panelists urged governments to repeal their laws and horrific punishments for not believing a certain religion.

Mariam was raised a Christian by her mother, but was considered a Muslim since her father, who abandoned her as a toddler, was Muslim. Her stepbrother sought to punish her and found support in Sudan’s apostasy law. He accused her of leaving Islam.

A court sentenced her to 100 lashes and death for adultery – for marrying a Christian man. Muslim women are forbidden to marry a non-Muslim.

“I was not supposed to practice the Christian faith and not supposed to marry a Christian man,” Mariam said, “and the government laws supported” her accusers.

Mariam’s resilience and an international outcry led to her release.

In Iran, Marziyeh Amirizadeh was sentenced to be hanged for converting to Christianity. She spent 259 days in jail, surrounded by cries of prisoners being tortured, denied medicines, covered in a urine-soaked blanket, and forced to say Islamic prayers.

The Iranian government released her after pressure from international organizations. Under apostasy laws, converts cannot openly practice their new faith. They can be arrested, tortured, threatened, imprisoned, and executed.

Over 20 countries criminalize apostasy (leaving a religion) and over 10 countries carry the death penalty.

BURMA/THAILAND: VICTORY BIBLE ACADEMY

In 2021, Christian Freedom International's boarding school for persecuted Christians, located on the border of Thailand and Burma, faced its greatest risks and challenges. Victory Bible Academy also saw greater rewards from years of raising up persecuted Christian youth to serve the persecuted.

A military coup in Burma in early 2021 ignited brutal attacks and fierce resistance in the country. Victory's students and staff - who are refugees from Burma - navigated the spill-over of war along with the challenges of the Covid pandemic. Bombs and bullets shot by Burmese military on villages in Burma sent thousands of refugees across the border into Thailand.

Victory's graduates who had returned to Burma found themselves stuck when the borders were closed due to the war and the pandemic. The closed borders also kept current students from conducting mission trips into the country.

But classes continued for 23 students - and expanded with new subjects. Bible training to be Christian leaders was coupled with practical job skills and survival techniques to live in the jungle or modern cities.

Students were able to serve communities that were struggling from frequent church shutdowns due to the global pandemic, assisting about 2,766 individuals through ministry/pastoral visits. For churches that were open for worship, students helped lead worship, share the gospel, and oftentimes provided hot meals and childcare.

A fire in Mae La refugee camp destroyed 86 houses. Victory coordinated with three graduates inside the camp and with mission groups to provide relief for 100 adults and 200 children.

Two flash floods drove Victory's students to find and evacuate stranded people, as well as provide hot meals, clothing, prayer and counseling to 350 families, representing 2,270 individuals.

On Christmas Eve, tragedy shocked the world when Burma's army massacred and burned at least 35 people in Karen state. Thousands of refugees fled into Thailand with many landing near Christian Freedom International's school. Victory's staff and students were strategically placed and trained to help in the crisis. They gathered and distributed truckloads of blankets, food and water, and cooked hot meals for 15,000 refugees.

Students of Victory Bible Academy responded so well during crises because their training focused on servant leadership. In addition to solid classes on the Bible, students took courses in welding, cement work, plumbing, electrical work, first aid, stewardship, farming, nutrition, cooking, and more.

These courses prepare each student to provide for themselves and to serve others, especially the persecuted.

“Classes of leadership change me to be an example to others, to live a life of truth and grow up in the right things and lose the bad things in the trash.”

Two new projects that Victory accomplished in 2021:

- Repaired 3 churches that were unable to meet because their buildings were in severe disrepair. Their congregations did not have the funds or the proper identification cards to acquire the materials to do the repairs. Victory's students helped a total of 96 individuals repair their buildings to allow the congregations to once again meet for worship.
- Constructed a playground at a nearby school. The school closed soon after due to the Covid pandemic. School administrators kept the playground gate open to allow local children a place to play. The school playground was transformed into a community playground for many children who are new refugees from Burma.

Because of the Covid pandemic and armed conflicts, Victory's annual mission trips – a hands-on final exam traveling deep into Burma's jungles – was adapted. Students assisted local church members through home visits to 100 families. About 600 individuals were visited to encourage, share the gospel of Jesus Christ, offer prayer and counseling, as well as give gifts of blankets, groceries, feminine hygiene kits and other supplies to assist with Covid-relief.

In 2021, 14 students graduated from Victory Bible Academy, taking their skills and servant hearts into Thailand and across the border into Burma to serve the persecuted.

Christian Freedom International provided scholarships for 2 students to pursue nursing and 3 students to pursue training to be ordained as pastors. Each graduate was gifted a SIM phone card to communicate even inside Burma when the internet is blocked.

Each year Victory Bible Academy adjusts to meet the needs of persecuted Christians in the region. Thanks to your prayers and support, Victory is ready to meet the unexpected



Victory Bible Academy's class of 2021



Students learn to make t-shirts at CFI's Victory Bible Academy. These and other hand-crafted items are available on CFI's online store and through our "Freedom Fighter" T-shirt-of-the-month club.



Studying the Bible for a strong foundation

"I thank CFI for supporting our school. Thank you for loving us. I wish God will bless you and watch over you."

PAKISTAN: CHRISTIAN REFUGEES IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

The global pandemic left an indelible impression upon each area of Christian Freedom International's ministry to Pakistani Christian refugees in Bangkok. Yet by God's grace the ministries of assisting Christian refugees with a school, church, and family sponsorships goes on unabated.



"Literary Corner" at CFI's school for Pakistani Christian refugees

School: In 2021, 34 students between the ages of 5 and 18 attended Christian Freedom International's school for Pakistani Christian refugee children. Three teachers taught English grammar, Bible, Mathematics, General Science, Social Studies, and other subjects.

Classes were taught online while the building was closed for much of the year due to the Covid pandemic. Most kids used their parents' or siblings' phones, a few families have old computers, and they shared with other students who live nearby.

Lunches were provided daily and delivered to the students when they could not attend school in person. Allowing refugee children access to school has been an encouraging exercise, giving them the gift of a Christian education, a sense of normalcy, and helping them grow educationally as they learn in a safe and nurturing environment.

Thankfully, the school's doors are back open, and children can physically attend again.

Church: A church of 50 Pakistani refugees is pastored by Christian Freedom International's co-worker and meets in CFI's school building. Christian refugees being held in the Immigration Detention Center were visited and given medicine, food, and clothing.

Micro-enterprise: A small business of producing t-shirts provided an income for 9 Pakistani Christian asylum-seekers. In 2021, around 900 t-shirts were sewn, boxed, and sent to Victory Bible Academy to be silk-screened by students and shipped to Christian Freedom International's customers.

Sponsorships: Family sponsorships brought hope and help for around 130 Pakistani Christian refugees who fled persecution in their country. Each month they received basic food staples such as rice, cooking oil, sugar, salt, along with toiletries including soap, toothpaste, dish soap and laundry detergent. The program is an opportunity for Christian Freedom International's co-worker, a pastor, to regularly meet and minister to the families.



Sunday service at Church of Glory in Bangkok

"Thank you to all who order the T-shirts made by us Christian refugees from Bangkok, Thailand. God bless you all."

PAKISTAN:

Brickyards: Families of impoverished Christians in Pakistan can fall into debt-bondage. They live a life of hard labor, working six days a week to meet a quota of making bricks.

Christian Freedom International provides aid through child sponsorships. Each month, children and their families receive basic food and cooking items, gifts from Christians who sponsor the children.

Twice a month, 37 children between the ages of 6 to 18 are taught Bible, math, Urdu.



Families in brickyards receive food each month through CFI's child sponsorships.



Classes for Christian children in the brickyards

Legal Aid: A Christian couple in Pakistan were falsely accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death. Shagufta and Shafqat spent seven years in prison.

Christian Freedom International joined several Christian legal groups to hire the best anti-blasphemy attorney in Pakistan. In June, a high court acquitted the couple. They immediately left the country to an undisclosed location.

Shagufta thanked "all the international friends who prayed and fought for her case. She could not find words to describe how relieved and happy she was," her family said.



BANGLADESH:

Christian converts in Bangladesh suffer severe discrimination and attacks from their Muslim or Buddhist communities. Most are already intensely poor and vulnerable. By becoming Christians, they face violence as well as being cut off from any support system to survive – except for us, the global church.

For former Muslims in particular, the first threat comes from their own families, then from militant imams who use any means to force them to return to Islam.

Christian Freedom International comes alongside Bangladeshi Christian converts to equip – and strengthen their resolve – to follow Jesus.

New believers in one remote village were viciously attacked by religious/political leaders who beat the women and children, destroyed their little church, and tried to kill the men.

Christian Freedom International found the men – who hid in a jungle for six weeks – and brought the families to our shelter where they lived for months. Our co-workers negotiated and arranged for them to return to their village under the protection of an army unit.

In the midst of persecution and Covid restrictions, Bangladeshi converts never stopped sharing and serving others – resulting in more people accepting Jesus as their Savior.

In 2021, your support for Christian Freedom International equipped Bangladeshi Christians to do:

Bible Training: Pastors, evangelists, Sunday School teachers and students were trained in Bible courses through our network of pastors.

Baptisms: 67 people were baptized from different faiths and castes.

White Stick Safety Day: 570 blind people were given packages of food to feed their family for thirty days, along with White Canes, audio Bibles, and mosquito nets. More than 2,000 people benefited from this program.

Shelters: Throughout the year, Christian Freedom International's shelters provided emergency refuge for Christian converts needing to escape persecutors.

Our safe houses offer comfort to terrified Christians on the run.

At one point, 12 families from one village who were brutally persecuted for converting from Buddhism were cared for at one of our safe houses for several months.

In another area, a young married couple was attacked by neighbors. The wife came from a Muslim family and chose to become a Christian. They were able to escape from death by an angry mob and hid at Christian Freedom International's shelter.



Christians give food and gifts to blind persons on White Stick Safety Day.

Medical Help: A dozen persecuted families who found refuge at our shelter received complete medical treatments for their injuries. Christian Freedom International paid their bills and provided medicines and food to those who were not able to work while recovering.

A blind man, a convert to Christ, who was injured by a car couldn't imagine a way to get surgery for his leg. He said that even if his "parents were able to finance his surgery, they wouldn't be so kind. But CFI was kind to help him get the surgery."

A poor Christian widow said without Christian Freedom International, she couldn't survive. CFI paid for all her medical treatments during the year, including medicines, tests, and doctors' fees.

Covid Relief: 200 Christian families received Covid aid relief packages during the year with enough essential food and hygiene items for a month. Many Christians live hand-to-mouth and were not able to work due to covid lockdown.

"They had no other way to survive without CFI's help," a Christian leader said.

Pastor Sponsorships: 22 pastors and their families were helped through CFI's sponsorship program. Many pastors, already impoverished, face intense pressures from their communities for converting to Christ. Without sponsorships, they and their families would live in unbearable hardships.

Blankets: 350 Christians were given blankets to warm themselves in the winter. Without this help, "some very old believers couldn't survive the past winter season."

Funeral Services: Christian Freedom International paid the funeral services for two Christians. One was a converted believer from a Buddhist community and was considered untouchable, unholy. She was not allowed to be buried in the Buddhist village. Another converted Christian allowed her body to be buried in his place.

Educational Help: 10 adult children who are not qualified for child sponsorships were helped to get admitted, buy books, and pay tuition fees for college/university/professional institutes. Without Christian Freedom International's assistance, these students would drop out of higher education.

Tiny Entrepreneurship: One Christian woman started a small business to buy and sell vegetables in the market with the help of Christian Freedom International. She is thankful because she earns enough to feed her entire family of 6 members.

Child Sponsorship: 29 children were provided tuition fees, educational accessories, food, and medicines. Without Christian Freedom International's child sponsorships, these children of Christian families would likely have to drop out of school.



Ofentimes converts will not get hired due to their faith. CFI provided emergency aid during Covid.



Christian converts who survived violent attacks on their families were given shelter, food, and spiritual encouragement.

Badshah's belief in Jesus came with a cost. When he left Islam for Christ, a radical imam berated and beat him to get him to deny Christ.

When that did not work, the imam accused Badshah of blasphemy. He was arrested, jailed, and alone. Christian Freedom International hired an attorney and Badshah was released.

But radicals continued to abuse him. This took a toll on his health. Christian Freedom International arranged for surgery and medical care for his broken body.

With your support and God's grace, we stood with Badshah in prison, in sickness, and when persecuted. Badshah's faith did not waver.

"It seemed like I was in a dark cave, and went from darkness to light," Badshah said.



Badshah was beaten and jailed to punish him for becoming a Christian. CFI provided surgery for his injuries. Watch a video of his journey at www.ChristianFreedom.org.

"We are very grateful to CFI directors, supporters, and well-wishers for their invaluable prayers, support, and funding. Without the contribution of Christian Freedom International, our ministries won't survive." Bangladesh Christian leader.

EGYPT:

Christianity is legal in Egypt, but discrimination is rampant. Life for Christians in Egypt is one of martyrdom – a daily cross to bear.

Christian Freedom International comes alongside to encourage and connect Christians. Sponsorships match persecuted children in Garbage City (Cairo) to Christians who support and encourage them. In 2021, 38 children received food and items for school each month and wrote charming letters to their sponsors. Aid for medical treatments for a child with leukemia was also provided.

Covid and shutdowns have caused even greater hardships. Every month in 2021, Christian Freedom International provided Covid aid packages for Christian families, for a total of 309 packages reaching 1,236 people.

One Covid aid package stretches to feed a family for weeks – and gives comfort to many Christian widows that their children have food.

One young widow (only 36 years old) said,

“I've been sorting garbage since my husband died, but that isn't enough for our living expenses. Life has become so hard for us nowadays as all the prices become very high.”

“My three children and I thank CFI so much for helping us at this hard time and providing us with the food bag which contain different kinds of food. We really appreciate standing with us in our difficult circumstances and your genuine love to us. May God bless you all and your great ministry.”

A young Christian bride in Egypt faced a dilemma.

Youstina lived with her needy family - her widowed mother and three siblings - in Garbage City. Traditions in Egypt expect the bride to contribute items for their marriage.

Through the generosity of our supporters, Christian Freedom International helped the couple to begin life together.

“I thank God so much for providing me with the wedding funds through CFI ministry. I really thank CFI ministry so much for helping me, bringing a smile to my face and the faces of my family. I ask you pray for my new married life and for all the members of my family. Thank you again for everything, May God bless you all.”



Sponsors provide Christian children with food and school items.

IRAN:

Christian converts are targeted by Iranian authorities who fear Christianity will undermine Islam and the regime. House churches are raided, and pastors imprisoned for “crimes against national security”.

Yet research indicates that the underground church is growing.

Converts who want to become pastors need Bible training and vocational skills to make a living. Christian Freedom International supported a Bible and skill-training center for Iranian converts, with housing that doubles as shelters for Christian escaping persecution from Iran and neighboring countries.

When Afghanistan fell, the training center assisted Afghan Christians who fled the country.

NORTH KOREA:

Kim Jong-un’s totalitarian regime controls every aspect of life and considers Christians the most dangerous political class of people. Anyone suspected of Christian beliefs risks prison camp, torture, and execution.

In 2021, North Korea closed all borders to prevent Covid, making it even more difficult to escape or smuggle in food and Bibles.

Christian Freedom International determined to do what we could despite the challenges.

North Korea Freedom Week: Christian Freedom International partnered with the North Korea Freedom Coalition to expose the regime’s atrocities through a series of events in Washington, DC.

Defectors testified on webinars held at the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation.

The week of events capped off with delivering a letter to the South Korea embassy signed by top U.S. officials. They requested the government intervene to rescue Christian defectors being held in Chinese detention centers. Without intervention, China would deport the Christians back to North Korea.

Shelters: Christian Freedom International works with Christian escapees to provide shelters with food, clothes, and Bibles. At least 20 escapees hid in our shelters in 2021.

Radio Broadcasts: Christian Freedom International funds broadcasts of the Bible, sermons, educational programs, and news from a Biblical perspective.

Run by North Korean escapees, radio waves from the station in a secure location jump over the borders and straight into North Korean homes.

Listeners inside North Korea smuggle information to the radio station. In response to a request to learn how to pray, the weekend programs end with the Lord’s Prayer.

According to surveys of escapees from North Korea, Free North Korea Radio consistently ranks the most popular radio programs broadcasting into North Korea, and the most popular website in South Korea for information about North Korea.



Protest at Chinese embassy to urge the release of Christian families who escaped North Korea.



Radio Free Asia (RFA) interviewed Christian Freedom International on our ministries to the persecuted in North Korea. RFA is a U.S.-funded news agency that broadcasts to Asian countries who prohibit access to a free press - like China and North Korea.

This was a phenomenal opportunity to tell North Koreans - who believe America wants to destroy them - that “American Christians provide rice and Bibles, radio broadcasts, and shelters for those fleeing North Korea, out of love and because we care about them.”

The RFA producer was so excited about our work that he asked for a rice-and-Bible bottle and bought a t-shirt proclaiming, “Pray for North Korea”.

NIGERIA:

Islamists and militant Fulani herdsmen massacre and kidnap Christians and destroy their villages. While Christians are almost half of the population, jihadists like Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province use brutal violence to destroy livelihoods, reduce the Christian population, and eliminate Christianity.

When Christian men are killed, their widows and children lose the breadwinner of the family. Christian Freedom International helped 64 widows, many with dependent children, with training in starting micro-enterprises, financial literacy, and the importance of savings. This benefitted at least 256 people.

They were also given seed funding to begin and expand their small businesses.



Christian widows in Nigeria were trained and equipped to start small businesses.

SRI LANKA:

In this Buddhist-majority country, Christian converts and churches in rural areas are vulnerable to abuse. Buddhist monks accost Christians on their way to church and attack during church services. Christians, particularly vulnerable women, are mistreated.

Christian Freedom International worked with local Christian leaders to provide aid and encourage Christians, and in ways that will build relationships with communities.

One Christian lady faithfully led prayer meetings in her home, visited families who needed prayer, and worked in her church for ten years. Villagers harassed her and threw rocks at her house, damaging the roof. She and her three children needed buckets to catch the water when it rained.

Her husband was alcoholic and abusive. Villagers would incite him to be violent toward her.

She “never complains and she always serves with a smile,” her pastor said.

Christian Freedom International provided funds to build a humble house and give a small allowance to help her and her children. Her pastor and volunteers provided the labor, and a local Buddhist mason was hired as a step toward engaging the community.

Their involvement had a positive impact on the community. Since the construction began, the violence and disturbances ended, and her husband’s attitude changed.

One Christian man and his family are the only believers in the village. “All around, people are very wicked to them because they believe in the Lord,” our co-worker observed. A skilled tailor, he was left without a way to make a living.

Christian Freedom International provided a sewing machine, tools, and fabric and assisted in finding a place to rent to launch a small business in his community.

Sewing machine, tools, and fabric helped a Christian convert to make a living for his family.



A sturdy house for a faithful Christian lady. Villagers would throw rocks at her previous house, made of tin sheets and leaves, causing rain to pour in.



“Some had called me to say they had nothing at all to cook. We pray and bless those who gave these donations.”

Covid restrictions left desperately poor Christian converts without jobs or food. Christian Freedom International provided Covid aid packages for pastors and believers, some with disabled children. Over 152 Christians received aid that was delivered by pastors who comforted and prayed with the families.



Aid for Christian converts during Covid in Sri Lanka

AFGHANISTAN:

The fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban endangered the existence of Christians in the country. Christian Freedom International collaborated with ministries to assist Afghan Christians seeking to evacuate, as well as provide shelters, and medical and trauma support for Afghan Christians who escaped.

INDIA:

Christians face increasingly violent persecution from Hindu nationalists, and severe deprivation from Covid lockdowns. Christian Freedom International gave emergency Covid aid for impoverished Christians.



Children learn Biblical lessons in a country that is hostile to Christianity. The truth they learn now will help them to endure times of persecution.

BURMA:

After Burma's junta overthrew the elected government, Burmese military unleashed violent attacks on ethnic minorities. Christian villagers were attacked and cut off from supplies. Christian Freedom International sent supplies to villagers when it was possible. We provided support to Christian leadership during lockdowns and active shooting, and gifts of blankets, coats and parties for churches at Christmas.

UNNAMED COUNTRY:

Communist authorities restrict and prohibit Christian activity. House churches without government approval are “illegal” and must practice underground. Church leaders can be detained, and their families must pay huge fines for their release.

In this country, Christian converts face pressure, violence, and being outcast by their families and villages. They expect to be persecuted.

Christian Freedom International's courageous partners provide Bible training for children for a faith to endure persecution.

SPONSORSHIPS:

CFI's sponsorships directly connect Christians with a child, a pastor, or a family who live under persecution, or fled from persecution.

By sponsoring one child or pastor you not only impact their life but help an entire family.

In 2021, through prayers, writing letters, and giving monthly support, caring Christians improved the lives of 850 persecuted Christians*:

- Christian children in Egypt, Bangladesh, and Pakistan and their families.
- Pastors in Bangladesh who converted from Islam or Buddhism. Their faithful witness makes them a target for attacks, and they often lose their family, jobs, and possessions.
- Christian urban refugee families who fled Pakistan to Thailand to seek asylum

*** Generally accepted practices count support for one person will benefit their family of 4 - 5 people (including children and elderly relatives). Christian Freedom International uses the conservative estimate of 4 people.**

FREEDOM FIGHTERS CLUB AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE:

Christians living under persecution often lack – or are denied – ways to make a living. This not only harms them economically, it damages their dignity.

Even Adam found purpose in work before the Fall:

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”
Genesis 2:15

Christian Freedom International equips Christians with training and tools to provide a living. We market their products in our catalogue and online store.

Our “Freedom Fighters / T-Shirt-of-the-Month Club” produces a new t-shirt with new designs each month for members. The program benefits Christian refugees with an income, and customers with hand-crafted t-shirts that declare your faith with attractive designs of Bible verses.

The t-shirts and other products are produced by two sets of Christian refugees.

KAREN REFUGEES:



The Karen people are an ethnic group in Burma/ Myanmar with a remarkable Christian history. But now they are a persecuted minority under Burma's brutal military government.

At Victory Bible Academy, Karen students are trained in Christian leadership and vocational skills, such as culinary arts, business, English, silk-screening t-shirts, and traditional weaving.

They also learn how to run a business, manage their income, and handle finances.

At Victory Bible Academy, persecuted Christians are trained to serve the persecuted.

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”
James 1:12

PAKISTANI REFUGEES:



Christians fled Pakistan – with its blasphemy laws, forced conversions to Islam, deadly beatings, and church bombings – to seek asylum in Thailand. They live in limbo as "urban refugees," while they wait years for asylum.

Christian Freedom International's micro-enterprises provide an income and dignity for their families. Christian refugees in Bangkok cut, sew, and trim t-shirts that are sent to Victory Bible Academy to be silk-screened and shipped to customers.

CFI's products are handcrafted by Christian students and refugees. 100% of the proceeds go to their support.

LEADERSHIP:

INDIGENOUS STAFF:

Many dedicated, courageous, and competent co-workers and partners in areas of persecution deliver aid and Bibles, train pastors, provide shelters, educate children, and lift up the name of Jesus Christ under dangerous and trying circumstances. We do not disclose their names for their own safety.

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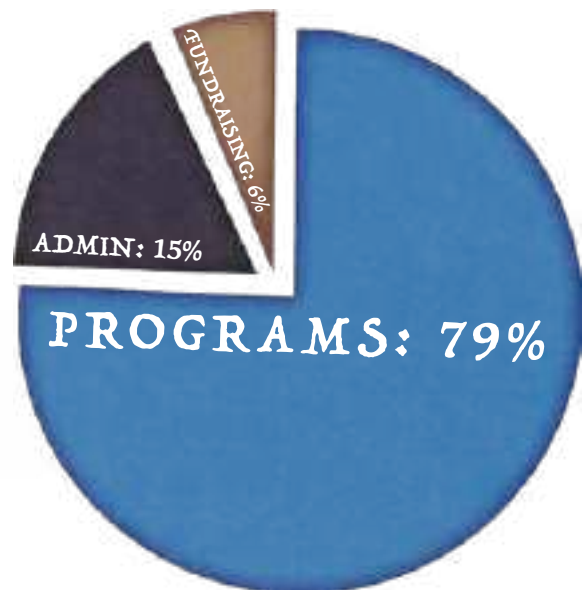
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

2021 Total Contributions: \$1,132,337
2021 Ministry Expenses: \$913,376

Financial accountability organizations have given Christian Freedom International their highest rating:



Total Ministry Expenses:



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