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Annual Report 2025

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10



President's Letter



Dear Friend,

The year 2025 was a turning point. Finally, the horrific massacres of Christians in Nigeria broke into the news and culture as politicians and even secular pundits raised alarms. People worldwide became aware of persecution, and it drove many to ask, “What can be done to help?”

While governments must act, there are some things that only Christians can, and must, do: Pray and act as God’s instruments on earth to support those who suffer for the name of Jesus.

In 2025, Christian Freedom International’s (CFI) Board of Directors visited our ministries in Bangladesh and Thailand. They listened, taught, were inspired – and witnessed firsthand how persecuted Christians are experiencing your prayers and support in tangible ways.

In the next pages, you will see how CFI provides practical help and equips persecuted believers in some of the world’s most difficult places. Ultimately, it shows what God is accomplishing through His Church and faithful partners like you. We hope it will encourage you, deepen your resolve to pray, and inspire you to continue sharing in the work God is doing among those who follow Jesus whatever the cost.

Persecution is real. But it is not the final word. Christ is building His Church, and through faithful partners like you, His light is shining in the darkest places.

In His grace,

Wendy Wright
CFI President

Mission & Vision

Unshackling the Persecuted Church to Survive and Thrive

Aid

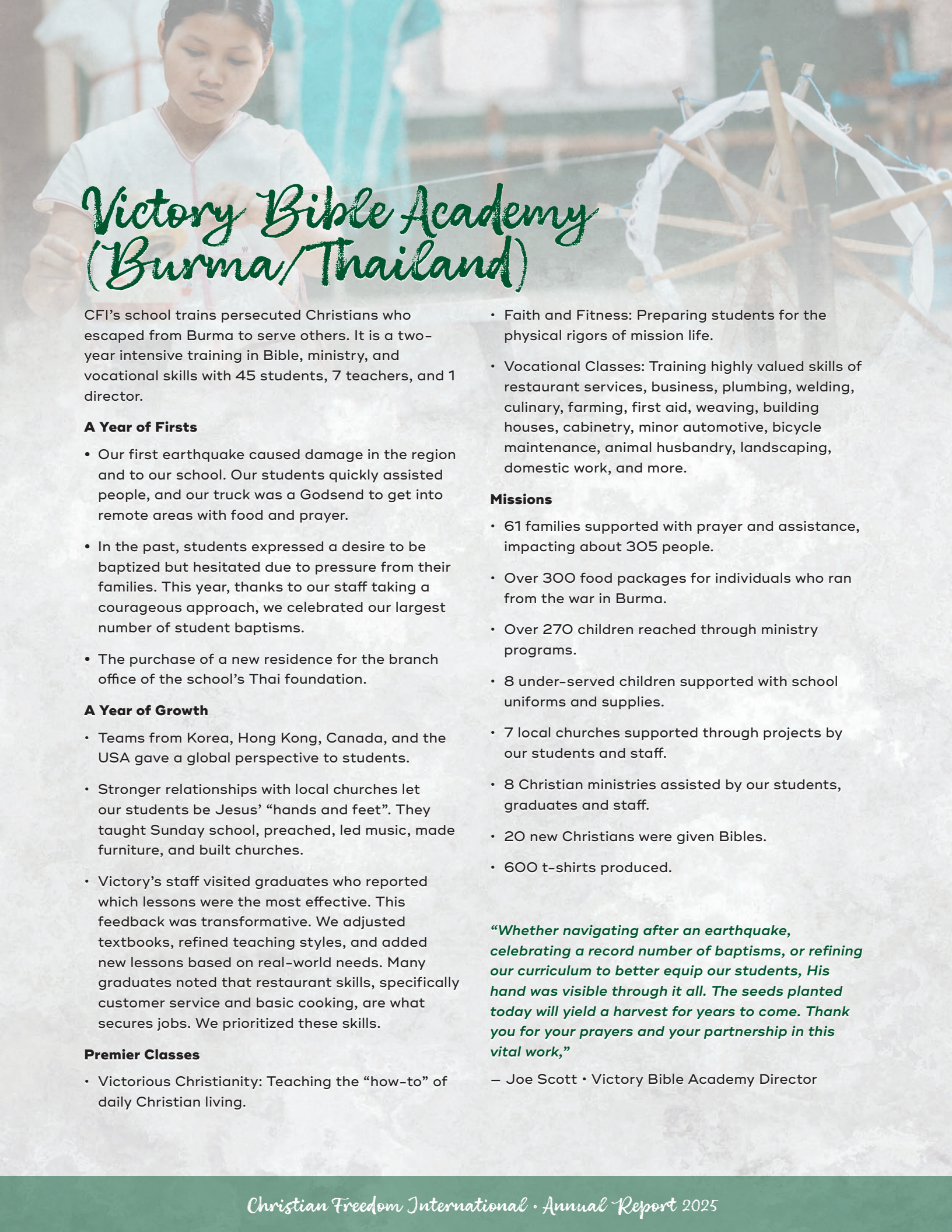


Equip



Pray & Act





Victory Bible Academy (Burma/Thailand)

CFI's school trains persecuted Christians who escaped from Burma to serve others. It is a two-year intensive training in Bible, ministry, and vocational skills with 45 students, 7 teachers, and 1 director.

A Year of Firsts

- Our first earthquake caused damage in the region and to our school. Our students quickly assisted people, and our truck was a Godsend to get into remote areas with food and prayer.
- In the past, students expressed a desire to be baptized but hesitated due to pressure from their families. This year, thanks to our staff taking a courageous approach, we celebrated our largest number of student baptisms.
- The purchase of a new residence for the branch office of the school's Thai foundation.

A Year of Growth

- Teams from Korea, Hong Kong, Canada, and the USA gave a global perspective to students.
- Stronger relationships with local churches let our students be Jesus' "hands and feet". They taught Sunday school, preached, led music, made furniture, and built churches.
- Victory's staff visited graduates who reported which lessons were the most effective. This feedback was transformative. We adjusted textbooks, refined teaching styles, and added new lessons based on real-world needs. Many graduates noted that restaurant skills, specifically customer service and basic cooking, are what secures jobs. We prioritized these skills.

Premier Classes

- Victorious Christianity: Teaching the "how-to" of daily Christian living.

- Faith and Fitness: Preparing students for the physical rigors of mission life.
- Vocational Classes: Training highly valued skills of restaurant services, business, plumbing, welding, culinary, farming, first aid, weaving, building houses, cabinetry, minor automotive, bicycle maintenance, animal husbandry, landscaping, domestic work, and more.

Missions

- 61 families supported with prayer and assistance, impacting about 305 people.
- Over 300 food packages for individuals who ran from the war in Burma.
- Over 270 children reached through ministry programs.
- 8 under-served children supported with school uniforms and supplies.
- 7 local churches supported through projects by our students and staff.
- 8 Christian ministries assisted by our students, graduates and staff.
- 20 new Christians were given Bibles.
- 600 t-shirts produced.

"Whether navigating after an earthquake, celebrating a record number of baptisms, or refining our curriculum to better equip our students, His hand was visible through it all. The seeds planted today will yield a harvest for years to come. Thank you for your prayers and your partnership in this vital work,"

— Joe Scott • Victory Bible Academy Director



Afghans

Afghan Christians who fled to neighboring countries live in constant fear of getting caught and forced back to Afghanistan where they may be tortured and killed for believing in Jesus.

But with God's help, families who are hiding received food, housing assistance, and discipleship each month from CFI. Because of the risks, the believers could not gather in one place for Christmas in 2025. Instead, small groups met in homes to celebrate with food and gifts. "This was a powerful reminder of how Jesus, God incarnate, came into our world. He is

with us in our suffering and understands what we go through," said one.

"Although at times I became hopeless and disappointed by our situation, it is through our fellowship with other Christians and how God provides through His church, I feel encouraged and see God's faithfulness in our lives," an Afghan Christian said.

CFI also helped secret Christians inside Afghanistan. In total, about 115 people were aided.

Bangladesh



After a coup in 2024, prisons were emptied of Islamist terrorists and Christian converts faced more danger than before. CFI provided for Christians who were accused, injured, fleeing persecution, elderly believers abandoned by their families, and disabled. Through these

acts of kindness, many came to believe in Jesus.

CFI trained pastors, evangelists, and teachers to strengthen their faith, family life, and outreach to others. CFI Board members held a two-day Bible seminar for over 100 leaders.

Baptisms and Bibles: 140 individuals were baptized. 350 Bibles and over 150 tracts and leaflets were distributed, helping many to learn about and believe in Jesus.

Shelters & Legal Aid: Four threatened families and church leaders stayed in CFI's shelters, and given medical care, educational support and tuition assistance. CFI assisted two Christian converts who were jailed on false and blasphemy charges, including legal fees, transportation, and

accommodations. These charges are often used to pressure converts to renounce their faith.

Medical, Emergency, & Disability Aid: 20 Christians received medical support, medicines, and food during treatments. 50 Christian families received emergency aid, benefiting nearly 400 people. 700 Christians received winter blankets. On White Cane Day, 220 blind persons were celebrated and given food, a white cane, an audio Bible, and a mosquito net.

Pastor & Child Sponsorships: 29 pastors were sponsored, benefiting 116 people, helping their ministry and families. 16 children were sponsored, benefiting 64 family members, and received school materials, tuition fees, food, medicines, and Christmas gifts and parties.

Funeral Assistance: Extremists at times deny funerals and burials for Christians. CFI paid for funeral services for five Christian families, providing dignity and relief in moments of grief.

Educational Support: CFI assisted 10 young adults who aged out of child sponsorships, and two adults, to get admitted into college, university, vocational institutes, and Bible training. Support included assistance, tuition fees, and learning materials.

Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria face severe persecution. Islamists raid, mutilate, massacre, and destroy villages, forcing enormous numbers of Christians to flee their homes, destitute and traumatized. CFI partners with local Christian groups to help survivors to build new lives.

Child Sponsorships: 50 children were sponsored, providing tuition, books, food, trauma counseling, and Christmas gifts as well as love, prayers and encouragement from their sponsors.

Aid for Children and Victims: 140 children received school fees, textbooks, uniforms and stationery. Over 1,950 meals were provided for 50 additional children, and transportation for 60 students to attend trauma healing sessions. Clothes, shoes, hygiene supplies, and wristwatches were given to students and survivors of persecution, as well as Christmas gifts for 98 survivors.

Treasure Center: This Christian recovery center for victims of trauma and addictions operates with support from CFI. 46 adults were counseled, disciplined, and



trained in job skills. 40 graduated in 2025, empowered with practical and marketable skills. CFI provided a new sick bay room, food and hygiene supplies, staff, a graduation ceremony, and tools to start new jobs.

Entrepreneurship Training: 20 widows and breadwinners were trained to run small businesses, seed money to start up, and mentoring to assist with their progress.

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"I speak on behalf of the parents of these children. You have been a source of comfort, wiping away our tears. We are deeply grateful for all that you have done. For those who support this work, may God bless them abundantly, beyond their imagination, and strengthen them to continue assisting others like us. You have devoted yourselves wholeheartedly to this work, and we have witnessed love, truth, and integrity in all that you do." – Pastor Sunday

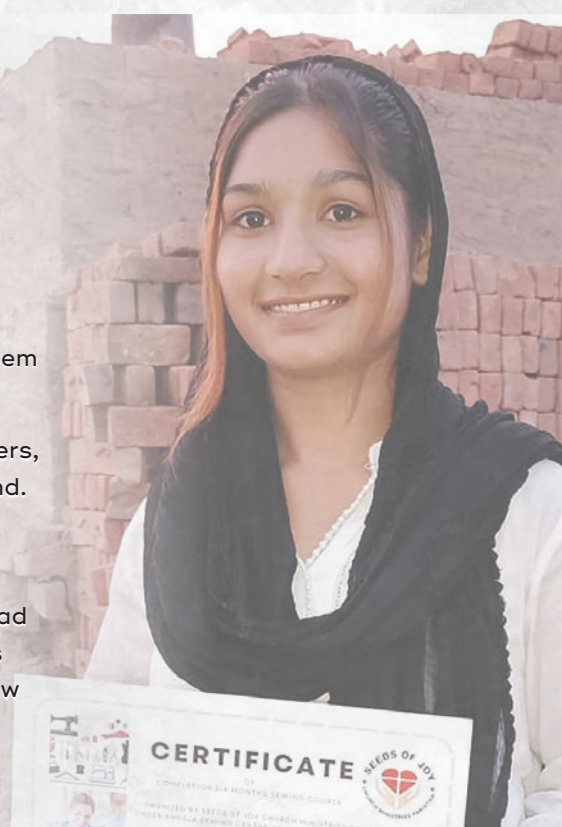
Pakistan

Child Sponsorships: 40 children whose families are in debt bondage in a brickyard received monthly support from CFI sponsors. At Christmas, CFI arranged gifts and a special dinner, and the children performed skits on the birth of Jesus Christ.

Vocational Training Centers: Dozens of Christian women in slums and brickyards were trained in beauty, sewing, and computer skills, equipping them to pursue safe jobs and provide for their families.

Bangkok Refugees: CFI sponsors supported 135 refugees and asylum seekers, giving 372 food and rent packages assisting 31 families stranded in Thailand.

Relocated a New Believer: In a radicalized area near the Afghan border, a Muslim religion teacher came to know Jesus as his Savior. His life changed completely. Along with faith came trials. Close friends threatened him. He had to leave his job. Yet he trusts, "My Lord will make a way for me." He believes God's plans are greater than his struggles. CFI enabled him to move to a new city and set up a small business to provide for his family of three.



North Korea

Shelters: Despite growing surveillance and security measures targeting North Korean defectors and those assisting them, CFI's shelters operated in China, giving refuge for escapees including victims of trafficking and abuse.

Our partners helped guide 38 North Korean defectors to freedom, including 20 individuals who stayed in CFI-supported shelters. Supplies such as Bibles, clothing, radios, and medicine were given. About 150 people passed through the shelters in 2025, receiving protection, assistance, and hope.

Radio Broadcasts: In the world's most totalitarian country, our partners smuggled news and the Gospel into North Korea through radio broadcasts. Programs include:

- Christian songs and weekly 30-minute sermons.
- Radio dramas telling the story of Jesus by portraying key moments such as His birth, miracles and teachings, the cross and resurrection, and the meaning of salvation.
- Daily Devotionals to help listeners apply God's Word to their daily lives.
- Is God Really Alive? A five-minute radio series for North Koreans who have no knowledge of Jesus. Each episode connects to everyday life, making unfamiliar concepts easier to understand. The series introduced creation and the nature of God, the reason for human suffering, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the cross and resurrection, the role of the Holy Spirit, the meaning of the Bible and the Church, and the promise of eternal life.

Egypt

Inside Cairo's Garbage City, CFI provided child sponsorships and pastoral care in a country where Christians live with cruel discrimination.

Child Sponsorships: 49 sponsored children received monthly packets of food and essentials, pastoral care, medical assistance, educational support and supplies, and Christmas gifts. Two children with cancer were given aid for treatments.

Families in Hardship or Crisis: 520 food packages for about 200 families.

"We thank God for sending you to us in our difficult circumstances. I am deeply grateful for your generous gifts. May God bless you, CFI." – Mother of two girls

Sri Lanka

CFI strengthened church-led projects in areas where Evangelicals face discrimination and harassment to equip Christians with practical skills and ministry opportunities.

- A sewing school provided by CFI for a church completed its first cohort of students in a year-long training program. Graduates are taking steps to run the school independently, committing to pass on their skills and make the initiative financially sustainable.
- 42 Christians trained in effective gardening and given seeds and tools to start gardens.
- 32 Christians trained in child protection awareness sessions in their churches.
- After a cyclone, pastors were provided fuel to give aid to 62 families with 237 members.
- 32 pastors were provided fuel to travel to remote areas to disciple and plant churches.

Vietnam

Christian ethnic minorities suffer under Vietnam's communist government which branded several Christian leaders as terrorists. CFI supported over 60 refugees who fled, many who had been tortured and jailed, with essential needs each month as they await asylum.

Unnamed Countries

Child Safety: CFI supports a ministry with churches in two hostile countries to train children to resist trafficking, abuse, and drugs. In 2025, 7665 children received Jesus and 4266 entered discipleship in a local church.

Refugee Camp: CFI helped Christians in a Muslim-dominant refugee camp to celebrate Christmas and show Jesus to their neighbors. More than 2000 people received food and gifts.

"Through CFI, my family worshiped the birth of Jesus with peace and joy in our hearts. Your kindness reminded me that God has not forgotten us in 2025. We could gather with other believers, we sing, dance, and pray without being afraid. My children who lost their father smiled again and I felt hope returning to my broken heart."

– A Christian refugee

Financials 2025

Total Contributions: **\$1,502,789**

Ministry Expenses: **\$1,265,844**

Programs: 81%

Administration: 13%

Fundraising: 6%



Leadership

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"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

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