

CHRISTIANS IN SOUTH ASIA

A PATTERN OF WORLD PERSECUTION



**SUFFERING CHURCH
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hope and aid for the persecuted church

The Barnabas Fund Distinctive

What helps make Barnabas Fund distinctive from other Christian organisations that deal with persecution?

WE WORK BY:

- directing our aid only to Christians, although its benefits may not be exclusive to them ("As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10, emphasis added)
- aiming the majority of our aid at Christians living in Muslim environments
- channelling money from Christians through Christians to Christians
- channelling money through existing structures in the countries where funds are sent (e.g. local churches or Christian organisations)
- using the money to fund projects that have been developed by local Christians in their own communities, countries or regions
- considering any request, however small

WE SEEK TO:

- acting as equal partners with the persecuted Church, whose leaders often help shape our overall direction
- acting on behalf of the persecuted Church, to be their voice – making their needs known to Christians around the world and the injustice of their persecution known to governments and international bodies
- meet both practical and spiritual needs
- encourage, strengthen and enable the existing local Church and Christian communities – so they can maintain their presence and witness rather than setting up our own structures or sending out missionaries
- tackle persecution at its root by making known the aspects of the Islamic faith and other ideologies that result in injustice and oppression of non-believers

WE BELIEVE:

- inform and enable Christians in the West to respond to the growing challenge of Islam to Church, society and mission in their own countries
- facilitate global intercession for the persecuted Church by providing comprehensive prayer materials
- we are called to address both religious and secular ideologies that deny full religious liberty to Christian minorities – while continuing to show God's love to all people
- in the clear Biblical teaching that Christians should treat all people of all faiths with love and compassion, even those who seek to persecute them
- in the power of prayer to change people's lives and situations, either through grace to endure or through deliverance from suffering

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our Father in heaven

Thank You that You are the Lord who provides and that You meet all our needs, in ways that we often do not recognise.

We pray for all those who are suffering harassment, discrimination and persecution for their faith in You, O Lord. We pray that You will give them daily strength to endure their pain, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. Today, we think particularly of those who have been left homeless because of persecution and violence. We pray that they will remain steadfast in their faith and seek Your face in their trials, and that You will meet them in their time of need.

Lord Jesus, help us to remember to give thanks for all that You have provided for us and to remember our responsibility to provide for other members of Your family.

We give thanks for Your faithful people in South Asia, who endure so many different forms of persecution from all sides. Thank You that Barnabas Fund is working to provide houses for Christians in that area, and we pray that You will give clear direction in how You want this work to be carried out.

In Jesus' Name
Amen

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I/We would like to receive regular news and prayer information about the persecuted Church

Please find enclosed our/my gift of for the suffering Church to be used:

Where it is most needed

For the "Homes for Homeless Christians in South Asia" project (ref 00-977)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of church:

**"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

Please tear off and send to your nearest Barnabas office with your gift

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