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I’m old enough to have spent large chunks of my life without technology, exploring the world as a kid through college age without a cell phone. Information was not readily available at the tips of my fingers. A school research project meant a trek to the library.

But as the years have gone by, I’ve also witnessed incredible technological advances that connect us like never before. It’s truly an amazing time to witness the technological revolution at this point in history.

Like most tools in the hands of mankind, however, the devil found a way to quickly hijack and manipulate. The same online platforms that gave us new and exciting ways to communicate and find information brought unimaginable expressions of hate and evil.

The same social media tools we use to share the gospel and find churches, also displayed the underbelly of our culture and lost souls.

At ICC, we use technology to connect Christians in the most dangerous parts of our planet. Useful encrypted apps help our staff communicate with and support church planters. The Bible can even be smuggled into North Korea on USB drives. And we can document abhorrent acts of persecution through YouTube using photos of attacks and cell phone videos from those on the scene.

That same technology, however, can be used to target believers.

We recently told you about a 20-year-old woman in Egypt who was killed by her Muslim family because she sang a Christian song on TikTok: https://bit.ly/3Jarq6. We also shared the story of a member of the Finnish parliament who faces charges of ‘hate speech’ after defending the biblical definition of marriage on Twitter.

In this issue, we shed light on this alarming trend, from Big Brother China and all it does to suppress pastors and its citizens, to recent arrests in Egypt, and other forms of online persecution.

Like you, we will continue to use technological tools for the greater good, to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior.

In Him,

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YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK
ICC’S ONGOING INITIATIVES

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE FOR BELIEVER IN EGYPT

In Egypt, Omar worked as a treasurer in a public school to support his family. Last year, the headmaster of the school reported a sum of stolen money and falsely accused Omar as the thief. The headmaster of the school gathered the Muslim teachers and began insulting him, saying, “That’s a shame to assign a Coptic (Christian) teacher to treasury duties!”

Omar was suspended from his position and forced to pay the sum of money to the school. As a result, he had to take out a loan, which he is struggling to afford.

In order to keep afloat, he found work on a farm where he gained experience raising livestock. ICC purchased a cow for Omar so that he can earn his own income and support his family without fear of repercussions from his Muslim coworkers.

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

With your help, ICC rescued Afghan Christians in danger following the rise of the Taliban. One family we helped included a pregnant wife who went into labor while hiding from the Taliban. ICC assisted with financial support for medical care, winter clothing, and a more secure place to stay for the family.

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BIKES AND BIBLES

ICC equips church planters in rural India with Bibles and bicycles to support and expand their ministry. One pastor reported, “We had to face a great deal of difficulties during nights for lack of transport...The help from ICC was a great relief for the ministry and to all our [pastors]... We feel so blessed and touched by the support of ICC.”

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MAY 2022
Prior to finding Christ, Andrew was addicted to drugs for 10 years, beginning in high school. Eventually, he became a powerful drug dealer in his town who recruited others to join his business. As time passed, he was expelled from school and became more heavily involved in crime.

The regular drug use eventually began to affect Andrew’s brain function, leading to memory loss and stress disorders. He also suffered from numerous heart attacks and strokes. Beginning in 2016, night after night, Andrew began to have terrifying nightmares. While he couldn’t understand their meaning, he called out for Jesus.

While his dreams convicted him, Andrew still wasn’t sure what to do. Even though Jesus had rescued him in his dreams, Andrew decided to convert to Islam and eventually changed his name to Mohammed. However, he still couldn’t find peace of mind, and continued selling drugs and ignoring signs from God.

Finally, in December 2017, a pastor came to the slum where Andrew was working. However, Andrew was surrounded by his gang and knew the dangers involved in converting to Christianity. Under the darkness of night, Andrew met with the pastor and turned his life over to Christ. Eventually, Andrew was designated as a full-time worship leader.

Today, Andrew’s dream is to preach the Word both through word of mouth and through music. He composes music to reduce the risk of being attacked through street preaching. ICC came alongside him to provide him with a computer, speakers, headsets, a microphone, and more for him to open his own music studio. The studio will be a means of evangelizing to the community since many youths gather at the studio and this will give Andrew an opportunity to speak to them regardless of their music interests. The studio will also be Andrew’s source of income since many other artists will pay to record their music in his studio.

Andrew expressed, “I thought this was a joke and could not believe this…I am seeing God’s hand in my life. It’s indeed a blessing to serve God. Let me hope that I am not dreaming that we are purchasing all of this for me…I really thank ICC because I had not expected this in the near future, but it has also come to pass.”
“Make sure you remain a lover of the world, for ‘God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,’” the pastor cautioned the newly ordained, bright-eyed American ministers about to embark on their own domestic ministry work. Her words brought to mind a church planter in India, Pastor Vinod, whose ministry work deeply embodies John 3:16.

Pastor Vinod comes from a strict Hindu family that was highly devoted to idol worship and other related practices. Though his parents were busy with six children, Vinod felt a deep love from his father. While Vinod was still in school, his father died, leaving him completely shattered. “I developed so much negativity towards life and had many questions. I went on knowing life with so many bad habits, realizing I had no peace and there was no one to love me.”
He grew up and life went on. But in 1977, Vinod encountered Christians and listened to their Bible studies. “The teachings of Jesus were very attractive; I was given a New Testament. Curiosity grew when I read John 3:16, and later was led in prayer by a Christian friend. I felt newness in my heart, and my pain slowly started departing.”

Living as a Christian in India has never been easy, but things have become extremely challenging in certain states over the past several years. Vinod lives in the state of Uttar Pradesh, where Christians are the most heavily persecuted. The Chief Minister is an extreme right-wing Hindu nationalist, and under his leadership he has popularized a brand of anti-Christian legislation known as anti-conversion laws. Any Christian practicing their faith openly risks being charged under this law, which is meant to keep Hindus from converting to Christianity.

Pastors doing outreach are particularly at risk, but this does not deter Pastor Vinod. “I face opposition from the radical Hindu nationalists; the frequency has now increased after the new anti-conversion law enacted in the state two years ago.” Vinod has been sharing the gospel since the year 2000, but it was this law which inspired him to do more focused outreach. ICC supplied him with a bike and Bibles so that he could reach more people. He has consequently established 10 fellowships in the last two years, even while being infected with COVID-19 on five different occasions. “I am thankful that God has protected me in the midst of so much fear of virus and sickness.”

Vinod’s pastoral ministry embodies a love for the world as described in John 3:16. His ministry work on the front line serves as a stark reminder that even when the world does everything to discourage loving Christ, Jesus still calls us to love the world.

OPPOSITE: Today, Pastor Vinod ministers to 10 different fellowships across one of the most difficult states in India.

TOP: Many pastors travel between their churches on bicycles.

BOTTOM: Pastor Vinod grew up with five siblings, and a Hindu father.
REJOICING IN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Hope House teaches Sandra about the gospel while equipping her for a successful future.

Eleven-year-old Sandra Magdi joined the Hope House child sponsorship program at the end of 2021. She is one of a few hundred students who receive supplemental education at an ICC Hope House center in Egypt, a program created to serve disadvantaged Christian youth and break the cycles of generational persecution that leave students like Sandra without a clear future.

Several years ago, Sandra’s mother passed away. Her father, who works as a plumber, lives outside of the village and sends money home to care for his children, leaving Sandra and her two brothers to live with their grandmother. Her grandmother commented on her granddaughter’s personality, saying, “Sandra is calm and obedient. The discipleship [at the center] has affected her and when she comes home, she tells the story of Youssef (Joseph), who forgave his brothers.”

Though her father lives and works far from home, Sandra rarely is able to travel outside her local village. A recent field trip with Hope House allowed Sandra to cultivate and grow her appreciation for the world around her. The excursion led the students of Hope House to a retreat center, where they were able to play outside and grow in fellowship with their peers, mentors, and teachers.
Sandra shared, “I was very happy on the trip and the place was new and I liked it. The whole day was beautiful, and I hope we go again.”

As Sandra starts to wind down on her first semester at Hope House, she reflected on her growth in the past few months. She learned how to study and how to problem solve when questions are beyond her knowledge and abilities. Sandra’s test scores show she performs only slightly behind her peers who have attended the center for some time. She commented, “All the [national] exams were easy. There were a lot of questions on the Arabic exam, but I solved them well.”

Hope House seeks to equip children like Sandra with a solid educational background to prepare her for whatever her life may hold. Hope House and the child sponsorship program provide crucial education that Christian children likely would not receive in their public schools, where they often face discrimination and poor educational encouragement.

Sandra’s participation in the child sponsorship program supports not just her continued education, but also her physical health, financial needs like school fees, and nutritional needs via monthly food packages for the family. Hope House also established a discipleship program where Sandra can learn more about the Bible alongside her peers with a mentor who invests in her spiritual growth.

Partner with ICC
Would you consider partnering with ICC to help fight generational persecution that Christians in Egypt face?

To learn more about ICC’s Hope House or provide a financial gift, please visit www.persecution.org/initiatives/hope-house/. To inquire about sponsoring a child, contact ICC at icc@persecution.org.
PERSECUTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Christians must get creative online to build the church

By Hannah Campbell

Forms of persecution are as creative as the human mind. While technology has the power to unite the world, there's a much darker side where technology is used as a tool to persecute.

Throughout the ages, persecution has kept up with the grim trends and methods of its time. In the age where everything is continuously moving online, persecution is making its way into the dark corners of cyberspace.

Social Media

Sharing news and personal opinions has never been easier. With the click of a button, a countless number of people can see a user's family photos, political leanings, and religious beliefs. For some, persecution is a result of Christians merely speaking their mind.

Egyptian law is supposed to protect certain faiths, including Christianity, but often unfairly targets believers. On social media, those who post about their faith are met with prison sentences of up to five years.

Communication Platforms

Cell phones, news outlets, and messaging apps build bridges over oceans and break through cultural barriers. These transatlantic forms of communication also break news and bring direct aid to the suffering. ICC uses many messaging platforms with its international staff to build and bandage the persecuted church.

Victims of gruesome attacks, such as the 2013 All Saints Church bombing in Pakistan, use these platforms to show the world the atrocities of the attacks while urging for compassion for the victims.

Surveillance

Communist regimes are fascinated with the surveillance of its population. While the Great Wall of China was built to keep enemies out, the Great Firewall of China was built to keep the truth out and the CCP’s “truth” within the digital walls.

Even though underground church leaders go to great lengths to hide their content from the spying eyes of the government, they still face severe consequences if caught, ranging from fines to prison sentences.

Where to Next?

Though crucifixion, stoning, and other public executions rarely make modern headlines, a new form of public persecution is happening online. What's supposed to be a tool to unite the world is instead used to exile, fine, and imprison Christians sharing their faith.

As technology evolves, so does digital persecution. What lies in store for Christians in the next decade? The next century? The next millennium?
Egypt’s 1981 blasphemy law, noted in Article 98 (f) of the Penal Code, criminalizes the “defamation of religions” and “ridiculing or insulting a heavenly religion.” Though technically protecting the slander of the three Abrahamic faiths—Christianity, Islam, and Judaism—the majority of those charged under the law are Christians. The vague wording of the law allows accusers and judges to manipulate charges against those with whom they disagree.

Though Egypt’s blasphemy law does not allow for the death penalty as in other Middle Eastern countries, convictions can carry a sentence of six months to five years. However, history has shown that it may take years before Egypt’s legal system hands down a verdict.

A Bias of Posts

Authorities held human rights activist and Coptic Christian, Patrick Zaki, in pretrial detention for nearly two years before his release earlier this year. Zaki still faces trial for “spreading false news” regarding an article he wrote detailing the discrimination he faced in his daily life as a Coptic in Egypt. In another case, a Christian who posted an image of God, the angel Gabriel, and a verse from the Quran on Facebook was sentenced to prison for 27 months. Egyptian authorities and courts held him for 544 days later than his originally scheduled release date. For some, persecution comes as a result of merely speaking their mind about the reality of life for Christians.

For others, the blasphemy laws in Egypt allow for the fabrication of charges against Christians, with the accuser knowing that the legal system favors them. Maher, who is

Social Media Makes Christians Easy Targets When Radical Acquaintances Seek to Persecute Them.
currently imprisoned on blasphemy charges, had his Facebook hacked just days after a disagreement with his employer, the mayor. His profile showed an image of a sheep and the prophet Mohammed, leading locals to attack Maher’s house and sons. Authorities released Maher’s attackers soon after the incident. Courts later convicted Maher on blasphemy charges, leaving his wife and children alone and vulnerable to the enraged community.

**Unlawful Protection**

Social media makes Christians easy targets when radical acquaintances seek to persecute them. Egypt’s societal structure favors Islam and, although Christians comprise the largest minority in the country, Christians are unable to freely express their thoughts. Copts suffer unjustly under false blasphemy accusations and often bring additional hardship to any other Christians living in their community as extremists punish the community, not just the individual. Even still, the families of those accused of blasphemy must often relocate to safer neighborhoods, fearing retribution from radical neighbors.

**OPPOSITE:** An Egyptian Christian sits in a cyber cafe, which allow customers to access the internet.
THE VOICES HEARD
AROUND THE WORLD

Victims of a brutal attack on a church speak about the impact of media coverage.

By Claire Evans

The voices of persecution victims are often defined by their suffering. We hear people's stories at the absolute lowest point of their lives. Often, their crying words are the first and last we hear from them. But, their words live on.

Videos circled the internet which showed the destruction from the attack, and the grief of the survivors was displayed to the world. The worst moments of their lives were broadcast to everyone. What happens when the headlines move on and families are only left with the memories of what once was?

Looking back years later, many of those families that lived through the attack recall feeling as if their privacy was invaded. "In the beginning, it felt like we were exposed to the whole world… it didn't feel good," recalled one.

Another added, "When the All Saints blast took place, the massacre reached international boundaries too. We were asked to share our personal views about it. Something which we did not share even amongst our own family members was asked from us to be shared by the masses. A difficult thing in my view."

Many of those impacted by the attack routinely expressed similar feelings. Some shared a feeling of being exploited, as strangers came to take pictures and ask questions at a time when they felt a need for privacy. Most of those strangers never offered help. But that didn't mean help never came.

"It was a [devastating] situation for us; we were helpless," shared one individual. "My sister was severely injured and her treatment wasn't available in Pakistan. It is all due to technology that her picture went viral and she was offered treatment in Australia. If it had not been for technology or social
media, we would have lost her. For me and my family, technology has saved our lives.”

Another added, “Later, we realized if all of those [non-governmental organizations] had not taken our photos, taken our views and comments, how would that outside world have known what we went through or what our needs were or how vulnerable we were after the attack?”

Such comments reflect the reality that awareness always comes before assistance can be organized and delivered. The invasive nature of the media can leave survivors feeling victimized all over again, making it important for ethical journalism to be paired with helping victims access resources which provide assistance. Particularly in cases where the incident has a life-long impact, it is important that the assistance matches the need.

ICC has been serving among the All Saints community since the 2013 attacks, a commitment particularly made on behalf of the widows and orphans. As one beneficiary explained, “ICC helped us in our most vulnerable time and has been consistent for the last nine years. I would say that because of technology, our story [has] reached around the globe. ICC took care of me and my family, financially and morally.”

“Me and my four siblings felt helpless when ICC approached us. I believe that it is due to the advancement of technology that our story reached people all over the world. All of my siblings are getting a good education which had only become possible because our voices were heard in places we couldn’t reach ourselves. I am grateful to technology for becoming the bridge between us and the outside world,” another added.

“It is all because of technology our voices were heard all over the world.”

- All Saints Church bombing survivor
As the 2022 Winter Olympics helped to demonstrate, China is notorious for its extreme censorship of online content, particularly any information that criticizes the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP). In fact, all content on the internet must pass through China’s Great Firewall, which filters out banned or censored material before it can be accessed.

Not only are Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Wikipedia, and some Google services blocked or limited, but families of Chinese persons who post dissenting content abroad are frequently arrested to pressure the owner of the post to take down the content.

In particular, religious content—frequently deemed as subversive to the state—on the internet is severely restricted and punished.

In March, new regulations from the Chinese State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) went into effect which further prohibit sharing religious content on the internet without prior government approval.

Now, unregistered churches and individuals cannot preach or provide religious education, broadcast religious rites, or share religious articles, pictures, or recordings.

Previously, most of these activities were already restricted or penalized, but because the new regulations codify existing punishments, some Christians are wary of what this means going forward.

To circumvent censorship, many Christians and church leaders have taken measures to avoid detection, though they are not always successful.

Some churches have set up Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) that do not route information to be sent through the Great Firewall, but VPNs are expensive and complicated to set up and maintain. VPNs were also recently banned, and you can be fined for using one.

However, it’s still possible to communicate religious content online. Popular messaging apps Weibo and WeChat are censored, so Christians frequently abbreviate banned words such as Jesus, Christian, and Christianity with the letters “JD,” which comes from the Chinese word for Christ, ji du.

If someone actually sends a blocked word, their account can be flagged and banned for several days or longer, depending on how influential a Christian the government believes that person to be.

A house church pastor in Zhejiang told ICC via a messaging app, “After March, we have continued to jh [gather] online. Things are mostly ok, although some of the jt [church] no longer dare to have their gatherings online.”
“I have not heard of Christians running into problems when they gather online. Some might simply break into smaller groups to avoid detection,” they continued.

Zoom meetings are still possible, with churches implementing increased security measures to prevent unwanted government spies from attending, but many pastors have been arrested for conducting church services over Zoom.

Another house church Christian in Sichuan, who is often harassed by the authorities, told ICC that he has to install a VPN to use a messaging app that is banned in China in order to discuss church affairs with other church members.

To gather, his church uses Zoom, since it is capable of hosting hundreds of participants at once. Although the government keeps watch of their activities, as Christians, they will not stop testifying for the Lord in public.

The church member asked the Western church to continuously pay attention to the situation in China and pray for the church in China.

According to ChinaAid, an elder for Early Rain Covenant Church was arrested shortly before hosting a Christmas Eve evangelical seminar in 2021. The same elder had previously been arrested while conducting a seminar on Thanksgiving of that year. In July of 2021, a pastor and an elder of Shenzhen Trinity Gospel Harvest Church were arrested during an online worship service. In April 2020, ICC reported that six leaders of Early Rain Covenant Church were arrested during an Easter Zoom meeting.

Because the goal of the CCP is to stop the growth of the church by removing and limiting church leaders, the CCP often targets pastors, elders, and deacons with charges of illegal business operations, illegal border crossings, subversion of state power, fraud, or illegal collection of money.

But punishment for these leaders is not limited to jail or imprisonment. Families of such leaders frequently face severe harassment.

For example, a government agent will request a pastor’s employer not to promote him or to simply terminate him if he does not stop leading the church. Or, a government agent will require a pastor’s landlord to pressure him to stop leading the church with the threat of eviction.

A symbol of increasing persecution of Christians in China, the new regulations attempt to further strangle churches that cannot meet in person due to fluctuating COVID-19 restrictions.

And, even without COVID-19 restrictions, churches in major cities cannot publicly advertise their church services, but instead must gather in secret under a guise, such as attending an “art show.”

As an alternative to communicating online, services can be organized over the phone, but influential leaders who are frequently under surveillance have their phones tapped.

Despite all of this, Chinese Christians remain undeterred and continue to preach, teach, and communicate in whatever ways they can, remaining resolute in the face of severe persecution.
On July 22, 2019, in China’s Guangdong province, seven employees at Shenzhen Cedar Electronics, a company that sells audio Bibles, were arrested for “illegal business operations.”

Human rights lawyer Wen Yu shared that he met with one of the employees with the last name Hu at a police station after they were arrested for selling audio Bibles. The local police told him that their case was put forth by the Public Security in Shenzhen city, but they took Wen’s application for bail pending further investigation.

More than 16 months later, the owner of Shenzhen Cedar Electronics, Lai Jinqiang, faced court on Dec. 7, 2020. It was unclear whether his six employees who were also arrested had faced court yet.

Lai Jinqiang, a member of the house church group China Gospel Fellowship (CGF), stood trial in Bao’an People’s Court, although no verdict was announced at the time.

On April 13, 2021, the same court decided to hold a public trial for Lai’s case. However, the court canceled the online streaming of the trial at the last minute. Christians who were expecting to follow the trial were unable to do so.

Lai’s wife, Ms. Huang, said, “We have been treated unfairly [since] the moment we entered the court. The public security officers were giving our lawyer a hard time. Today’s trial was not open to [the] public, so the [streaming] link that had been provided was invalid. The trial went on for more than two hours. The prosecutor asked for seven to nine years for Lai. The judge’s attitude was alright, and the lawyer argued pursuant to law. There was no verdict announced today.”

According to a Christian familiar with Lai’s case, in July 2021, Lai was sentenced to five and a half years, after being detained for two years. Many churches sent out prayer requests to pray for his family, as his third daughter, Lai Yi-en, suffers from Type 1 diabetes, and Ms. Huang must take care of their three children by herself.

Lai’s company was established in 2009 (preceded by Cedar Evangelism Division). It specializes in the development, production, and promotion of biblical audio products and their accessories. His business was successful given his network of churches and it became the top audio Bible retailer in China.

A pastor who knows Lai told ChinaAid that the authorities’ arrest of Lai might be intended to frame pastors from CGF, given that CGF is an essential part of the house church network in China. The pastor said, “The authorities have a plan to eradicate this Christian gospel channel and [has] conspired to frame CGF pastors.”

“I pray that the righteous God can allow Lai’s case to be judged fairly,” said Lai’s wife, Ms. Huang.
A HOME OF TRUST

By Jeff King, ICC President

Years ago, a dear ICC donor told me about a woman she knew who had five children. Tragically, she had lost three of them in a fire.

When people asked her how many children she had, she always responded, “I have five children; three are living and two are here on earth!”

This woman had walked through unimaginable grief, but had arrived at a place where she had a much deeper trust than most of us as to where HOME was.

Trust

She had placed all her trust on the promises of the One guiding us home.

Her tragedy had solidified the vision of her life journey. She knew her life was a long journey to a far off home and that where we are now is not ultimately home.

So Much to Learn from Her

We have much to learn from her, don’t we?

Your journey is going to be very bumpy and scary, but our true home is just over the horizon. We have Someone watching over us, guiding us there.

You will encounter all kinds of trials that will test you to the core.

Along your journey, you are going to continually hear a whisper that you are an orphan, homeless and alone.

Let’s look to the persecuted, though. They, above all, have learned how to trust Jesus in the dark and they have buried His words in their heart:

“Child, I have to leave you for just a bit, so don’t be scared. The evil one will whisper to you that you are an orphan, but don’t believe it!”

“I have to leave to prepare your true home that you have longed for.”

“What is coming is beyond what you can conceive presently. Trust me, you cannot even imagine what you are going to experience in just a bit of time.”

“When you see me next, you will truly see me and experience me in a way you never could have while here on earth.”

“Trust me... I love you!”

This was an excerpt from Jeff King’s upcoming devotional book focused on spiritual lessons from the persecuted. For information about pre-orders, please contact moreinfo@persecution.org.
Take one week this month to pray for the persecuted.

SUNDAY
Pray for Andrew’s music ministry to continue to spread the gospel.

MONDAY
Pray for Pastor Vinod’s evangelism efforts in rural India.

TUESDAY
Pray for victims of persecution in Pakistan.

WEDNESDAY
Pray for Hope House’s unsponsored children to receive sponsorships.

THURSDAY
Pray for Egyptian Christians who are imprisoned for sharing their faith on social media.

FRIDAY
Pray for Christians in China and the freedom to continue their underground ministries.

SATURDAY
Pray for safety and provision for IDPs in Nigeria.

To download our monthly prayer calendar, visit www.persecution.org/take-action/prayer-calendar.
OUTREACH TO MBBs

Muslims who choose to leave Islam and follow Jesus face the highest cost of conversion. They stand to lose everything—their immediate and extended family, their home, their livelihood, and even their life.

This incredible group of people whom we have the privilege of serving are known as Muslim-background believers (MBBs).

ICC provides safe houses and ongoing care for converts as they risk their lives to follow the Lord. There are about 100 MBBs we care for in the Middle East.

**We urgently need to raise $500,000** to care for the MBBs we already rescued and to hide those waiting their turn.

Thank you for partnering with us in rescuing these precious ones willing to risk everything for Jesus.

This is holy work, and we are privileged to do it, but we are merely your hands and feet. Join us as we serve our brothers and sisters on their dangerous journey.

Please visit [www.persecution.org/MBB](http://www.persecution.org/MBB) to donate.

Use your mobile device (cell phone, tablet, etc.) to scan the QR code to learn more information about the work we are doing with MBBs.

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**Donation Levels:**

- **$5:** Child's toy
- **$30:** 3-day food supply
- **$100:** Medical treatment
- **$250:** Kids' expenses (education, milk, diapers)
- **$500:** One-month safe house rent
- **$800:** New IDs for a family
- **$5,000:** Delivery vehicle for livelihoods
- **$________** Other

For the latest information, please visit: [www.persecution.org/MBB](http://www.persecution.org/MBB)
Subhi converted to Christianity after witnessing ISIS beheadings. When we found him and his sons, they were starving and too afraid to leave their home. We helped them flee to a safe area where Subhi now openly practices his faith.