



CANADIAN AID TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS NEWSLETTER

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." - Galatians 6:10

Message to our Readers

CAPC board members and I are grateful to donors and volunteers for your generous support which helped to finish 2021 with substantial accomplishments. CAPC looks forward to another year with greater accomplishments with aiding and standing with fellow Christians who are being persecuted because of their faith.

Nadeem Bhatti
President of CAPC

Our Work in Pakistan

- Covid-19 pandemic spread unchecked throughout Pakistan, with the slum areas and people with low incomes being impacted the hardest. CAPC was able to purchase and provide hampers for 252 families in Islamabad and Khushpur (a largely Christian village in Faisalabad). The distribution was planned for the Christmas season of 2021 and went into January 2022 due to weather and harsh travelling conditions.
- CAPC President, Nadeem Bhatti visited Pakistan in December 2021 to:
 - Evaluate the situation and case of Arzoo Raja (A Karachi-based Christian girl who is a victim of abduction, forced conversion and marriage).
 - Develop linkages and lobbying with government officials and Christian members of legislative bodies for the protection of persecuted victims.
 - Measure the situation of Afghani Refugees in Quetta, Baluchistan and develop a plan for their protection. (see next page for more details)



Arzoo Raja Press Conference in Pakistan

Our Work in Canada

- CAPC has been aiding individuals and families with their Refugees claims by providing ongoing immigration counseling as well as resettlement support.
- CAPC provided Refugees Claimant families with financial support for Christmas 2021.
- CAPC continues to advocate for persecuted Christians to federal and provincial governments. Advocacy includes meeting with and writing letters to members of parliament and provincial members of legislative assemblies.
- CAPC has also partnered and continues to expand connections with Churches and not-for-profit organizations.
- Before leaving for Pakistan, Nadeem was able to meet with Canadian parliamentarians and human rights activists to advocate for Arzoo Raja and her family to be accepted as asylum seekers to Canada as they have received death threats.

ABOUT US

Canadian Aid to Persecuted Christians, INC (CAPC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping severely persecuted Christians in the world. CAPC's mandate is to provide legal counsel, financial assistance, and resettlement to persecuted Christians in their country. CAPC will assist in sponsorship and resettlement to Canada for those who need safe passage out of their country.

CAPC has and seeks to bring together individuals and organizations who defend the right to religious freedom, and would like to facilitate legal, financial, resettlement, and social assistance to Christians facing persecution.

How to Donate

You can e-transfer at capersecutedchristian@gmail.com or through writing a cheque and sending it to:
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<https://www.capc.life/>

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"Continue to 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



Our
CAPC endeavors to bring together Canadian individuals and private, public, and not-for-profit organizations to assist Christians who face persecution around the world.

Our Vision
CAPC's vision is for Christians around the globe who are threatened, displaced, imprisoned, and persecuted to find hope and justice. We seek to provide legal, financial, and social assistance for those who are otherwise prevented from typical means of support due to their religious affiliation. In severe cases, CAPC will assist in seeking asylum, and sponsor resettlement to Canada.

Core Values
CAPC believes that all people have intrinsic value and are all equally deserving of dignity, honour, justice and freedom of association and faith.

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CAPC President's Pakistan Visit

Meeting with Pakistani Government Officials

Nadeem Bhatti held meetings with different government officials from 11-16 December, 2021. This included the following activists and legislators:

1. Mr. Manzoor Masih - Member Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
2. Mr. Ajaz Alam Augustine - Provincial Minister for Human Rights, Punjab
3. Mr. Khalil George - Provincial Minister for Human Rights, Baluchistan

During these meetings Nadeem Bhatti briefed them about the situations of different victims as well as the efforts of CAPC being carried out for the protection of victims of persecution. The officials expressed appreciation for CAPC and assured of their cooperation.



Meeting with Mr. Manzoor Masih - Member Human Rights Commission of Pakistan



Nadeem at the Raja Court Hearing



Meeting Mr. Khalil George - Provincial Minister for Human Rights, Baluchistan

Arzoo Raja Case Updates

One of CAPC's 2021 highlighted case was that of the underaged forced conversion and marriage of Arzoo Raja. Raja was kept in a shelter house for over a year until the court decided that she was underage at the time of her marriage and conversion. CAPC was able to encourage and hold prayers on her behalf. Through advocacy and interventions, CAPC was able to see Raja released to her parents just before Christmas. On Christmas Eve, the family was flown to safety to another city, as they were receiving death threats. The court did attach conditions on Raja as they released her. These conditions are currently being contested. Nadeem held meetings with two lawyers and got legal advice on the court's conditions. Following the meeting, a press conference in support of the Raja case was held in Islamabad.

Meeting with Afghan Refugees

CAPC invited Afghan refugee families for worship and meet and greet. The Honorable Manzoor Masih, Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan was the chief guest of the program. In recent months, CAPC has worked with other agencies to meet the practical needs of the Afghan refugees who are flooding into Pakistan. CAPC continues to set up alliances and support with a network of contacts and other agencies working for their relief. Afghan Christians in particular are living with ongoing threats of death as they flee to other countries.