



CANADIAN AID TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Winter 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

2022 has slipped between our fingers and 2023 is upon us. In the past year we have enjoyed visiting family and friends and have travelled about the land or in nature to find the peace that a busy life steals from us. Coming back to the reality of our world, the New Year helps us realise that it is back to business but not as usual. We have been bombarded about news from the many parts of the world that one cannot remain indifferent. This is a change of heart that we are awakening to. Touched by the violence and suffering in our world, we realise that a change of attitude is needed in all of us.

Our faith in Christ is calling us to leave our comfort zone and to put ourselves beside our brothers and sisters unjustly living experiences that disturbs us. Caring for others is becoming not only a must but a priority. We may not remain indifferent. Caring for others is not a political duty but firstly our Christian response. “Love one another” Christ told us. Standing for our belief will give us the freedom we are searching for. As the leaves change color, and its beauty radiates around us, so must this request put forth by Christ. It is the beacon guiding us for the days to come. Let us be Christ-like in our lives with others. Help us support those who are suffering for their faith and let us walk with them. This is an expression of our faith in Jesus. Let the new year give rise to a new beginning for all.

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.
Vice President of CAPC

Our Global Outreach

- In summer 2022, floods in Pakistan killed 1,739 people and caused \$14.9 billion of damage and \$15.2 billion of economic losses. This is considered the severest flood of the country's history. One third of the country was under water. An estimated one hundred districts of all four provinces were badly impacted by flash floods, riverine floods, and hill torrents. In certain places, dams, barrages, and canals had to be breached in order to save populated towns. <https://capc.life/flood/>
 - Assessing the situation, CAPC's local partners monitored the situation closely, and formed an Emergency Response Team to work in the affected areas and hold meetings with flood victim families.
 - CAPC's response team provided 350 families of 5 villages with flood emergency relief in Balochistan in the form of food, hygiene and kitchen items. The team worked to minimize the sufferings of flood victims and provided support to prevent water-borne diseases.
- CAPC has been providing ongoing legal and financial support to 8 persecuted Christian families.
- CAPC has been involved in aiding and providing counsel to 2 families of young Christian girls who were abducted, forcefully convert to Islam, and married off to Muslim men twice their age.
- Responding to the Afghan Refugee crisis, 250 Afghan refugee families were provided with humanitarian assistance and 55 families with monthly survival support.
- CAPC provided 115 Afghan Refugee children with educational material in their makeshift refugee camp. 2 Afghan refugee families, who were recently relocated to Brazil, were supported with medical assistance. Persecuted refugee families in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand were also supported.

Our Work in Canada

- CAPC has been aiding individuals and families with their refugee claims by providing ongoing immigration counseling as well as resettlement support.
- CAPC continues to advocate for persecuted Christians with 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.

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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Our Mission

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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"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

CAPC Resources

Make This Christmas Magical For the Children In Slums

Christmas is the time of sharing love, joy and hope and cherishing human dignity. 'Emmanuel' God with us becomes reality, with good news to the least of the least. Choosing a humble place for His birth and being laid in a manger, God upholds human dignity through His unconditional love for the marginalized and the neglected. CAPC received letters from the young children in slums of Pakistan wishing to be remembered with some gifts on Christmas. We are pleased that a Christmas Program was organized on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 and around 300 children and adults of the slum area participated in the program. CAPC was able to share the joy of Christmas and give smile boxes to 100 children consisting of chocolates, candies, juices, cupcakes, mittens, caps and socks for warmth, and packets of goodies to another 150 children who attended the program. The volunteers and local team were recognized with tokens of love. This was followed by a Christmas cake cutting, and the cake was shared with all the participants. The children presented a Christmas play telling the story of Jesus's birth, performed tableaux, sang carols and danced. What an overwhelming joy to see them enact the play, cheer the birth of our Savior and feel pride in their faith! Jingle bells in the midst of neglect and poverty created hope, and the compassion shown to them strengthened the bond of sister and brotherhood in Christ.

Imran Ghafoor: The Longest Serving Prisoner of Blasphemy

Repeated misuse of blasphemy laws in Pakistan target non-Muslims in Pakistan. These laws target non-Muslims to forcefully take their properties, settle personal grudges and remove them from their homes and neighbourhood. Here is the story of Imran, who ran a very successful business but his opponent fabricated a story of blasphemy against him. Imran lost his business and he and his family now live in fear after his release. <https://capc.life/longest-serving-prisoner-of-blasphemy-case/>

Letter to Immigration Committee Canada, Christian Refugees, backlog, wait time and sponsorship to Canada

<https://capc.life/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Plight-of-Pakistani-and-Afghan-refugees.pdf>

A Minor Girl Arzoo Raja's Story

In the last quarter of 2022, there were two court hearing of Arzoo Raja. Finally the court lifted the restrictions and conditions on Arzoo, age 13. She can now travel and relocate. There are eight court cases of rape, abduction, forced conversion and threats filed against the abductor. During last November's court hearing there was a huge presence in court in favor of the abductor, asking the court to handover Arzoo to them. <https://capc.life/christian-child-bride-arzoo-13-age-freed-on-conditions/>

Afghan Refugee flee to Pakistan

After the US troops left Afghanistan last year, those working for foreign governments or aid agencies faced danger from the extremist Taliban ruling the country. Smaller religious minorities within the country under great threat.

Early reports confirmed that the Taliban were going house to house in some locations and killing any who they came to know were not muslims. Many fled for their lives, and some of those Christian believers crossed over into Pakistan. There the threat, though not as overt, is not removed. Pakistan's strict law regarding anyone who converts from Islam is death. So Afghan non-Muslims still have to be extremely cautious, and do not have many opportunities to have fellowship with one another or to practice their faith openly. Also, they face problems in obtaining housing, as Pakistani landlords refuse to rent to them. They cannot work, so supporting themselves is proving difficult. They have in some places set up tent 'cities' for shelter from the cold winter.

CAPC, because of the generosity of Samaritan's Purse, has the privilege to work with such Afghan refugees. CAPC has been distributing food in camps and has been aiding them in housing and helping to supply food and medical needs. Some of these families have left for other countries who accept them as asylum seekers, and CAPC has helped with visas and other documentation to make this possible. There are still a number of families needing support and for this we are actively seeking further funding. To read more go to <https://capc.life/response-to-afghan-persecuted-church-rescue-believers/>

Gratitude, Our special heartfelt gratitude to those who donated for the cause to reach out to the most deserving and needy people. Your donations mean alot to CAPC and the families and individuals in need.