

HOPE & HELP FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR MANIPUR, INDIA

When violence broke out in May 2023 in the state of Manipur, it disproportionately affected Christians. More than 200 people were killed, including 176 Kuki tribal Christians. Over 7,000 homes and 350 churches were destroyed. The conflict sprang from a high court directive to grant tribal status to the Meitei community. The Kuki are mostly Christian and the Meitei are mostly Hindu, though there is a Christian Meitei minority who have also suffered in this conflict.

More than a year after the initial violence, over 60,000 people, including 40,000 Kuki Christians, are homeless. At least 20,000 of these live in 100 relief camps in neighboring regions. These camps have inadequate healthcare and substandard living conditions, and about 100 people have died. The heat is searing, there is little shelter, and food and water are scarce. Families are struggling to survive, while clinging to their faith.

The violence shuttered schools and moved children elsewhere. “Without proper education, these children face a bleak future, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and instability,” the ICR partner said.

This partner will establish temporary learning centers staffed with qualified teachers in the relief camps. The center will be equipped with necessary educational supplies and resources. The partner will recruit teachers and provide a salary.



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