

HOPE & HELP FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

SUPPORT CHRISTIANS WRONGLY IMPRISONED IN PAKISTAN

The Christian community in Pakistan has historically faced discrimination and persecution. As a marginalized community, opportunities and resources are limited for our fellow believers. Christians are given the lowest-status jobs available, such as cleaning street gutters and garbage collection. There is no opportunity for advancement or social status change.

With a powerful Muslim majority and laws and society designed to benefit the dominant religion, persecution affects every Christian in Pakistan daily. These persecutions range from small inconveniences to wide-scale riot attacks to kidnapping and rape to accusations of blasphemy against Islam that result in imprisonment or death.

The country has strict laws for blasphemy against Islam. These laws are often used against Christians. False accusations made under these laws have resulted in violence, imprisonment, death, displacement, and destruction of property. Another way these laws are used are when someone makes it seem like a Christian has spoken against Islam.

Bashir (name changed) is a Christian. A Muslim friend asked to borrow his phone and then sent a blasphemous message against the prophet Mohammed. Bashir was charged with blasphemy and has been in prison since 2016. ICR is providing financial resources to ensure that Bashir is well represented legally. His lawyer is fighting the case in court, even a death penalty was already handed down. Bashir is married, though his son was born after he went to prison, and his son hardly knows him. His family is worried about what will happen to Bashir.

ICR currently supports 30 families whose family members are in prison because of blasphemy accusations with food, rent, and medicine. ICR also covers legal costs for 14 Christians accused of blasphemy.



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