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a wellspring of hope



Wellspring

[well·spring] *noun*

a source or supply of anything especially when considered inexhaustible



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OUR MISSION: Since 1996, ICC has served the global persecuted church through a three-pronged approach of advocacy, awareness, and assistance. ICC exists to bandage the wounds of persecuted Christians and to build the church in the toughest parts of the world.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A WELLSPRING OF HOPE FOR THE PERSECUTED

Many will welcome the end to this turbulent year. The war in Ukraine, inflation, winner-take-all politics, and so many other factors strain people to the nth degree in the U.S. and even all over the world.

In the world of persecution, the theme of great strain continues. In Nigeria, Christians endure the slow-moving genocide being waged against them. The war started in the north, and then went to the Middle Belt. But this year, there was a massive church bombing in southern Nigeria. The message is clear: there is no safe quarter anywhere for Christians in Nigeria.

Persecution is intensifying around the world, and all these factors leave us crying out for peace and for hope.

Through their hardships, the persecuted have so much to teach us. Our ministry to them is sometimes the difference between life and death.

In return, they show us the way home. For they live under terrible threat and strain—sometimes for the duration of their whole lives.

What they learn under never-ending persecution will not be a surprise to you, but rather a needed reminder: that there is only one wellspring of peace and hope in this broken world and in our broken lives. It is the Lord Jesus flowing through and into you by way of the Holy Spirit.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being a wellspring of hope for your persecuted brother and sister. For we are merely your hands and feet. Together we bring the healing touch of God to them.

So, God bless you and thank you again for bringing life and healing to so many in 2022.

JEFF KING

President

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WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

A HOLISTIC ATTACK ON PERSECUTION



BANDAGE

International Christian Concern (ICC) bandages the wounds of victims, cares for the families of martyred pastors, and rebuilds communities.



BUILD

ICC builds the church by broadcasting the gospel, delivering Bibles, and training and sending church planters in and to the most hostile places.



ADVOCATE

ICC works with government leaders to free imprisoned Christians and challenge countries that persecute.



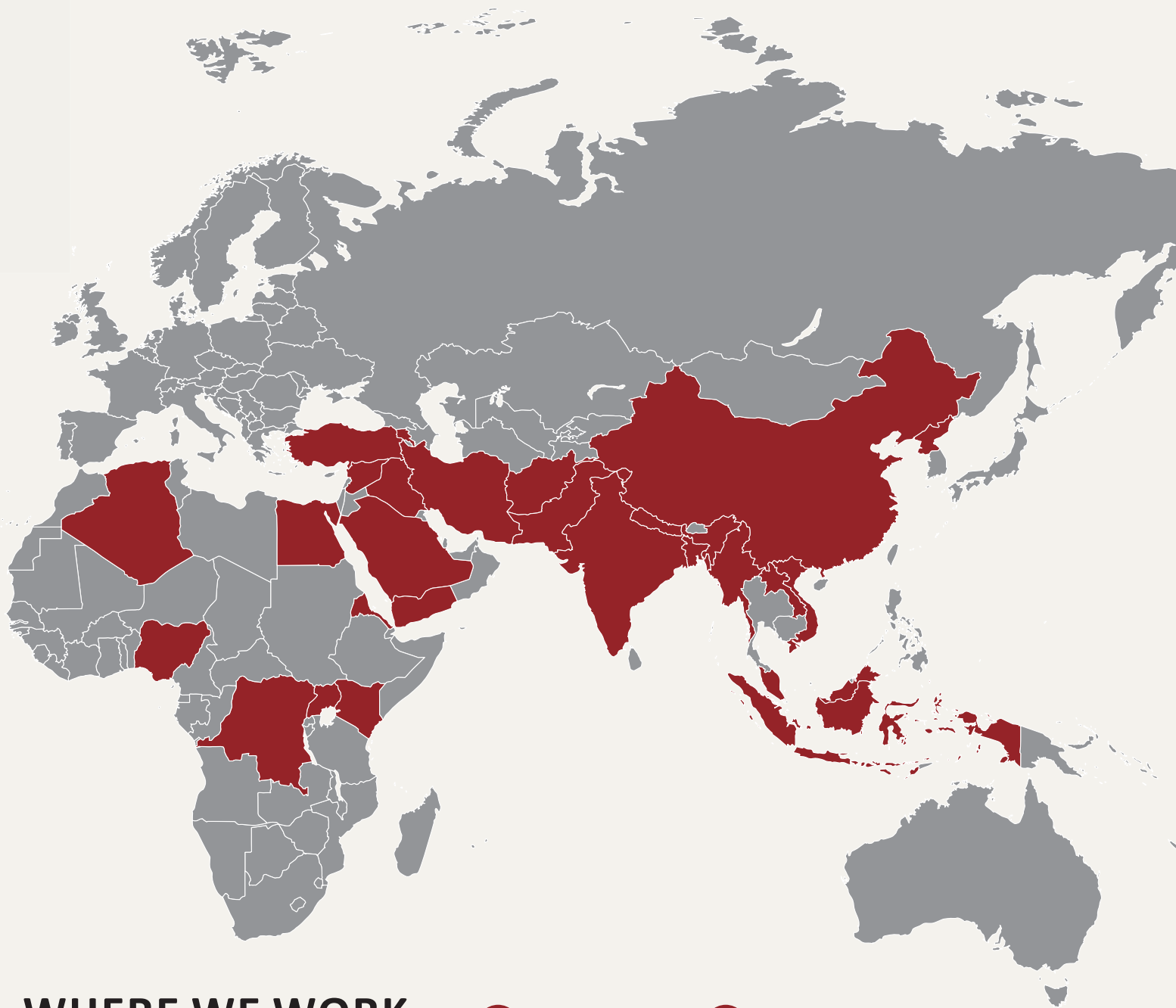
ASSIST

ICC provides educational assistance, small businesses, ministry support, and medical care to believers in need.



AWAKEN

ICC works daily to bring awareness to the secular and Christian worlds of the suffering of the persecuted.



WHERE WE WORK

AFGHANISTAN

EGYPT

KENYA

PAKISTAN

ALGERIA

ERITREA

LAOS

SYRIA

ARMENIA

INDIA

MALAYSIA

TURKEY

BANGLADESH

INDONESIA

MYANMAR

UAE

CHINA

IRAN

NEPAL

UGANDA

DR CONGO

IRAQ

NIGERIA

VIETNAM

NORTH KOREA

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ICC STAFF & PROJECTS

**Jesus answered,
“Everyone who
drinks this water will
be thirsty again, but
whoever drinks the
water I give them will
never thirst. Indeed,
the water I give them
will become in them
a spring of water
welling up to eternal
life.”**

JOHN 4:13-14



WHAT SETS ICC APART



SPECIAL FORCES

We are fast, nimble, and get in where others can't to execute difficult missions on the ground.



LONG-TERM CARE

We don't parachute in. We work with victims for the long run when needed without creating dependency.



TRACK RECORD

We have a 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating with 26 years in ministry. We have a long history of growth.



MINISTRY 1ST—MONEY 2ND

We focus on ministry over fundraising, serving the Lord and the persecuted first. We believe funds follow Godly work.

OUR FUNDS



WHERE MOST NEEDED FUND

The Where Most Needed fund supports all ministry needs. When other funds are running low, this fund covers the needs.



RESTORE FUND

The Restore fund addresses larger needs that impact entire communities after the church suffers persecution.



RESCUE FUND

When believers are stripped of their ability to provide, our Rescue fund helps families get back on their feet after persecution.



MESSENGERS FUND

ICC supports indigenous church planters, pastors, and church workers in the world's most dangerous places through our Messengers fund.



GOSPEL FUND

ICC uses the Gospel fund to spread the Good News using printed Bibles, radio broadcasts, and discipleship materials in places hostile toward Christianity.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

REVENUE

2019: \$2,640,332

2020: \$3,573,529

2021: \$5,689,580

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION

2019: \$302,669 (11.9%)

2020: \$444,985 (16.0%)

2021: \$624,408

FUNDRAISING

2019: \$93,036 (3.7%)

2020: \$50,714 (1.8%)

2021: \$40,031

PROGRAM

2019: \$2,148,681 (84.4%)

2020: \$2,283,116 (82.2%)

2021: \$3,646,164

OUR MANDATE

The Father calls us to remember the prisoners (Hebrews 13:3), to speak up for the voiceless (Proverbs 31:8), to seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow (Isaiah 1:17).

Since 1995, ICC has relieved the suffering of the worldwide persecuted Church and helped it grow in strength and breadth by providing effective assistance, advocacy, and awareness with integrity toward God and donors.

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AFRICA





UNDERSTANDING IS A WELLSPRING OF LIFE UNTO HIM
THAT HATH IT: BUT THE INSTRUCTION OF FOOLS IS FOLLY.

PROVERBS 16:22 (KJV)

TRUSTING GOD IN THE UNBEARABLE

KENYA | RESCUE FUND

Gian Maria Paul and four others were working on a bridge in Kenya when al-Shabaab attackers ambushed and killed them. Their crime? They were followers of Christ.

Paul was the sole breadwinner and left his wife, Agatha, without the means to care for their three children.

“The pain was too much, and it remains too unbearable until now when we think about him,” Agatha told ICC. “We have been going through a tough season without him, and we are trusting God that He will take us through this.”

So much of what ICC does – thankfully because of donor support – is coming alongside victims like Agatha who need rescue.

After hearing her story, ICC gave Agatha and her grieving family six months of emergency support. This bought her time to find an alternative source of long-term income. She used some of the funds to open a small shop.

“We are truly grateful to you for coming through to help us bridge the provision gap that Gian Maria, my husband and the father of my children, left behind. We now have food in the house and money to pay rent, clothes, school fees, and monthly bills. We also have a shop where I will be working to make more money to take care of my young family that is now under my sole care,” said Agatha.



LEFT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES

NIGERIA | RESCUE FUND

Professor Tarfa and his wife, Mercy, founded a Christian orphanage in Nigeria's Kano State more than two decades ago. They've been rescuing abandoned little ones ever since.

On Christmas 2019, however, police raided the orphanage and arrested Tarfa. They also transferred 27 children to government-run facilities, gave them Muslim names, and required

them to recite Muslim prayers. Tarfa was rearrested and sentenced to two years in prison in March 2022.

Through the ICC Rescue fund, we implemented a feeding program to care for children at the orphanage. Students receive three nutritious, well-balanced meals daily. ICC also featured Tarfa in its prisoner letter-writing campaign.

HARVESTING HOPE IN NIGERIA

NIGERIA | RESTORE FUND

Nigeria has been a one-sided battleground between Christians and radical Islamic Fulani militants. These latter extremists decimate Christians throughout the Middle Belt region.

One small farming tribe of Irigwe people was pushed off its land in Plateau State. But they found a plot of 87 acres (about the area of a large shopping mall) and, with ICC's help, got to work.

Through our Nigeria Farms project, fueled by the Restore fund, we supplied the resources and equipment to set up a farm that feeds about 500 people.

Since 2019, we have launched more than 20 communal farms to serve thousands of displaced Christian families.



IN 2022...

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FARMS STARTED

2,250

INDIVIDUALS HELPED

\$60K

FUNDS RAISED



KICKED TO THE CURB AT JUST 14

UGANDA | RESTORE FUND

Safina, 17, comes from a Muslim family. When she was 13, she put her faith in Jesus after God appeared to her in a dream. After she told her parents, however, Safina's father denounced her as his daughter and forced her to leave home at 14.

She got through her first two years of high school by living with relatives and others, but Safina wanted to attend college and eventually law school.

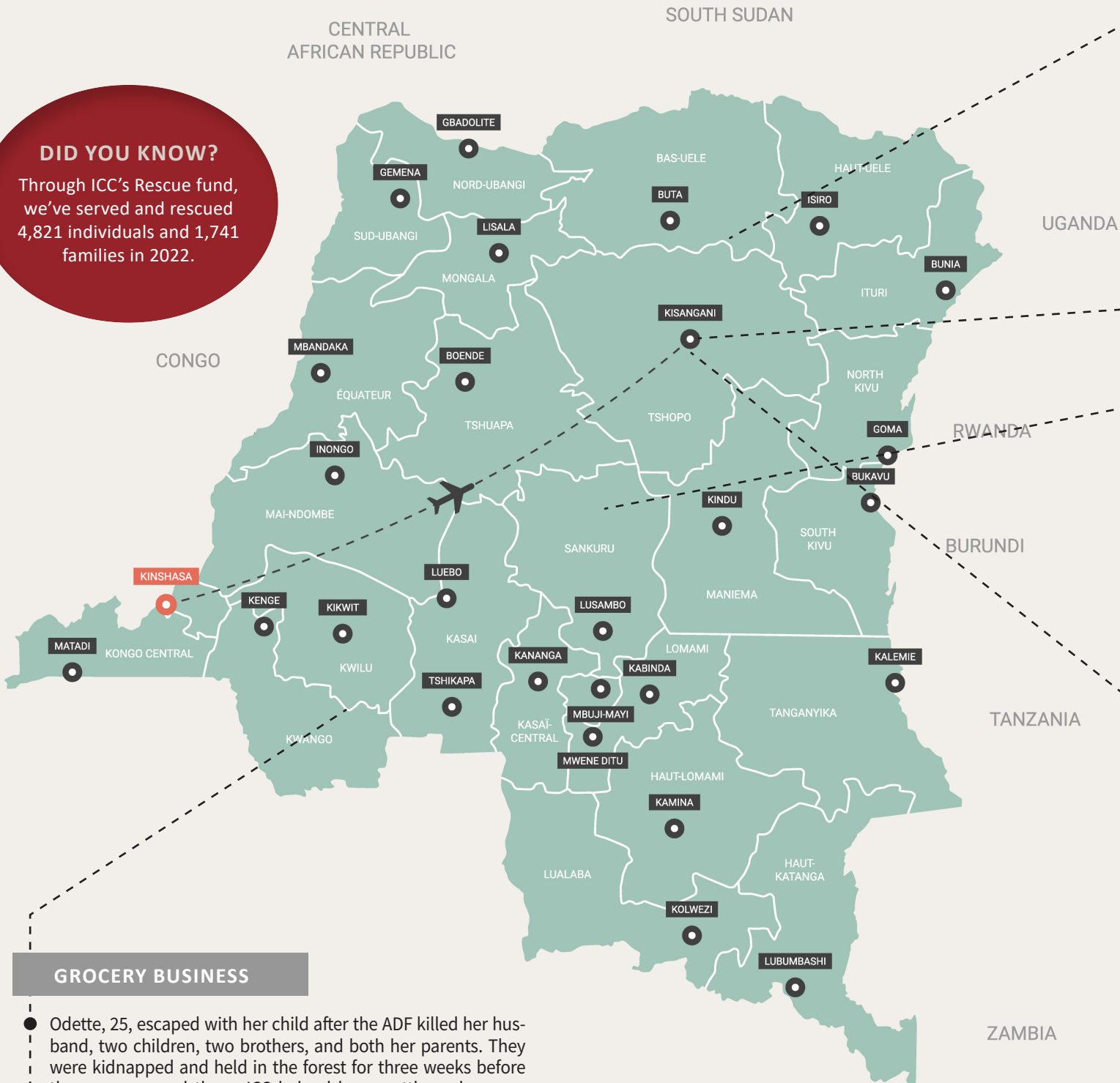
ICC supplied funds for her final two years of high school, including tuition and other necessities. Join us in praying for her as she dreams of college and law school.

"I thank God for your help," said Safina. "I was worried how I was going to manage school. I can't believe I'm fully taken care of. Thank you, ICC, and may God bless you."

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

ICC'S ONE-TIME PROJECT LOCATIONS IN 2022

DID YOU KNOW?
Through ICC's Rescue fund, we've served and rescued 4,821 individuals and 1,741 families in 2022.



GROCERY BUSINESS

- Odette, 25, escaped with her child after the ADF killed her husband, two children, two brothers, and both her parents. They were kidnapped and held in the forest for three weeks before the army rescued them. ICC helped her resettle and open a small grocery shop to create a sustainable income for her family.



FAMILIAL SUPPORT

- Darloze is a refugee who lost her husband and two of her children. She escaped ADF attackers with six of her grandchildren and her daughter-in-law. ICC helped provide household supplies, food, and rent to Darloze until she can reunite with the rest of her family.
- Kahindo and her family of 13 were staying in a popular DRC refugee town with no place to call home and no income. Her husband and two sons were killed by the ADF. The family buried their three loved ones and left their hometown. ICC helped move the family into a home and supplied household items, including food.

EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT

- Ndovya, 19, escaped from the ADF after being held hostage, along with her mother and father, for three days. Her mother also escaped, but police could not locate her father. Ndovya wants to become a doctor to care for victims in the DRC. ICC helped pay for medical school tuition, and provided her with school supplies and food.
- One of the most pressing needs for young refugees is education. ICC paid for the school fees of more than 20 students who were forced to drop out of school. ICC strives to see students stay in school, learn, and graduate to get jobs and give back to their communities.

DIGNITY FOR THE DISABLED

- Samson survived an ADF attack that left 36 Christians dead. As a refugee in need of a wheelchair, it has been particularly difficult for him to support himself. ICC set up the skilled shoemaker with materials to start his own business again; and provided him with his first wheelchair.
- The ADF attacked Pastor Daniel's village, leaving him alive but suffering from a fractured pelvis and femur. His family took him to the hospital, but his health hasn't progressed well. ICC provided Pastor Daniel with a wheelchair to ease his movement and lessen the family's burden of carrying him around.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Luhala and his three children survived a night of ADF gunfire but his wife was killed. The gunfire severely injured his leg. Luhala received advanced treatment at a hospital. ICC paid for his treatment and provided food to aid his family.

AID FOR A LATE PASTOR'S FAMILY

- Reverend Bernard was killed when ADF rebels attacked his village. The reverend fled with his family, but they tracked him down, killing him and slashing his daughter's arm. His family fled to a refugee village. ICC helped the family relocate, covering moving costs, rent, utilities, and food.

ORPHANAGE AID

- ICC staff visited the DRC and met a woman who runs an orphanage hosting more than 375 children whose parents were killed by the ADF. Several babies were rescued while suckling their dead mothers unaware they had been killed. ICC provided mattresses and mosquito nets, medicine, and food.

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MIDDLE EAST





THE WORDS OF A MAN'S MOUTH ARE AS DEEP WATERS,
AND THE WELLSPRING OF WISDOM AS A FLOWING BROOK.

PROVERBS 18:4 (NIV)

HIDING HIS FAITH FROM HIS FAMILY

IRAN | AFGHANISTAN CRISIS EMERGENCY FUND

Khan fled to Iran following the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. He converted to Christianity shortly before the takeover after having been discipled by an Afghan pastor. Khan fled to Iran following the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, where living as a Christian is often a death sentence.

Thankfully, Khan escaped the country with his family to Iran for everyone's protection—but his family doesn't even know he's a Christian. Living situations are not always kind to refugees. Khan and his family were living in an old house with no furniture. He works as a day laborer and sometimes can get no wages by day's end. ICC provided the necessities for living, including a refrigerator, blankets, a stove, and more.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we've been rescuing Christian leaders and families and getting them out of the country—at least the ones who want to escape. There are many courageous Christians who remain and need our support in growing the underground church.



BURNED BY WAR AND GRIEF, RESCUED BY ICC

ARTSAKH | RESCUE FUND

Erick lives with his wife, Elena, and their two-year-old child. When ICC visited him, his wife was in the hospital after losing her baby. Their one-room house was barely livable, without a bathroom or kitchen. The couple used to rent out a flat in Shushi but the Artsakh war has displaced them.

Erick is a day worker and only makes money if he is hired.

“We visited them and were shocked when we saw in what conditions they live,” said an ICC staffer. “Only Erick was at home. He was grieving. It turned out his wife was in the hospital and had lost their baby in the fourth month of pregnancy.”

Due to the family’s scarce income and the coming winter, ICC gave them necessities and wood to burn through the winter.

WHEN DREAMS BECOME REALITY

EGYPT | RESTORE FUND

Eman, 12, looks forward to seeing her friends and teachers at Hope House, an education center in the Middle East. As the oldest of five children, she bears much responsibility at home, including caring for the younger children and cooking.

Yet her parents have big dreams for their daughter. Eman's mother is illiterate, and her father has no education.

Through ICC's Child Sponsorship Program, under the Restore Fund, Eman receives educational, spiritual, nutritional, medical, and social support at Hope House.

ICC believes empowering youth through education and job training is a way to break the cycle of generational persecution. That's why we launched Hope House for young children and Generation Transformation for teens.



HOPE HOUSE AND GENERATION TRANSFORMATION

160

STUDENTS SERVED

17-28

AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS

\$90K

FUNDS RAISED



THE UNSEEN TOLL

SYRIA | GOSPEL FUND

Christians were not allowed to gather during the civil war in Syria because of safety and persecution. Nearly every Christian can share a story of targeted violence they'd witnessed or experienced. This put many into a faith crisis. One person died on Easter after the military targeted their church.

ICC supplied spiritual and psychological care for 20 persecuted families that suffered trauma from the war because of the persecution they witnessed. The local church hosted a one-week retreat for the families.

"I can rejoice in our hardship and know my family on a deeper level because of this gathering."

- SYRIAN TRAUMA RETREAT PARTICIPANT AND FATHER

IRAQ

ICC'S ONE-TIME PROJECTS IN 2022

ICC helps many Christian converts from Islam escape their dangerous living situations by providing business covers and meeting other crucial needs.

However, due to the extreme sensitivity of these cases, we cannot divulge the specific details or locations of the Christians we rescue and provide a safe cover for.

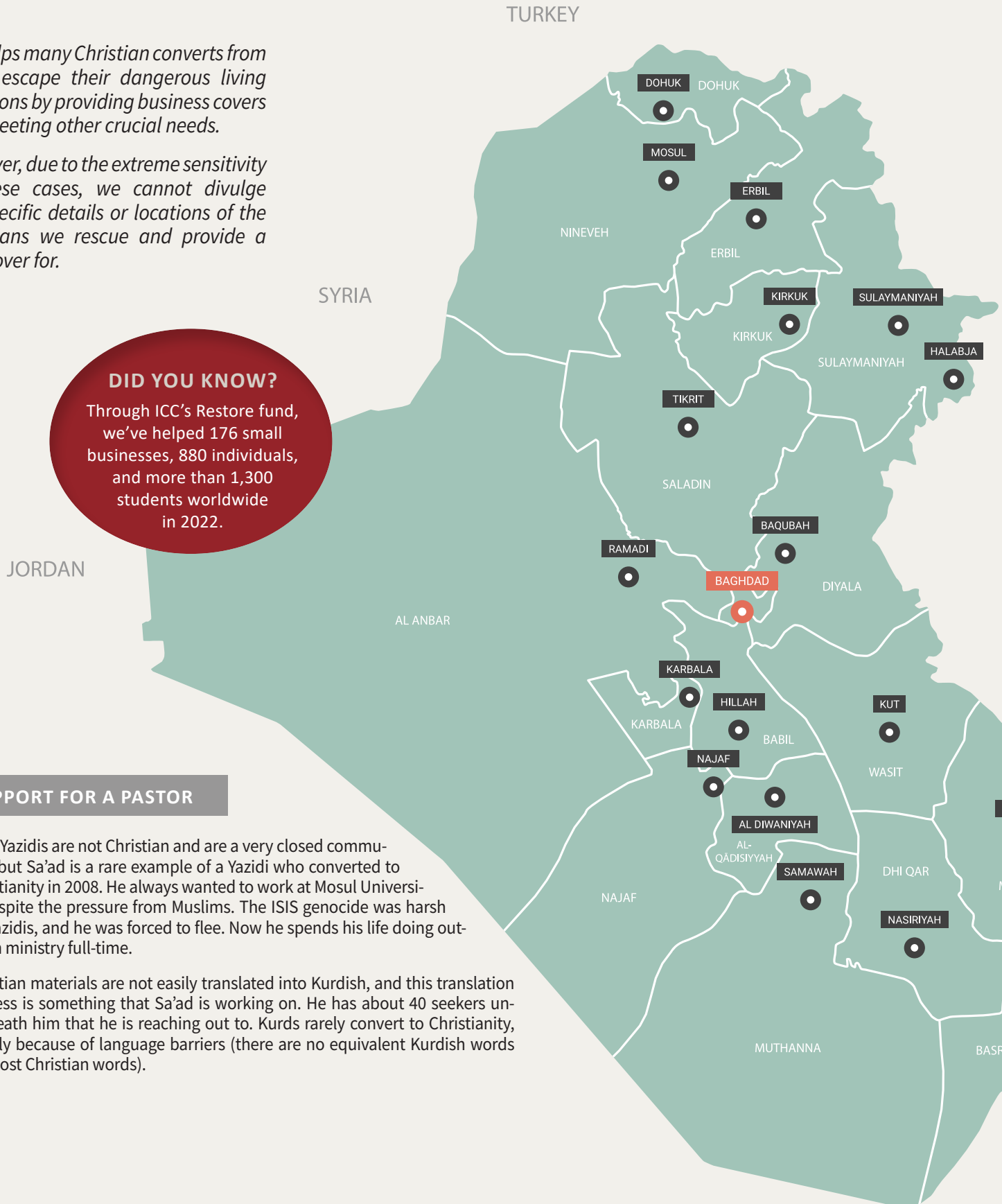
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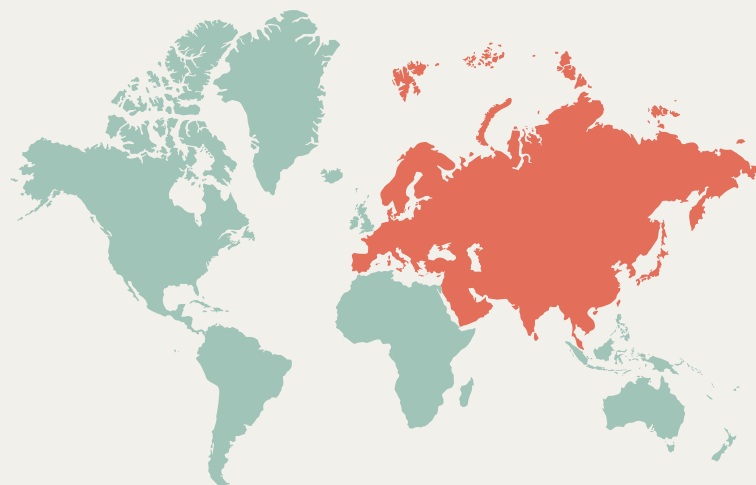
Through ICC's Restore fund, we've helped 176 small businesses, 880 individuals, and more than 1,300 students worldwide in 2022.

SUPPORT FOR A PASTOR

- Most Yazidis are not Christian and are a very closed community, but Sa'ad is a rare example of a Yazidi who converted to Christianity in 2008. He always wanted to work at Mosul University despite the pressure from Muslims. The ISIS genocide was harsh for Yazidis, and he was forced to flee. Now he spends his life doing outreach ministry full-time.

Christian materials are not easily translated into Kurdish, and this translation process is something that Sa'ad is working on. He has about 40 seekers underneath him that he is reaching out to. Kurds rarely convert to Christianity, mostly because of language barriers (there are no equivalent Kurdish words for most Christian words).





BEAUTY SALON

- Like so many, Zina had a flourishing life before ISIS. “We faced so many difficulties and hard days passed,” she recalled. She moved in with four other families and started cutting hair. When she started her own beauty salon, ICC provided her with funds to allow her business to continue to expand.

RESTAURANT RESTORATION

- Thaar and his family fled when ISIS invaded their city. After living in a church garden for months, they eventually returned to their home and his former restaurant, which was a desolate scene. ICC helped redevelop Thaar’s restaurant to help restart his life after ISIS.

WEDDING BUSINESS

- John graduated college and worked as a wedding planner for years—until the day his home was bombed by ISIS. He and his family fled, leaving everything behind. They were finally able to return to their damaged home, hoping to convert it into his new wedding planning shop. ICC helped John start his new business.

BAKERY

- Before ISIS’s stronghold in Iraq in 2014, Wafaa and her family lived a peaceful life. But when her sister’s family was murdered, the message that Christians were not welcomed in Mosul was heard loud and clear. Wafaa started to work at a bakery. When her husband passed away, she had to work long hours to support her family. ICC provided equipment to open her own pâtisserie.

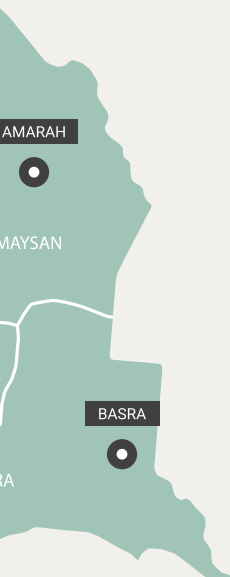
SHEEP FARMS

- Behnan was a sheep farmer before ISIS seized his farm. He escaped in the middle of the night. “There were gunshots everywhere around me,” he said. “God saved my life that day.” ISIS destroyed Iraq’s economy. He and another Christian want to start a farm to support their families again. ICC provided sheep for their new farm.
- Firas was a farmer before the invasion of ISIS. He returned to Qeraqosh after the defeat of ISIS, hoping to restart his life and purchase a farm. When his wife fell ill, he had to use all his savings. Iranian hospitals are known for extorting Christians. ICC purchased sheep for his farm so he could make an income while taking care of his wife.

DID YOU KNOW? Because sheep are hardy and don’t die easily, raising these animals is one of the best types of livelihoods for Christians.

PAINTING BUSINESS

- Mariam and Raneen were young children when ISIS invaded—they only remember waking up to the screams of those fleeing. While they were displaced, they were unable to continue their education. Mariam’s family eventually returned to their hometown, but she became the main provider when her father died from COVID-19. Fortunately, her father was a famous artist and taught her how to create art. ICC helped set up an art business for Mariam and Raneen, with many clients overseas who are eager to buy artwork by genocide survivors.



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JESUS ANSWERED HER, “IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS THAT ASKS YOU FOR A DRINK, YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER.

JOHN 4:10 (NIV)

HINDU NATIONALISTS FOMENT HATE WITH LAWS AND FISTS

INDIA | RESTORE FUND

For 15 years, Pastor Ajay faced harassment from Hindu nationalists in his Indian community. He continued his ministry despite death threats.

Pastor Ajay has been serving his community for more than 15 years and leads a congregation of 100 Christians. Even recently, Pastor Ajay built a shed to use for church activities adjacent to his house.

That all changed one night.

A mob burst into his house church and beat him along with his wife and brother.

After several days in the government hospital, Ajay and his injured family members were sent home. But the head pain continued for Ajay. After several weeks, he still felt unbearable pain where he was brutally hit.

Ajay lost income when his congregants stopped attending church out of fear, so he could not afford further medical treatment.

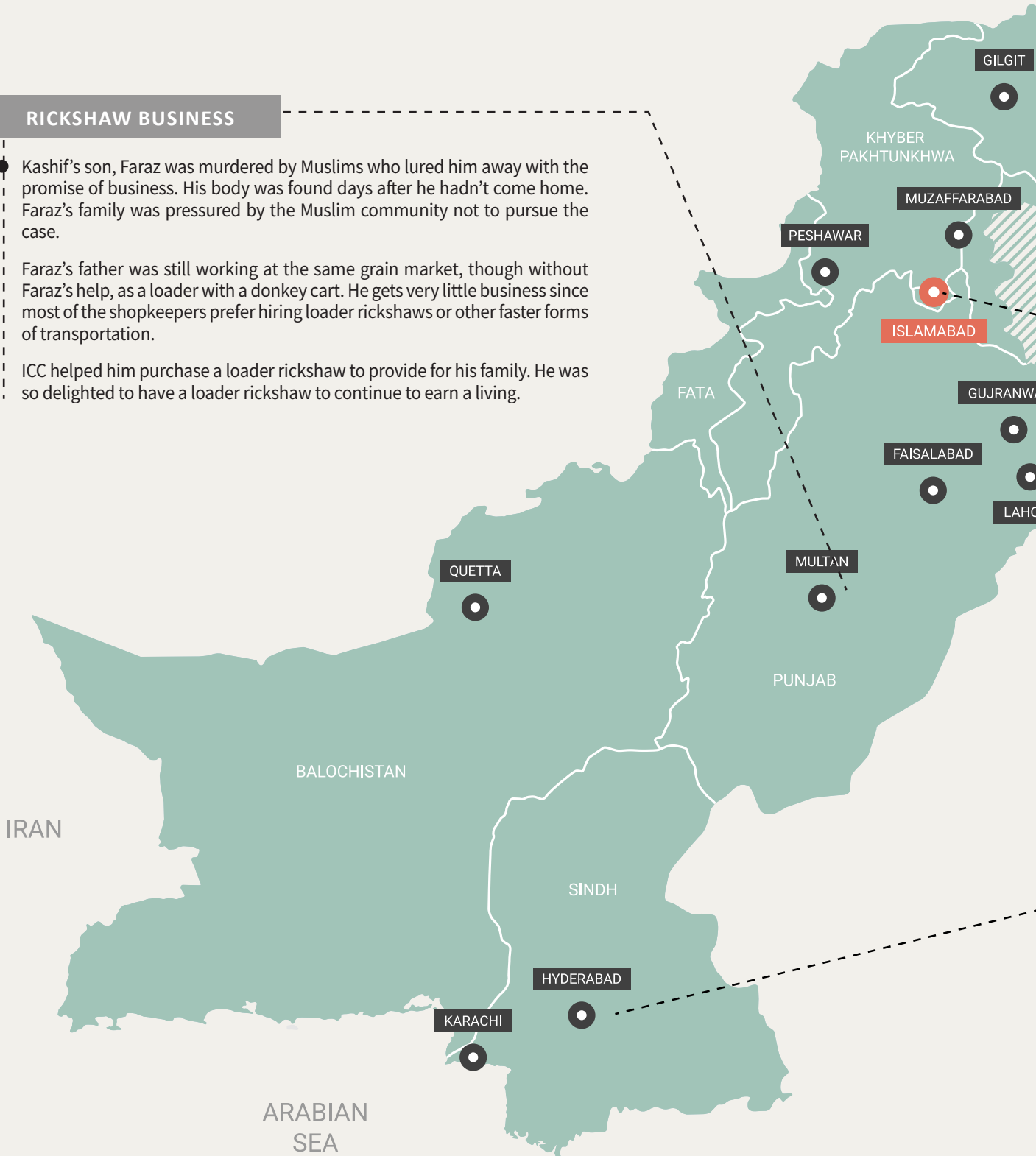
ICC paid for his medical care and provided emergency supplies for his family.

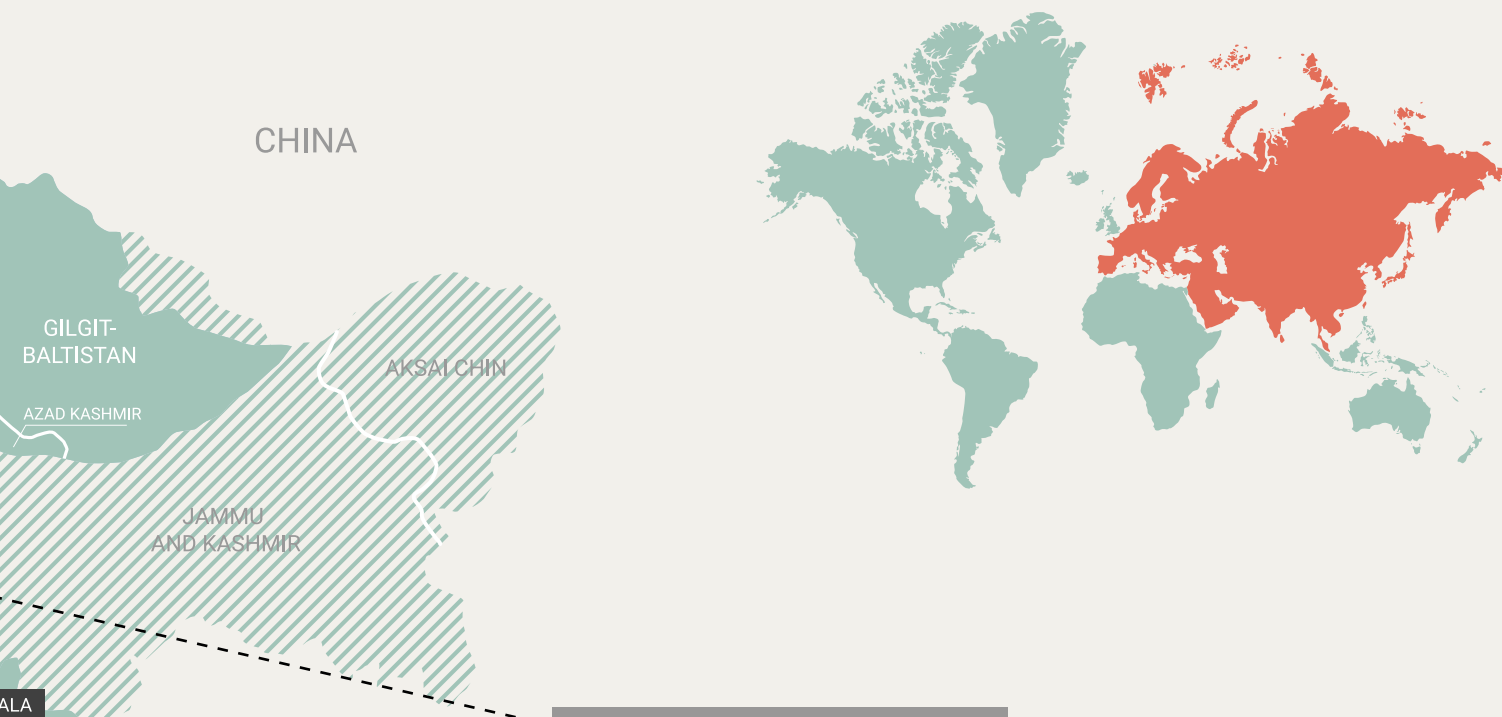
PAKISTAN

ICC'S ONE-TIME PROJECTS IN 2022

RICKSHAW BUSINESS

- Kashif's son, Faraz was murdered by Muslims who lured him away with the promise of business. His body was found days after he hadn't come home. Faraz's family was pressured by the Muslim community not to pursue the case.
- Faraz's father was still working at the same grain market, though without Faraz's help, as a loader with a donkey cart. He gets very little business since most of the shopkeepers prefer hiring loader rickshaws or other faster forms of transportation.
- ICC helped him purchase a loader rickshaw to provide for his family. He was so delighted to have a loader rickshaw to continue to earn a living.





STARTING A BEAUTY SALON

- Ayesha is a certified beautician. She worked in a salon in Peshawar with six other Muslim beauticians. She was liked by many customers, and they would give her extra tips as a token of love and appreciation. The owner of the salon promoted her because of her success.
Her Muslim coworkers were jealous of her promotion, and they harassed her. But Ayesha didn't lose heart. She kept doing her work with full dedication. When they failed to convince her to leave the job, they started telling Ayesha's customers that Ayesha is a Christian. Gradually, Ayesha started losing her customers. Nobody wanted to get their services from a Christian.
In order to assist Ayesha, ICC funded her own beauty salon and provided the necessary materials to get her business started.

STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

- Madhia's husband was murdered and abandoned in a ditch by radical Muslims. Madhia was being pressured by the Muslim community not to pursue the case. Her family life was ruined as they had no source of income. She has three sons and three daughters whom she has to care for while working as a maid in various houses.
ICC helped her set up a grocery shop to earn a living for her family. We also assisted her with purchasing furniture for the shop and other equipment.
Madhia was so delighted to have a grocery shop through which she would earn an income for her daily living.

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“I was under a lot of stress due to my alcoholic husband. One day I went to church with a friend. I felt so relaxed and refreshed...I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.”

- DHANVI

ALCOHOLISM DESTROYS, BUT CHRIST RESTORES

NEPAL | RESTORE FUND

Dhanvi’s family suffered much trauma in part because of her husband’s alcoholism. He eventually put his unhealthy habits behind him and turned to Jesus—and his family is at peace. However, the alcohol abuse caused long-term health problems, and he could not work.

ICC used its Restore fund to buy Dhanvi an electronic rickshaw to transport people around town. Initially, customers did not trust a female driver, but now her business is booming!



UNSTOPPABLE PASTOR V

INDIA | MESSENGERS FUND

After growing up in a strict Hindu household in India, Pastor V loves sharing the love of Christ with those around him—but not without a cost. “I face oppression from the radical Hindu nationalists,” he admits. Pastor V has been sharing the gospel since 2000, but an increase in anti-conversion laws inspired him to focus more on outreach. ICC supplied him with a bike and Bibles to reach more people. He has consequently established 10 house churches in the last two years.

DID YOU KNOW?

Through ICC’s Messengers fund, we’ve supported more than 1,500 evangelists and pastors and equipped them with gospel materials to share the good news.



“We are very grateful for the blessings that have been distributed to the children. We have been praying for Bibles for a long time.”

- MISSIONARIES GIFTED 40 BIBLES



GROWING A LEARNING CENTER

MESSENGERS FUND

ICC connected with a couple that was called to serve in ministry seven years ago. They work tirelessly to preach the gospel to children in their community, with little support for their ministry efforts. Although more than 40 children regularly visit their learning center to hear about Jesus, very few have Bibles of their own. ICC came alongside this ministry to provide them with a supply of new Bibles that they can distribute among the children.

SOUTHEAST ASIA





FOR THE LAMB AT THE CENTER OF THE THRONE WILL BE THEIR SHEPHERD; 'HE WILL LEAD THEM TO SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER.' 'AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES.'

REVELATION 7:17 (NIV)

CHINESE SPIES ON OUR TAIL

THAILAND | ICC INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Gina Goh, ICC's regional manager for Southeast Asia, was invited to help members of a non-state-sanctioned church this summer who had been severely persecuted in China. Their church and school had been raided and shut down by the government.

In Fall 2019, church members fled to South Korea. But their struggle was far from over. Not only did the Korean government refuse to grant them refugee status, but back home they recorded at least 56 times where their family members were summoned and threatened by Chinese authorities during their two-year stay.

Named "traitors," they were accused of "collusion with foreign forces" and "subversion of state power," charges that could easily land them in jail. The police told their family members that these Christians were misled by a cult and that their family's education and work could be negatively affected if they did not return to China.

As a last resort, Pastor Pan Yongguang and his congregation decided to leave Korea for Thailand in August 2022. Yet, the Southeast Asian country was infiltrated by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Goh and the church members were followed and filmed by Chinese agents at their hotels, restaurants, and other locations.

Despite many fears and worries, church members believe that the Lord will make a way as He has been with them on this arduous journey.

Please continue to pray for the church members' refugee applications to be processed promptly, for their safety in Thailand, and for their eventual journey to the U.S.

INDONESIA

ICC'S ONE-TIME PROJECTS IN 2022





CENTRAL SULAWESI

● Daniel and his wife have been serving in their community for seven years. They teach the Bible to a group of about 40 children from the local tribe. When Daniel lacked Bibles to distribute, ICC provided them for the students.



SOUTH SULAWESI

- A family works alongside non-believers to harvest palm oil. They live on the plantation and share the gospel with their coworkers. ICC supplied 60 Bibles to believers in their ministry.
- In one village, Christians make up less than 1% of the population. ICC helped one evangelist open a barbershop to evangelize to his community.
- Ida lives among Muslims who converted from Christianity. They pressure her daily to convert to their faith. ICC provided her with an apartment while she goes to college to escape her living situation.

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BIBLE SMUGGLING

VIETNAM | GOSPEL FUND

There is an ongoing revival among the Hmong people in Vietnam with many becoming believers. Being “ethnic,” the Hmong are subject to surveillance and even persecution. The government sets up roadblocks and checks shipments to make sure printed Bibles aren’t being smuggled in.

Hmong believers in Vietnam live in remote mountains. Many are illiterate or elderly with poor eyesight. Therefore, they need audio Bibles in order to be able to read God’s Word. The material usually contains topics such as, “How to read the Bible,” “What the Bible says about...,” as well as Bible reading plans. They include the story of Jesus and the gospel for those who have never heard it.

This vital project helps to address the need for audio Bibles for the illiterate and visually impaired people who are hungry for the Word of God.

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They use the Hmong tribal language in daily conversation, so possessing audio Bibles in their own tribal language is necessary for families to grow in their faith.

ICC worked with staff on the ground to provide 600 audio Bibles for believers in Vietnam.

WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS BANNED

MALAYSIA | GOSPEL FUND

The Malay Bible is banned by the Malaysian government. And for the Muslim-background believer (MBB), it's nearly impossible to obtain a copy of any Bible.

Malaysia restricts private ownership of Christian materials. That means, for MBBs in Malaysia, even having a copy of God's Word in their home can invite persecution. Bibles are banned from being imported. MBBs who have an electronic version of Scripture must be very careful to avoid accusations of spreading apostasy or being caught, for they will be sent to a rehabilitation camp for Muslims.

ICC partnered with 125 MBB house church leaders and gave them 2,000 Bibles.

DID YOU KNOW?

Through ICC's Gospel fund, more than 200,000 people have heard the Gospel in 2022 worldwide through ICC-sponsored Bible distribution and radio broadcasts.



FEEDING THE BLIND

MYANMAR | RESCUE FUND

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and social unrest throughout Myanmar, a small business run by blind Christians had to shut down. The workers had to go out on the streets and beg for money since they were unable to find work elsewhere due to their disabilities.

Since the Burmese army overthrew the government in February 2021, the workers's situation began deteriorating drastically. Due to riots on the streets, the workers couldn't get to work. In May, the Burmese Army took advantage of them and occupied their compound. They had to stop work completely.

They were forced to shut down. ICC assisted 65 blind Christian families whose livelihoods were impacted by the shutdown. They received two months of food to sustain them.



ADVOCACY



ICC PARTNERS WITH THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION ON CHINA EVENT

International Christian Concern (ICC) was privileged to cohost an event with the Heritage Foundation this year that highlighted the atrocities of President Xi Jinping and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) against Chinese Christians and other religious minorities.

The Heritage Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., is the leading conservative think-tank in the United States. The event was held this summer on the heels of ICC’s release of its comprehensive 2022 Persecutor of the Year Award that documented Christian persecution in China.

About 70 people attended a panel discussion – and many more watched online – at Heritage that featured ICC’s Tim Carothers, advocacy manager for Southeast Asia. Carothers was joined by Bob Fu, president of China Aid, and June Lin, Asia senior program officer with Freedom House. Nury Turkel, chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, supplied opening remarks. The panel was moderated by Olivia Enos, senior policy analyst in the Asian Studies Center at Heritage.

“We were grateful to partner with the Heritage Foundation and illuminate the work of International Christian Concern in this region of the world,” said ICC President Jeff King. “We are deeply concerned with the tactics of President Xi and the CCP that force Christians to put the party first, with no room for Christ. We are making the world aware of these atrocities and supporting our brothers and sisters who are in great peril.”

During the panel discussion, Carothers described ways the communist regime persecutes Christians including oppressive church regulation, surveillance, and manipulation of youth away from Christianity. President Xi and the CCP arrest and persecute anything that threatens the regime and party.

ICC’s 150-page 2022 Persecutor of the Year report, which named the worst persecuting countries, entities, and individuals, was cited throughout the presentation. ICC’s ongoing reporting on the world’s worst offenders of religious freedom and top persecutors continues to make waves in Washington and beyond.



FOCUS COUNTRIES



AFGHANISTAN



ALGERIA



NIGERIA



CHINA



ARMENIA

THE 20-YEAR GENOCIDE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT

An ICC staffer met with key officials in Nigeria to better understand the 20-year genocide taking place mostly in the Middle Belt region of that country. The U.S. Department of State took Nigeria off last year's list of Countries of Particular Concern. Its decision shocked ICC and the persecution world. Nigeria, particularly within the Christian farming community, is arguably one of the most difficult places to safely follow Jesus. In addition to our projects in Nigeria, the staffer's visit helped us formulate a plan and discussion with key leaders on Capitol Hill.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

1 Helped lead the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington, D.C.

2 ICC research was cited dozens of times in government publications.

3 Released quarterly and year-long advocacy campaigns on Algeria, Nigeria, and Afghanistan.

4 Conducted groundbreaking research into anti-conversion laws around the world as part of a research contract with the USCIRF.



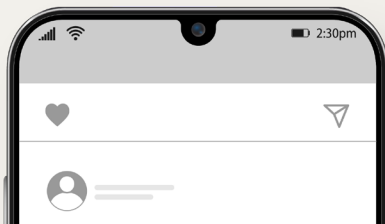
AWARENESS

ICC LAUNCHES NEW, ROBUST WEBSITE

The Communications team replaced its four-year-old ministry website with a modern, robust, and more aesthetically pleasing version. The earlier site had several issues that were affecting ICC’s low ranking in search engines, including slow load speeds and broken links.

While ICC staff designed the new site, they partnered with an outside marketing firm to host and launch the redesign.

The new site continues to differentiate ICC from other organizations and emphasize its three-pronged approach of Assistance, Awareness, and Advocacy. The “ICC Newsroom” section of the new site reinforces ICC as the No. 1 source for persecution news. The new site is also more mobile-friendly.



SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

1M+ FOLLOWERS



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797K
FOLLOWERS



TWITTER
72.2K
FOLLOWERS



INSTAGRAM
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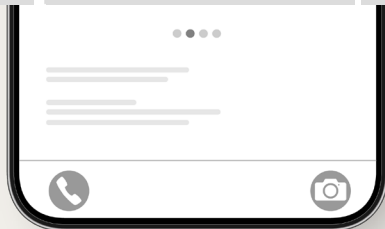


TIKTOK
17.7K
LIKES



YOUTUBE
167K
VIEWS

NEW!



WEBSITE TRAFFIC

Have you checked out persecution.org recently and noticed a fresh look? We redesigned our website with an updated look and better navigation abilities with you in mind!



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A ONE-OF-A-KIND INCRIMINATING REPORT

ICC UNVEILS ITS 2022 PERSECUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Communications team at International Christian Concern worked with the staff to produce the comprehensive, 150-page 2022 Persecutor of the Year Awards report. It proved the ministry’s thought-leadership and expertise in religious freedom and persecution issues.

For the second year, ICC highlighted the worst countries, entities, and individuals for Christian persecution in three categories. The ‘dubious’ winners out of 16 oppressors were Afghanistan (country), Fulani Militants (entity), and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (individual).

At a summer press conference, ICC President Jeff King and persecution survivors and experts gave insights into the report during the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington, D.C.

“Across the globe, Christians are beaten, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered simply because of what they believe in. I’ve been doing this for 20 years and it’s not getting better but getting worse,” said King. “Religious freedom is often an extremely complicated subject. This annual report is a primer for our allies to understand it and see it.”

The Communications team promoted the report through traditional, online, and social media channels. It garnered more than 500 mentions and 270 report downloads.

TOP THREE DIS-HONOREES



ALI KHAMENEI

Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei controls every aspect of Iranian life and uses harsh tactics to restrict Christians. He allows the torture and execution of many Iranian Christians.



AFGHANISTAN

Since the Taliban became the ruling party of Afghanistan, the beating, kidnapping, torture, and murder of Christians and other minority groups have increased dramatically.



FULANI MILITANTS

Fulani militants have terrorized Nigeria’s Christian communities. Radicalized and armed, they have killed tens of thousands of Christians and left countless homeless in a 20-year genocide.



1,000 BIBLES FOR NEPAL

ICC served 100 Christian families in Nepal through COVID-19 relief projects last year. We stayed in connection with these families and recently distributed 1,000 New Testaments to their community.

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