

DYING TO BE SAVED



Suffering Church Sunday 2009
Would you give your life for Christ?

The “Barnabas Fund Distinctive”

What helps make Barnabas Fund distinctive from other Christian organisations that deal with persecution?

We work by:

- directing our aid only to Christians, although its benefits may not be exclusive to them (“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10, emphasis added)
- aiming the majority of our aid at Christians living in Muslim environments
- channelling money from Christians through Christians to Christians
- channelling money through existing structures in the countries where funds are sent (e.g. local churches or Christian organisations)
- using the money to fund projects that have been developed by local Christians in their own communities, countries or regions
- considering any request, however small
- acting as equal partners with the

persecuted Church, whose leaders often help shape our overall direction

- acting on behalf of the persecuted Church, to be their voice – making their needs known to Christians around the world and the injustice of their persecution known to governments and international bodies

We seek to:

- meet both practical and spiritual needs
- encourage, strengthen and enable the existing local Church and Christian communities - so they can maintain their presence and witness rather than setting up our own structures or sending out missionaries
- tackle persecution at its root by making known the aspects of the Islamic faith and other ideologies that result in injustice and oppression of non-believers
- inform and enable Christians in the West to respond to the growing challenge of

Islam to Church, society and mission in their own countries

- facilitate global intercession for the persecuted Church by providing comprehensive prayer materials

We believe:

- we are called to address both religious and secular ideologies that deny full religious liberty to Christian minorities – while continuing to show God’s love to all people
- in the clear Biblical teaching that Christians should treat all people of all faiths with love and compassion, even those who seek to persecute them
- in the power of prayer to change people’s lives and situations, either through grace to endure or through deliverance from suffering

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Our Father in heaven,

We praise Your Name for the grace and courage You grant to our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith, to those who endure poverty, hunger, discrimination and mockery, to those who are beaten, imprisoned or tortured, to those who have lost family and friends, home and job, because of their decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Please fill them day by day with peace, joy and hope. Give them a special awareness of Your loving presence at all times. Strengthen them to endure hardship. Give them Your words to say to those who despise and reject them. Fill them with Your love for those who ill-treat them and give them the grace to forgive and pray for their persecutors.

We pray also for ourselves. Help us to remember that we and they are members of one Body. Help us also to value the freedom You have blessed us with and guide us to use that freedom more wisely as we serve those who have none, for their peace and to Your glory.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen

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I/We would like to receive regular news and prayer information about the persecuted Church

Please find enclosed our/my gift of for the suffering church to be used:

Where it is most needed

To support converts to Christianity

To support Christians suffering through violence

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of church:

“All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death.” **Romans 6:3**