



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven" -

Matthew 5:16

Jubilee Campaign would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and we hope that while you celebrate with your loved ones, family, and friends, you pray for the freedom of religious minorities around the world who are unable to openly celebrate Christmas this year as they fear retribution for their faith or suffer behind bars and are unable to see their families this holiday season.

Throughout the past week, we have been updating you all on the many fruitful projects that Jubilee Campaign has undertaken throughout the past year. Despite a pandemic that has shifted all of our lives and forced us to adjust to new circumstances, we continued to advocate for faith minorities around the world who continue to be persecuted and discriminated against, imprisoned and separated from their families, silenced and marginalized. We must not forget that the levels of persecution against faith minorities has only increased during the past year as they have been scapegoated as COVID-19 spreaders and have dealt with arbitrary and prolonged closures of their houses of worship.

Despite the many challenges faced by religious communities in 2021, there have been some noteworthy successes. During the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban, Jubilee Campaign aided in the safe evacuation of an Afghan mother and her four children so that they could reunite with their husband/father already in the US. We learned that well-known Pakistani Christian couple Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat

Emmanuel were finally acquitted of their falsified blasphemy charges and released from prison after spending seven years on death row. Jubilee Campaign hosted four virtual side events to the Human Rights Council - focused, respectively, on the need to apostasy laws, the kidnapping of faith minority girls in Nigeria and Pakistan, China's violation of the child's right to freedom of religion, and the need for a commission of inquiry into atrocities taking place in Nigeria. We were also honored to co-host an event to the United Nations Third Committee alongside the Sovereign Order of Malta, in which experts such as UN Special Rapporteur Tomoya Obokata discussed ways to combat the role of organized criminal groups in contemporary forms of slavery in Nigeria.

A general overview of our advocacy in 2021 can be found in the newsletter you see below. **If you would like to view and download it in its entirety, please click on the image.**



All in all, 2021 saw both advancements and setbacks in the realm of international religious freedom. At the first inaugural International Religious Freedom Summit in July in Washington, D.C., we developed even more plans for future advocacy, and we are so excited to work with old colleagues and new partners in 2022.

We would like offer our heartfelt gratitude to you, our supporters, who have faithfully stood by our side while we continued to advocate for religious minorities around the world who are persecuted. Without your support, we would be unable to serve our mission as a voice for the voiceless. **We hope that this Christmas you consider making a financial contribution so that we can continue our work in 2022. Thank you from all of us at Jubilee Campaign!**

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