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Life as a Refugee

By Pastor Joshua John in Thailand

My name is Joshua John. I belonged to a Very Famous and well-known Religious Muslim Family. My Islamic name was Rana Nadeem Akbar Yazdani. My father's Name is Rana Akbar Ali Chaudhary. We were 5 Brothers and 2 sisters. My Grand Father was a Famous Islamic Philosopher of Pakistan. His name was Mulana Chiragh Deen. In Childhood we learned Islamic Study in Madras, and we did not like to meet and play with Christians. Although I belonged to an extremist Muslim family, when I was studying the Holy Quran I felt something was wrong in my Heart and Mind like fire. (Mostly when I used to read the Verse of The Holy Quran Al Imran 55) Day by day God was doing something inside of me and changing my life. Then I met with a great Christian man who gave me the Holy Bible. I started reading it very carefully. It was extremely dangerous and not easy for me to bring the Holy Bible into my home or room. So, I used to read it at midnight to hide from my family. It was getting closer to the time when I listened to His Voice and He changed my life. In 1998 I was Baptized by a Pentecostal Pastor, and I gave my Life to Jesus Christ, accepting Him as my Personal Savior and my Lord.

Persecution in Pakistan My Parents and others Muslim Extremist then became my enemies. They planned to kill me several times. My two Muslim Brothers, along with some Childhood friends, broke both my legs and my rib. They also tried to cut my arms.



While captured by them, during persecution when I asked for water, they gave me urine. I could not imagine that they could do this much wrong to me. My life was in great danger. Pakistan can be a most dangerous country for Converted People in the world. We do not have any place for hiding nor safety for our Lives. Everywhere it is like a Jungle and our Enemies can hunt us down to kill us like Animals.

Thailand Situations My family and I escaped to Thailand to survive. Thai Government does not accept asylum seekers. Refugees like myself and my family are called illegal people here. The Thai Police and Immigration can catch us and send us to Immigration Detention Center Bangkok, Thailand. There are a lot of Christian asylum seekers and Refugees which are already detained in the Immigration Detention Center.

scan: BBC's documentary: Pakistani Christians in Thailand

→ on Youtube



Please watch this Video so you will better understand about our Situation in Thailand.

We cannot openly worship here in our rooms because if we do, then some Thai people will

call the Police and we can get arrested. We are not allowed to work so we are living like beggars living with 5 or 6 family members all living in a small single room. The main thing which disturbs us as parents a lot, is that our children are not going to school to get an education. Because of the fear of Thai police and immigration we do not go out of the room, it is like a sweet jail. The children are mentally disturbed because of stress and fear. Their mental growth is hindered and even mentally sick. They lack food, milk, education, and freedom, which are all basic necessities. Corona virus started in 2019 With lockdowns affecting many around the World. I would like to explain to you Lockdown started in our Life when we arrived in Bangkok, Thailand from 2013 until today. Here in Bangkok, Thailand day by day we are going in darkness day by day, there is no light and hope for us. But we are thankful to God that even in all difficulties and stress, we are still alive. We are waiting for the Lord who takes care of us to take us from this sweet jail. We are searching for freedom from this situation and for our small children to be able to take a free breath without any fear.

We long for the time when they can go out and when they can eat three meals a day without any fear or stress. We do not understand Thai language and so that is why we do not understand the difference between Thai Police, immigration, and the security guards. Whenever children see any person in a uniform, they become frightened and most of the time when our children get sick, we do not take them to the doctors because of the fear of the Thai police and being arrested. If the children see any police vans, they become scared and do not go out of the room for two or three days. We remain behind closed doors all the time.

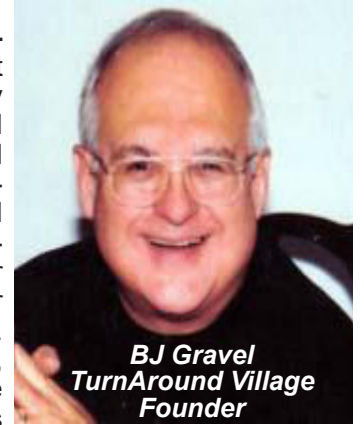
Sometimes the Christian Thai neighbors give us medicine and food when they see us in such a situation or position. When we arrive in Bangkok in 2013, I started work as Laborer underground secretly to provide for my wife and kids because I do not want to ask help from anyone. I feel ashamed to go through life as beggars.

Towards the end of the year 2019, while I was on my job, I was carrying a heavy burden on my shoulders and fell down. The fall injured my back and disabled me with lots of pain. My Lower Spinal Disc L4 and L5 had slipped. My family members prayed for me, and I thank the Lord with the help of T-Zocchi organization the Thailand doctors operated, and I am much better. Thank the Lord now I am doing well but for the rest of my life I am disabled from heavy work and still must take a little bit of medicine for pain. So please I requested you kindly Pray for me and my Family. May God Bless You Sincerely In Christ. Pastor Joshua John and Maria Joshua johnrev252@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mariaalph>

Restoring Men's Lives at TurnAround Village

Covington, Louisiana USA

By Blaine J Gravel TurnAround Village/Covington, LA/Nov 2022/ It was on Memorial Day of 2021 when I picked up, Jeremy, from a local Parish jail here in Louisiana. He was released with no clothing or personal items whatsoever and no paperwork other than his release papers. My cousin, from Orlando, FL, was with me as he was spending a few days at my home and wanted to experience first-hand what I was telling him about our work with persons releasing from jail and prison.



BJ Gravel TurnAround Village Founder

Jeremy, was dressed in the standard orange jail pants, white tee-shirt with the name of the jail stenciled on the back and a pair of jail issued flip-flops!! He had been incarcerated for 17.5 years for two murders that he did not commit. As a matter of fact, it was Jeremy's testimony that enabled the conviction that put the actual murderer in prison for life. Jeremy had had a terrible childhood and then was in and out of jail all during his teenage years and on into early adult hood. Then the murders took place and his involvement in them assured that he was destined for a long incarceration. During his time in prison he was ministered to by various ministries operating in the jails and prisons and had made Jesus the Lord of his life during that time of incarceration. For a time while he was in prison he was put on work release and worked as a deck hand on a tug-boat that operated on the Mississippi River. He just loved that kind of work and dreamed of doing that again on "the outside" when he was ever freed.

from, Stella our resident house dog!!!! It took a good little while, (months actually) lots of letter writing and literally driving for hundreds of miles but today, Jeremy is a deck hand on a tug boat here in South Louisiana, he has a Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC card) issued by the federal government, Visa credit card, a drivers' license, state issued ID card, a Honda CR5 automobile, that he paid cash for, a bank account with nearly \$5000 on deposit and he makes \$160 a day from which he pays taxes and, of course; his other living expenses.



God had literally taken him from being a tax-burden to a being a tax-paying, contributing member of our community, respected by his employer and co-workers. Filled with thanksgiving, he gives all the credit to God for He has done in his life. Truly, God is still in the life changing business!!!

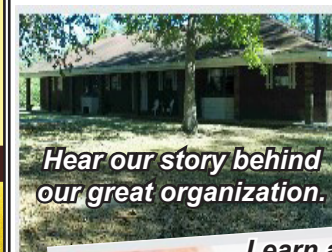
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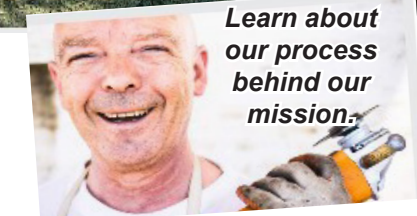
The first thing that we did after his release was to enjoy the wonder of Waffle House, made a short visit to Wal-Mart for underwear, socks, shoes, jeans, shirts, personal grooming items, etc. and then off to our transitional facility where he was given his own room, with brand new sheets on the bed and a warm greeting



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A Report from

By John Javed, Lahore Pakistan

Inside Pakistan

I want to tell you something about the situation in Pakistan. The current situation in Pakistan is very bad. Politicians are fighting each other. There is a big problem in Pakistan right now, we are very worried about this situation, we are facing many difficulties. I thank God that I can teach children about

God. Children are learning many teachings of God. And they are also getting proper education. I am preaching the word of God here in Pakistan and teaching people the Bible. I have some friends who help us and we are running a ministry because of that. We thank the Lord Jesus

and our friends for this. May the Lord bless you. John Javed

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