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A Stateless Ethnic Group: THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE

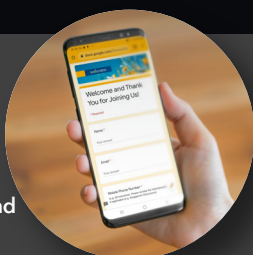


Based on the definition of the oxford dictionary, persecution is hostility and ill treatment, especially because of race, political or religious beliefs; oppression. Throughout the bible, persecution was pretty evident. For instance, neighbouring tribes of the ancient Jews, such as the Philistines and Amalekites constantly attacked them

because they rejected idolatry and worshiped the one True God. Also, when they were backsliding, the Jews persecuted their own prophets, who were trying to bring them back to God. The Pharisees also persecuted Jesus because He did not follow their man-made legalism. Before Paul became a Christian, he was very zealous in persecuting Christians as well. These are some

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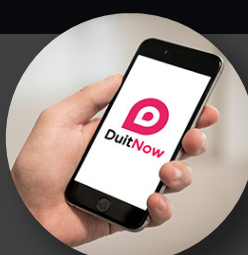
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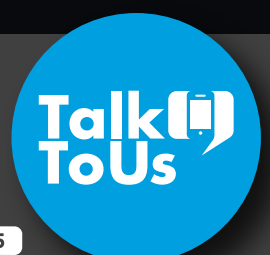
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well-known examples, just to name a few. Persecution happens to people of different races and beliefs all around the world. One of the people groups that have it the worst are non-other than the Rohingya people who come from Myanmar.

There are 8 major native tribal groups in Myanmar, namely the Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. The Rohingya people hail from the Rakhine state which is situated around the Western coast of Myanmar. As the ethnic Rakhine make up the majority of the population, the Rohingya's are considered to be a minority. According to their economic demographic, rice is the main crop of the region and most of them are farmers; fishing is a major industry for them as well as they live along the coast. The Rohingyas do not speak Burmese which is the *lingua franca* of Myanmar and this causes them to face problems with integration. More importantly, their Muslim beliefs differ in comparison to the majority of the population in Myanmar which practices Buddhism and this has caused them to face constant persecution.

Bad healthcare, poor education systems, lack of jobs are among the reasons that cause the Rohingyas to seek opportunities outside of Myanmar. However, the main reason –persecutions in the form of military crackdowns and genocides due to religion has forced the Rohingyas to flee Myanmar as refugees and seek asylum in neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh and Pakistan. The Myanmar government denies them citizenship under the 1982 Myanmar nationality law and this has resulted in most Rohingyas having no legal identity, basic rights or citizenship. Statelessness remains a significant concern for them. Besides that, Rohingya children in the Rakhine State are constantly hemmed in by violence, forced displacement and restrictions on freedom of movement. Being overwhelmed by unrest and a lack of peace, the Rohingyas do not have a choice but to relocate.

Described by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as "one of, if not the most discriminated people in the world", the Rohingya people find it difficult to assimilate into society due to persecution from both Myanmar and even neighbouring

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countries. Countries that used to open their doors to them are closing quickly. By mid-2021, Bangladesh is hosting more than 880,000 Rohingya refugees in 34 camps. However, since 2019, Bangladesh has announced that it would no longer accept Rohingyas fleeing from Myanmar and this meant that more and more Rohingyas faced persecution in their motherland. Eventhough an agreement for the return of refugees was reached in early 2018, none returned. The Rohingyas said they would not consider going back to Myanmar unless they were given guarantees that they would be given citizenship.

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includes the Rohingya refugees. Even when the Rohingya refugees are here, they do not reserve any rights, status or basis to make any claims from the local government, causing them to be helpless. As the Rohingyas are finding it really hard to obtain help from the authorities, this has caused them to turn to illegal work. What the Rohingyas deemed to be a golden opportunity to start a new life in a foreign land has slowly turned into a nightmare.

Matthew 5:13-16 instructs us to be the salt and light of the earth. It talks about how we are supposed to be a positive influence to those around us, to follow Jesus closely and do as He say, so that our deeds can be seen by others and they too will in turn glorify God. As we focus on the Rohingya people and learn more about them, let us continue to pray. 🙏



By Dickson Kam

Dickson is the member of the mission team.

| Pulpit Program

November 14, 2021
Parables of the Kingdom
(Matthew 13:44-58)



PREACHER
John Lee

November 21, 2021
The Response to the Kingdom: Faces of Unbelief
(Matthew 13:53-14:12)



PREACHER
Dr Peter Ng

November 28, 2021
Feeding the 5000
(Matthew 14:13-21)



PREACHER
Pastor Joash Chan

December 5, 2021
Advent



PREACHER
Pastor Massimo Gei

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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

The Rohingya People



1. Pray that God leads us in different areas of our life so that we can be a good disciple of Christ and display His works through us, whether it be to the Rohingya people or even those around us that have yet to know Him.
2. Grant us to courage to reach out to those around us, regardless of race and religion.
3. Stir in us a heart of change, to learn to be caring and not be oblivious to the needs of those around us.

| Upcoming Events



FBC (ROS) AGM Meeting Zoom Online

21 November 2021 (Sunday)
2.15pm

Zoom ID: 992 7605 6605
Password: FBCPJAGM

[CLICK HERE](#) to refer to the meeting agenda. Do take note that FBCPJ audited accounts will be made available for collection two weeks before meeting.



FBC (E) AGM Meeting Zoom Online

28 November 2021 (Sunday)
2.15pm

Zoom ID: 998 6435 6581
Password: fbceagm

[CLICK HERE](#) to refer to the meeting agenda.



VBS Registration Is Open

Our very first Online VBS is happening on Zoom from 13 to 17 December 2021!

For children aged 4 to 12 years.
[CLICK HERE](#) to register.
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Romans From Wretchedness To Righteousness

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For more information, contact Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Is There More to Life Than This?

Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022.

Every Thursday
8:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the next Alpha program.



Laying the Foundation of Christian Walk

Every Thursday
8:00pm to 9:45pm

For more information, contact Lammy Tan (012-386 8460) or John Tay (012-212 3099)



Monthly Prayer Meeting

27 November 2021 (Saturday)

2:00pm to 3:30pm
Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137

Password: pray



Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Saturday to Thursday

9:00pm
Zoom ID: 929 735 694

Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)