



Meet the Bashirs – A family in crisis

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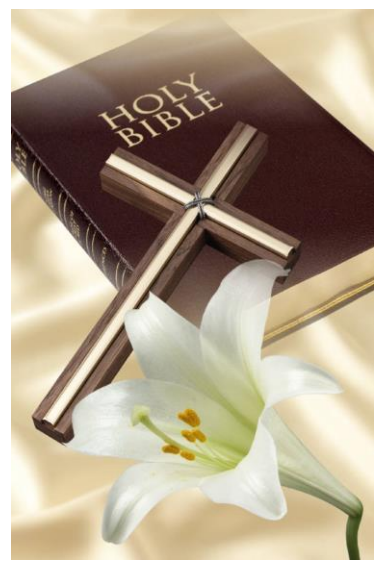
Imran, Shazia,
Minaham (11) and
Ifoon (13) Bashir.

Shazia with Little Johnny (7)



Family History

- Pakistani citizens
- Christian Catholics being persecuted for their faith
 - Convert to Islam and denounce that Jesus is the son of God, or be killed
 - Per Islamic blasphemy law
 - Father-in-law, Emmanuel Nayyer, murdered on way home from work on May 15, 2011
 - Brother-in-law, Imran Emmanuel, killed at work in January 2015 because he refused to embrace Islam.
 - Bashir family attacked and beaten on Jan 12, 2017
 - Convert to Islam or be killed



What happened next?

- Family sought protection at local parish, where they stayed for several weeks.
- Applied for, and received Visa to Philippines in February, 2017
- Arrived in Philippines on April 12, 2017

Ifroon and Minaham with new friends, Johnny and Hannah



Jeanette Manuel met the family at the catholic school her 8 year old daughter, Hannah, attends. She has been trying to assist this family.

Hannah and Jeanette



- Imran has a menial factory job
- Shazia is unlikely to be able to find work in the Philippines
- Bashirs were evicted for not paying their rent, and ended up having to share an abandoned building with other squatters
- Johnny ended up in the public hospital with Dengue Fever.
- Face prospect of having their refugee status revoked, and being deported.



Current status:

- Jean paid three months rent, plus security deposit, to get the Bashirs back into their prior house.
- Imran is working in a local factory
- Jean found Shazia a job cleaning local condos – but there is very little pay for this.
- Shazia's two brothers are now in the area – and also cannot find work and have no funds.
- One of your members generously donated funds to help strengthen the safety net for this family.

What is needed?

Amount:	Purpose
\$3,600	Larger housing for the expanding family
\$3,000	Layer fees to fight deportation
<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>Rent/stock 3 food carts</u>
\$11,100	Total Amount needed