



MANIPUR CRISIS
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Women and children are enduring unimaginable hardships...

In the heart of Manipur, a region marred by persistent conflict, lies a community in dire need of assistance. Over 6,000 displaced individuals, including women and children, are enduring unimaginable hardships in approximately 40 refugee camps within Churachandpur district. The ongoing crisis has left them without access to basic necessities, education, and economic opportunities.

With the help of our donors relief has been provided over the last 6 months to people impacted by the violence. IGL pastors have been working specifically in two different relief camps, M. Songgel Camp and at Zomunnuam Relief Center.

We recognize the enormity of the challenges before us and the limitations of our resources. In light of this, we are committed to adopting a focused approach, tackling a specific segment of the issue to the best of our capabilities. Our intent is to allocate our resources and efforts where we can make a meaningful impact. Rather than attempting a broad and superficial response, we aim to delve deep into a selected area, offering both immediate relief and comprehensive short—and long-term rehabilitation.



“During our most recent visit, Christine and I spoke with the families and children living in two remote camps in the forests. Young girls are seriously considering selling their bodies for food. Grandmothers are raising their infant grandchildren in the wake of their own children’s death. Kids younger than 10-years-old have been neglected or abandoned completely as their parents struggle with the horrific environment.”

—IGL Pastor Danny Stephens

Meeting the needs of so many is only possible because of the prayers and financial support of our donors like you. **Thank you.**



It is important to note that the current circumstances are dire, with entire villages reduced to rubble and no immediate prospects for these displaced individuals to return home. Regrettably, government assistance remains elusive, and employment opportunities are scarce, leaving them entirely reliant on external aid and support.

Within these camps, daily life is marked by significant hardships, including inadequate access to clean water, nourishment, and proper sanitation facilities. *The most vulnerable among these displaced individuals are women and children, who grapple with the harsh realities of their circumstances and an uncertain future.* Notably, young girls are at increased risk of vulnerability, making it imperative for timely intervention.

IGL is committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of these affected people. Our vision is to provide immediate relief, rehabilitation, and empowerment to bring hope and lasting change to their lives. Our primary objective remains to offer a lifeline to those who have lost everything, ensuring their well-being and the potential for a more stable and self-sufficient future.

We feel compelled to respond with empathy and expediency. To this end, we have prayerfully formulated a comprehensive plan to assist the people of Manipur.

*In the midst of persisting conflicts that have characterized the region of Manipur, there exists a resilient spirit and a glimmer of hope. Over 6,000 individuals, compelled to flee their homes due to these conflicts, have sought refuge in 40 makeshift camps located within the Churachandpur district. **Their predicament is undeniably arduous, demanding our unwavering attention and support.***

A YEAR-END Gift

As the year comes to an end, we are focusing on two specific needs within a comprehensive plan; *Meeting immediate relief and caring for 20 orphaned girls.

Please keep an eye out for our YEAR-END* appeal letter and emails and prayerfully consider our specific year-end opportunity to give.

Our Multifaceted Plan—immediate and long range—includes...

* **Immediate Relief:** Deliver regular relief supplies over the next six months to meet the basic needs of families. In light of these realities, our commitment to extending assistance for an additional six-month period, beyond the initial phase, will be contingent on several critical factors. These include the ongoing needs of the affected communities, the feasibility of their self-reliance, and the prevailing political and humanitarian landscape.

* **Help 20 Orphaned Girls/Hope Children's Home:** Currently, IGL supports a Children's Home for girls, Hope Children's Home with 20 girls in Lamka, Manipur. Full-time care is being provided to these 20 children residing in the home. A new facility is being constructed in the neighboring state of Mizoram where they can live away from the conflict zone. In addition to relocating the girls from the Hope Home to Mizoram, we also want to make room for an additional 20 girls (ages 5-8) who are currently living in the relief camps. Our greatest concern is for these girls to have a safe place to live and continue their education.

Educational support: Facilitating the education of 50 older girls, with a focus on those who are orphaned or living with single parents. These are students in the final stages of their schooling. By prioritizing the safety and well-being of these young girls through our intervention, we aim to shield them from the perils of trafficking. Our proactive approach seeks to create a protective environment that reduces the risk factors they face.

Tutoring centers for educational

enhancement: Launching specialized tutoring programs to support the educational progress of all children within the camps, thereby preventing them from falling behind in their studies.

To address this great need, our objective is to introduce a level of structured schooling directly within the camps. Trained teachers will play a pivotal role in providing daily tutoring sessions to these children, enabling them to stay on course with their education.

Women's empowerment through skill training

centers: Recognizing the potential within the women of these camps, we plan to leverage their available time during the day. By providing skill training, particularly in areas such as sewing, and by facilitating the production of handicrafts, we aim to equip these women with marketable skills. This includes the provision of necessary materials and fair compensation for their labor. Through these comprehensive initiatives, we endeavor to address immediate needs and empower these communities towards self-sufficiency and independence in the future.

Newborn and infant support: Women who already had newborn babies when they sought refuge in the camps are facing unique challenges. Their infants are especially vulnerable to malnourishment and disease, necessitating immediate attention and intervention. Proper nutrition and healthcare are crucial for these vulnerable infants at this critical stage of their lives. Many expectant mothers who were pregnant during the conflict are now giving birth within the confines of the present camps. Their childbirth experience is unfolding in a less-than-ideal environment. It is our responsibility to ensure they receive the necessary medical attention, postnatal care, and support to guarantee the healthy growth and development of their infants.

Trauma counseling for the families in these

camps: In the aftermath of the Manipur issue, offering counseling services is not merely a supportive gesture but an essential component of holistic recovery and healing.