



PERSECUTION RELIEF

OPEN LETTER TO THE

CEO OF FACEBOOK.INC

MARK ZUCKERBERG



"I think there's a comfort in knowing and having confidence that there are things bigger than you... it's why I have so much faith in democracy overall, it's why I care so much about giving people a voice"

-Mark Zuckerberg

Dear Mark,

Very few have the privilege, convenience and power to give the masses a voice, like you do. Facebook has triumphed not only over Print Media but all social networks including the likes of Instagram, Messenger, WhatsApp etc.

Back in 2004, you probably never imagined where you are today. I believe the creation of Facebook was envisioned with all good intentions to 'Join' and 'Connect' the world, breaking all human barriers and promoting unity.

However, with the passing of time came the distortion of vision as well. Facebook is now in a position to be a catalyst in the systematic dismantling of humanity. It has become a handy and effective tool for the enemies of peace.

India, which is supposed to be the world's largest democracy and a secular state, is presently reeling under the cruel curse of religious intolerance. Religious minorities are facing intensifying persecution owing to the propagation of religious nationalism.

At present, no other social network can be compared with Facebook, in terms of influence and vastness. Such caliber must be used to build and encourage, not break and discourage. Highlighting issues faced by religious minorities is one of the most beneficial ways to express solidarity with them.

Persecution Relief is one such organization that provides comprehensive support to persecuted Christians in India. Between January 2016 to August 2020, we have served and recorded over 2100 cases of hate crimes against Christians in INDIA. With over 50,000 Churches and numerous Christian entities partnering with us from across the world, we are the largest advocacy to the 2.3 % of Christians living in India.

From observing latest trends, we conclude that most efforts of bridging the gulf between religious communities in India are gradually proving to be futile. What is even more alarming is the dangerous influence Facebook is having on the 1.3 billion strong nation.

Facebook has played a key role in endorsing communal harmony in other nations. However, in India, your organization seems to be doing just the opposite. This observation is rather disturbing and raises many questions.



