

## **Call to Action by Chev. Robert Marcarelli, GOTJ, Producer**

According to authorities on the subject of the persecuted Christians of Iraq, we can fix this very serious problem. Senators, Congressman, and members of Parliaments, Clergy, NGO's and the people who care about this issue and those on the ground agree on the steps needed to begin to end the suffering of these people who represent this most ancient civilization. The Documentary **FACING EXTINCTION : CHRISTIANS OF IRAQ** was released in early May 2009.

#1. We must begin to change the political will of both our national government and that of Iraqi as well as the United Nations in order that they will begin to use their available assets to help these people who find themselves in desperate need through no fault of their own. The purpose of this documentary is to tell the world of the terrible plight these people are experiencing every day simply because of their faith. The goal is to build a ground swell of support and flood the U.S. Capital, The White House, State Department, Parliaments, Foreign Offices and the U.N with emails, letters, and phone calls that demands immediate assistance for the Christians of Iraq. We were told by the members of the US Congress who care about this issue that they have heard "very little from the Christian Community on this grave issue." Now is the time to bring to bare all the political pressure we can muster from those who care. Congress cannot and will not act unless they believe that this issue is really important to their constituencies. Now is the time to act!

#2. Even prior to accomplishing the first objective we need to help those refugees with every day living necessities, since they are not allowed to work in the countries where they are refugees. We will do this by funneling direct assistance to those in need by using "vetted" contacts on the ground to help alleviate some of the suffering until such time that the political will changes.

#3. Put pressure on our Governments to push the Iraqi government to (1) begin providing money for the refugees and Internally Displaced People (IDP's), to (2) provide security for the Christians still in Iraq, and to (3) begin the process of reclaiming all Christian properties confiscated since 2003 and return them to their rightful owners.

#4. For those unable to return to Iraq because it is too dangerous, apply political pressure on the U.N., Foreign Governments and the State Departments/Foreign Offices to help with immigration matters to get these people out of "limbo" that the UN has placed them and into countries willing to receive them.

Read all about the Documentary – the history, the Producer Chev. Rob Marcarelli, GOTJ, short clips and the ways you may help at [www.facingextinctionfilm.com](http://www.facingextinctionfilm.com).

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*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" Galatians 6:10*

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