

# Corresponding with those persecuted because of their conscience

**Simple:** Keep your letter short and simple for easier understanding and translation.

**Personal:** connect with them on a personal level without overemphasizing their difficulty or

your own lifestyle

Non-political: Try to avoid criticizing their government as this can create greater

difficulty for the individual

**Specific individuals:** Write to those who have already been specifically listed by organizations. Sometimes a letter can cause more harm than good for that individual if it alerts their case to the authorities.

### Take Action:

Write on behalf of imprisoned Kachin pastors Langjaw Gam Seng and Dumdaw Nawng Latt. These two Baptist leaders have been through thrown into a military prison in Myanmar (Burma) and need immediate help. After their formal arraignment, these two leaders potentially face long prison sentences for their commitment to highlight a governmental bombing of a Catholic Church

## You Can Do the Following:

1. Write a letter of encouragement to pastors Seng and Latt:

Lashio Prison

Lashio Township

Northern Shan State

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- 2. Write to authorities in Myanmar using <u>formatting provided by Amnesty International</u> (<u>https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa16/6688/2017/en/</u>):
  - 1. Drop all charges against Pastor Langjaw Gam Seng and Pastor Dumdaw Nawng Latt;
  - 2. Ensure that, pending their release, Pastor Seng and Pastor Latt are not ill-treated, are held in humane conditions and have access to lawyers, family and adequate medical care.

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Salutation: Dear Attorney General Director

#### **SAMPLE LETTER**

Dear < NAME>,

I have heard about your difficult situation. As a member of the body of Christ, I want to let you know that I am thinking and praying for you. I will continue to pray that the God of all peace and comfort will guard you and provide for you.

May His love give you the courage and strength you need during this very hard and trying time. May you find comfort in knowing that you are not on your own but that God is with you always.

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8.

You are in my prayers.

Name

Country

## **Director General of Lashio Prison**

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