THE FUTURE OF ROHINGYA CHILDREN

Jesus once said: *“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”* (Matthew 18:3}

I, and probably many of us, enjoy little children, especially the young ones that don’t care how they look to others. They’re real, just the way God made them to be. They live and love with everything they have inside them—freely.

Children have an open-heartedness, making it easier for them to be trusting. Spiritually this is the kind of child Jesus calls us to be.

I heard one person recently say that “children carry a pure light within them.”

I think this pure light is their innocence—easily believing what God tells them. This could very well be the reason that Jesus asks us to be like children. Some of the wonderful words that describe what children have within them are whole-heartedness, eagerness, honesty, trust, and unpretentiousness.

Rohingya children living in the Bangladesh camps have all of these. They have shown resilience despite the lack of some of life’s basic essentials.

We must pray that they will be good and strong when they grow up. May they have the freedom that their parents are lacking today. May they grow up with refugee life far behind them, a distant memory.

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