

My husband was raised in northern part of Nigeria. He and his twin sister embraced Christianity. But with much sadness, he lost her in the hands of the Islamic extremist "Boko Haram" as they came out of the church after bible studies. He had to run for his life and the whole incident left him deeply shakened and scarred him mentally.

I was born and raised as a muslim. My father is the "imam" of the mosque near to my house. I grew up with many doubts and question about my faith. I was always told to follow what was being taught. As I was not able to question or asked about my muslim faith to my family, I seemed to find all the answers about being a Christian from talking to my husband. I met my husband in Singapore and instantly got connected and we develop the love for Jesus Christ.

Against all odds, we decided to get married by muslim tradition so that my family will not suspect anything. We then got our own flat and started our own family and got ourselves immersed more in the Christian faith. We were blessed with 2 children and finally our luck ran out when a relative of my father saw us entering a church where we lived.

We were confronted and we decided to tell them the truth. What happened next tested our faith in the Lord. My father separated me from my husband and children. I was beaten and tortured for my "sins" of becoming a Christian. I was told that I have to denounce my Christian faith and become a muslim again. I refuse and my dad He also threatened to hurt me, my husband and my children. He continue to say that I and my family can't be seen alive because we will disgrace my father if we remain Christians.

I overheard my relatives threatening my husband by bringing thugs to our house. He also received threats on the phone and accused of putting Christian beliefs into my head. With God's help, when nobody was around, I managed to run to our church that we worship. They helped me to be in contact with my husband and children. With the church help, we came to Spain to escape the death threats that my family and relatives promised to do to me and my family.

We left everything that we have, our flat, most of our personal possession and our internet shop business that we opened in Singapore. We were afraid of being found so we cut off all our contacts in Singapore as we rebuild our lives in Spain.

We apply asylum seeker status under "Religious Refugee" which we were later denied. We therefore continue to stay the required 3 years in Spain to apply for our Permission to Work. I applied to have my Certificate of No Criminal Convictions(CNCC) from Singapore. We were told that it can't be given because I have a pending Warrant of Arrest. Upon further telephone conversations with other department, I found out that ACRA (Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority) have issued 4 separate Warrants of Arrest for failure to file our company's yearly income. As we have no communications with anyone in Singapore, we were not aware of any pending fines. We appealed our case at Singapore Courts and stated that we are currently unemployed and not in a position to pay the fines imposed. Finally after waiting for 3 whole months,

we finally received a reply that states our appeal about the fines have been reduced from S\$7,200 to S\$2,160. We were also given until 18 July 2016 to pay for the reduced fine.

Sir/Madam, we are now blessed with 2 more children and were looking forward to work and provide for them. We are surviving on help from Caritas and Cruz Roja which is insufficient for our family. We are desperately looking for help to resolve this matter. We have no where else to go as we are unable to go back to both Singapore and Nigeria as we fear our lives and the lives of our 4 children. Our children are used to Spanish language, customs and way of life. We like it here and truly feel that Spain is our home and we would like to stay here permanently. I have all the other necessary documents except for the CNCC to apply for Spanish work permit Please help us to start our life by helping us with the fines that was imposed by Singapore. We are used to Singapore way of life which is having a secured job and working hard. We hope that our situation will change as we look forward towards the future.

I thank you for your time and kind understanding.