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alive. Redwan carried his father for six days toward the border of Bangladesh. Along the way they were reunited with the rest of the family. Redwan spent his entire savings to get them on a boat across the Naf River.

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Just ten days after the MTI team trained Community Health Workers on how to detect diphtheria, Redwan's two children started showing symptoms. He immediately took them to the clinic where they received the proper medication. He then went to each of his neighbors' homes and made sure everyone was healthy. Since his training, Redwan has referred nine positive diphtheria cases.

Redwan is one of forty-one Community Health Workers, all Rohingya refugees, who go from house to house in the camp teaching on hygiene and sanitation, delivering needed supplies, and referring patients who might otherwise go overlooked. Redwan's work as a Community Health Worker provides the opportunity to care for his people in an impactful way. "Sometimes I worry about all the things I had to leave behind,

but then I look around and I'm happy to live in community with other refugees. I'm happier than I ever was in Burma because I get to be involved in such important work." This year CWR is responding significantly to the refugee crisis. Please join us in supporting families like Redwan's at CovChurch.org/cwr/give.



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