



CHRIST FOR ALL
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LOVING GOD through serving people.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

A Message from the Chairman:

By Naeem Zafar, Chairman



The coronavirus crisis has changed the way we see the world. It has forced us to pause and reflect.

This pandemic has reminded us of the fragility of life and exposed inequalities in society. But it has also brought communities together and given us the chance to reimagine what life could be like.

Through this pandemic we also have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of rebuilding a society which reflects God's kingdom values. As the prophet Isaiah said *“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”* Isaiah 43:19

As Christians, we can play a vital role in rebuilding by living differently and calling for change as we move forward. Throughout history Christians have often been central figures during moments of social renewal.

Unfortunately, discrimination and persecution never ends, even during this pandemic. Christians have been denied access to food aid distribution and increased pressure due to lockdowns and social pressure. But in these difficult times we remember the words of Joshua:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9.

Through the strength of our Heavenly Father our team in Pakistan continues to work to support our Christian brothers and sisters and to spread the Gospel.

Sadly we share with you that one of our team members, Pastor Benyamin, passed away on 24 May 2020. He left 4 daughters and wife. Please pray for them.

BRICK KILNS UPDATE

CFAM's team visits the Brick Kilns on a regular basis sharing the Gospel there and providing food and support. There are about 4 million people including children working in almost 20,000 Brick Kilns as bonded labour (a form of indentured servitude). Their daily wages of \$6, working on average hours 14 hours per day makes them among the poorest people in Pakistan, and desperately in need of love and support.

We are working to engage them and their children to teach them about Christ through our Sunday School programs. There are also some among them who can read so we are working to provide them with Urdu Bibles.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Christ For All Ministry team in Pakistan has been busy in the last two months reaching and serving struggling Christian communities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Much of Pakistan has been locked down due to the COVID-19 situation and this has really impacted the poor Christian communities because many work as day labourers and have not been able to work. Unemployment is

HEART FOR THEIR STRUGGLING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

high and there is no safety net for these Christian communities. Many in these communities

have had no work and no income and reports of starvation are already circulating. Families are missing meals and children are going hungry and much of the food aid that reaches Pakistan does not reach these communities.

CFAM in Pakistan, with support from CFAM Canada has been busy supplying food to a number of these communities. So far more than 115 families have had food distributed to them: 20 families in Youhanabad, 40 families at Brick Kiln Haji Sharif, 55 families at Kasur Brick Kiln. The staple foods that were selected and supplied were well planned and distributed to those most needing help.

In this we can see the advantage that CFAM Pakistan has by being close to those affected, understanding their needs and being able to meet them. We would like to be able to help more people in these communities as well as in other communities in the areas that are in need. We are continuing to fundraise to be able to help our Christian family in Pakistan. We have been blessed with a very committed and hard working

team in Pakistan who has a heart for their struggling Christian brothers and sisters as well as for the communities that they live in.

We want to give them the best support we can, so our team is planning to distribute Urdu Bibles during our next food distribution programs. CFAM Pakistan is currently buying a vehicle so that they can travel to the more remote Christian communities with food as well as spending time in the more remote villages teaching Sunday schools and encouraging Christians there.

Remember our Christian Pakistan family. Pray for them daily. We covet your prayers and your financial gifts to continue our work; as we try to reach the remaining 33 districts in Punjab Pakistan.



PRESENTATION AT CREDO CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

Christ For All Ministry is very thankful to CREDO and the Mission week team for choosing our ministry to support this year. We are especially thankful to all the students who chose to fundraise for CFAM. We were very thankful to present the work of CFAM in Pakistan to the school in an assembly. It was so exciting to see them learn about CFAM's work and how quickly they got involved with supporting our ministry. It is such a blessing to see God truly work through these high school children. We wish them the best in their future and pray that they will continue to grow in Christ.

The CFAM team in Pakistan is working far from the city of Lahore which usually means traveling more than 200 km from our office to the program sites. We shared this with the students, as well as our goal to distribute 1000 Urdu Bibles by 2023 and challenged them to raise enough funds to purchase the 1000 Bibles and to buy a 4x4 van to transport our team.

The students of Credo Christian High School took the challenge and ran with it. By the grace of God, enthusiastic students and a generous community overwhelmed us with the largest amount they had ever raised during Mission Week and provided CFAM with \$19,600.00, enough for the Bible program and a vehicle. **Praise the Lord!!!**

