



LCCP MISSION NEWS

A monthly newsletter update from the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan

Time to Return

Pastor Jay and Julie continued traveling the United States during the months of August and September to grow the mission awareness among our Lutheran brothers and sisters. A heartfelt thanks to the many churches in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Idaho and Florida who have welcomed them and plan to partner in the mission field. Your prayers and continued support is greatly appreciated. Although the laborers are few, we trust that God will provide the fruit of their efforts. Thanks be to God for safe keeping and good health throughout the summer schedule. The Dass' experienced a heat wave in the west, flooding in the Midwest, and ended their trip with a hurricane in Florida. God, in His mercy, has kept them safe from all danger and illness.

As the support is growing here, the work has not slowed down in Pakistan. The Dass' will return in October and immediately assess the needs of the Christians who were recently affected by devastating floods throughout the country. Deacons Samson and Hannan have been at the center of this tragic event doing all they can to help and LCCP will lead relief and clean up efforts where they are able.

The other priority will be to furnish and prepare the newly leased 5-story building that will serve as the official location for St. Mark Lutheran Church & Academy. This facility will be used for weekly worship, Bible study, online Seminary learning, Youth and Adult Confirmation classes, and eventually a Lutheran school. More information on that coming soon...



We Are Not Slowing Down

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." John 4:35

What we have learned from mission work is there is no down time. Pastor Jay and Julie had a full and non-stop schedule this summer. Deacon Samson and Deacon Hannan as well have been adding members and opportunities to hear God's Word clearly taught, for all ages.

Since November 2021, Deacon Hannan has been the catalyst for the LCCP Youth Ministry. He strongly believes that our youth need a solid Biblical foundation to overcome the secularism taught in Pakistan's government schools. There was no break for summer and one youth member invited two Afghan refugees to class. These youth have been introduced to Christ through the Quran, however they had no understanding of the death and resurrection of our Lord. Deacon Hannan started with the basics in Luther's Small Catechism and both teens continue to join weekly in Confirmation class.

Deacon Samson and his wife, Fozia are actively involved with the children of LCCP. A Vacation Bible School was held with 40 children in attendance, plus many parents. This was the first time VBS was open to non-Lutheran families. Drawing in other denomination Christians as well as a few non-believing (Muslim) children. This was not your typical "over-the-top" VBS like in America. Deacon Samson taught the Creation Story to the children in a simple way from the Bible. Their understanding from school or Quran is much the opposite of the Biblical teaching and it brought about many questions. Parents were welcome to attend and also helped with cooking and cleaning up.



From the VBS event, several families expressed interest in continuing learning together. Deacon Hannan started a Saturday Family Bible Study & Discussion group. A great opportunity for not only men, but women to learn along with their children and spouse.

The Local Church

PRAYERS & SUPPLICATIONS

- ◊ To meet the needs of the poor Christians who have lost home or property due to extreme flooding
- ◊ Safe return to Pakistan for Pastor Jay & Julie
- ◊ Books/materials for homeschooling group
- ◊ Provisions for St. Mark Lutheran Church & Academy building preparations

Of course, the work of the local church is not only the responsibility of the Pastor and Deacons. Many of the recent activity has been started by Samson and Hannan, however much of the behind the scenes work is labored by the community of Christians.

LCCP's free medical clinic was held in Islamabad with the help of local Christian doctors and nurses. Reaching out to the slum areas and accepting no foreign funds for this clinic the growing church is learning to use its own resources and provide methods of outreach to more people.

Meanwhile in Lahore, Seminary student, Naeem has a gift of teaching and musical abilities. He has begun a sing-a-long on Tuesday evenings and is preparing youth and adults for December Christmas caroling. The Pakistanis are a story culture people. Singing Psalms and telling stories through song is an excellent way to teach the Bible and reach the less educated. Naeem has several young men interested in learning to play instruments and he is happily teaching them.

Students are in great need of school supplies and the congregation of St. Mark Lutheran Church is helping. By gathering new or repurposing old supplies they are sharing with children in their community. The next step is to gather books/materials to start the homeschooling group this Fall. These children will eventually be enrolled in the Lutheran Academy in 2023.

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE

1

ONLINE AT:
lccpmission.org

2

BY MAIL:
1171 Atlanta Hwy
Cumming, GA

3

THRIVENT CHOICE
DOLLARS

4

IN PERSON:
Collection box for
needed items

Mustard Seed Faith

Meet Habil (Abel). He is a typical 13-year old boy, baptized child of God that is in LCCP Youth Group. Abel attends a government school and mingles with Christians and non-believers (Muslim). His family lives in the largest slum area in Islamabad and are very poor. The recent floods have dislocated families and has brought new students into Abel's school. When talking with them about all that they have lost Abel suggested they reach out to his church, St. Mark Lutheran Church, for support that they are providing for flood victims. His kind spirit and pure heart did not consider talking with Deacon Samson or other leaders in the church first. The church helped where they could and the family met with Samson.

At the next Youth Group, Abel's friends asked, "They are non-believers, why did you invite them?" He answered, "Jesus fed thousands and never asked their religion so I thought my church would do the same." Praise God for the faith of this young teen who hopes to someday be a pastor and share the Good News with his non-believing neighbors.

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10*

Thank you to all the NEW partners in ministry

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