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## Building Fund Goal Is Permanence in Pakistan

Your prayers and generosity are moving us closer to our goal of purchasing and renovating a larger building that we actually own. We have located a potential property that is 2 to 3 times our current size in a neighborhood nearby, as long as the tight real estate market cooperates with our time frame. For the past 3 years near Islamabad Expressway, which connects the capitol to its twin city of Rawalpindi, we have been renting a small building for St Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School. Culturally, ownership communicates our serious dedication to a permanent ministry for Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan...and we can eliminate our ever-escalating rental expenses!

God has blessed us with growth, to the point where our sanctuary is overflowing beyond its doors with our 90+ member families. Our school uses 2 floors of the building and can no longer accommodate our 45 students or take in any new ones on the waiting list. Over half of our congregation is comprised of children under the age of 14, who are the gateway connection to their parents and will form the next



generation of Confessional Lutherans in Pakistan. And this school is their only educational option. Your support is so crucial and appreciated!



## ***New School Year Begins***

In August, our school opened up for another year of providing Lutheran parochial education to our 45 member children. If not for our school, there would be no other option for them in Pakistan. Our curriculum includes catechism and other religious instruction, Lutheran hymns and liturgy, computer classes, reading and writing in both Urdu and English, creation science, and mathematics. All of this is done with the goal of training young hearts and minds in the Godly behavior and knowledge that will lead them out of poverty to a future of leadership, productive jobs and good citizenship.

We provide breakfast and lunch to make sure all are sharp during the school day, since there is likely little to no food at home. Donated uniforms have placed all on an equal footing. In addition to field trips, our 18-passenger van is used to pick up and drop off students, to safely keep them from walking through dangerous areas. To replace a faculty member with health problems, we're blessed to have Sharoon (photo, right) as a skilled replacement. We appreciate your monthly gifts that help make this possible.



# Good and Consistent Water is a Challenge



In this area of Islamabad, we are responsible for providing our own clean water for the building we are renting. There is no treatment plant or community water line to tap into. We are still repairing and cleaning our tanks, pipes, faucets, pumps and filter systems after the torrential rains and record flooding that occurred in early summer. The muddy flood waters damaged our three big water tanks on the 6th floor (roof) of the building, and then our water filtration machines and dispensing pumps which are on the 1st floor. Equipment has been replaced and expensive filters are routinely changed every three months. For many of our families, we are their crucial source of household water.



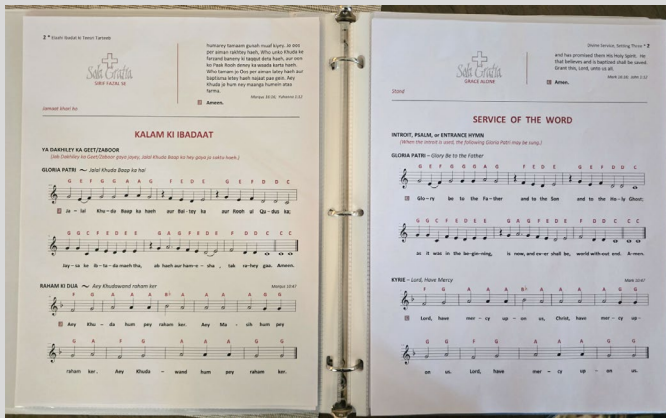
On top of these challenges, our well on the property has once again run dry in the summer as well. The landlord is responsible for redrilling a well, but the contractor is on his third attempt without success so far (see below). Layers of rock and water table issues have been some of the obstacles, but we are optimistic for a breakthrough soon.

While all of this is occurring, we are responsible for bearing the expense of having fresh water delivered by tanker truck on a daily basis. On average, this costs us approximately \$25/day or over \$700/month. Please keep us in your prayers as we work to be good stewards of our resources with God's help.

The efforts to keep clean water in our school are so crucial for preparing healthy lunches. And we're thankful that a donor is providing hygiene kits too!



# Liturgy in Binders



Ultimately, we want to produce two versions of the translated hymnal (in binders at first), each with side-by-side versions. One will have Roman Urdu on the left and English on the right (left photo, for our English service at Grace Lutheran in the mission house), and the other will have Roman Urdu on the left and Urdu Script on the right (for general use). Training by Zoom and then through our instructors on the praise team in both Urdu and English allows the children to teach the congregation.



## Presentations in the U.S.

During the summer of 2025, as we do every year, we are happy to make presentations at various LCMS church partners around the country to inform and thank them for their support. This may involve preaching at a service, sharing a PowerPoint at a reception, manning a tabletop display, or coordinating with individual supporters. If you would like to make us missionary-of-the-month at your church or simply inform your congregation of the progress being made in the mission field, just send an email to [info@lccpmission.org](mailto:info@lccpmission.org).



## Welcome Back!



We arrived back in Pakistan on October 11<sup>th</sup> and received a warm welcome of flowers from children and staff at St Mark Lutheran Church & School! We had brought back some items (LCEF and Thrivent dark glasses) from the LWML National and FL/GA District Conventions and distributed them as little gifts, along with balls from Grace Lutheran Church, Naples FL. It was also time for the children to receive their results cards, and we're very proud of all of them for exceeding the expected growth so far this year.

Due to the political unrest in the area, our trip from the airport required many long detours to safely get us home, thanks to the tactics of the members who escorted us. We pray for unity and peace in Pakistan, as we were only able to get to the church and school twice in the first week back to meet with our team. The roads were closed and people were advised to stay inside for safety. Now there are skirmishes with Afghanistan... We ask God for his protection!

## Happy Reformation Day from Pakistan!



Such a statement would have been unthinkable just a few short years ago! In a neighborhood with many nearby mosques, we celebrated with a service at St Paul Lutheran Church Under-the-Tent. The angels in heaven are rejoicing after 9 infants and children were baptized! The free gift of God's grace is being received by many. Halleluiah!



**Pray** for Pastor Hannan, Mrs Hannan, and his young children: Abdiel (3.5 yrs), Isabella (1.7 yrs) and Angelina (2 months). He has been suffering from serious back trouble lately, but still carries on with his responsibilities. **Pray** for the school children, many of whom are afflicted by eye diseases brought on by the unsanitary flooding conditions. As a former pharmacist, Pastor Hannan can often help.



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