

Mission Outreach



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UNDERSTANDING PAKISTAN

We want to introduce you to the land at the crossroads to Asia, to her history, her people, her culture and her religion. Above all we want to reveal to you what God is doing in Pakistan today, that you may pray, give and maybe go to this land of opportunity.

Pakistan is a young Nation with an ancient history and a rich cultural heritage; it has a history dating back thousands of years before the time of Christ's birth. Some of the earliest records of settlement are of tribal groups in the Indus Valley, no doubt benefiting from their proximity to the ancient trade routes like the Silk Road. At this time the Indus Valley was part of India and a stronghold of Buddhism.

But like many Nations around them, they were the subject of many invasions over time, the main ones being Darius of Persia in 500BC, Alexander the great in 328BC, Indo-Greek invasions of 10-2BC which lasted till 7AD when the Arabs and Islam came and set up a Umayyad caliphate over this whole region. The Mongols then invaded the region in 13-14 AD and in the early 15 century Shah Babur set up the Mughal Empire that lasted for 2 centuries. This was a

time of prosperity but also of great bloodshed, as Islam now dominated nearly all of India.

In the mid-17th century the British Indian Empire was established bringing to an end the Mughal era, they ruled right up to the mid 19th century. In 1930 poet Allama Mohammad Iqbal presented his dream of a separate homeland for Indian Muslims and in the partition of 1947 through the astute political craftsmanship of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, The Islamic Republic of Pakistan was born.

Originally in two parts East and West Pakistan, East Pakistan separated off in 1971 to become the Independent Bangladesh.

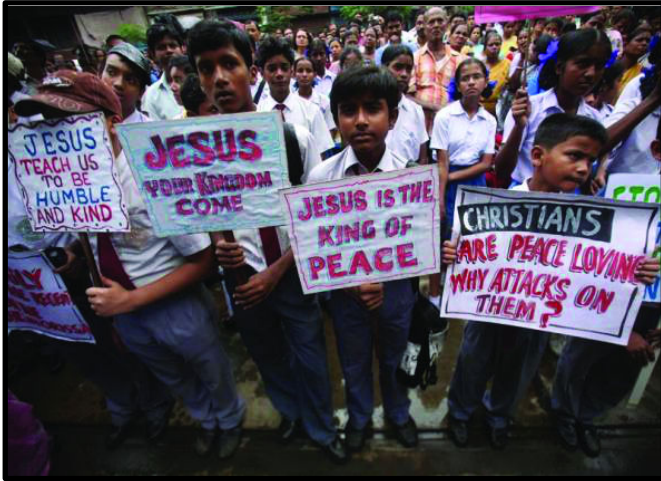
There are 7 provinces in Pakistan with a population of nearly 200 million [2018]. Urdu is the official language but about 40 other languages are spoken as well, and literacy is about 17.9%.



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Understanding Pakistan...



Islam is the official religion at 96.6%, of these 90% is Sunni Islam and 10% is Shia Islam. There is 3.4% that are other religions including Christian and Hindu.

Christian preachers have passed through the land known as "the land of the pure", since the 1st century when the Apostle Thomas passed through here on his way to South India. However only after the British conquest of the Sikh Kingdom in Punjab at around 1784 did missions begin intensive evangelistic work in this area.

Right back to the 3rd century there is evidence of Nestorian Christians in northern areas now Pakistan, and Armenian believers who migrated to India from Persia around the 5th century. The evidence of the colonial past can be seen in the many grand church buildings throughout this land.

The result has been that there is a Christian Church today in Pakistan that is numerically strong but spiritually weak. The Church remains essentially evangelical, troubled very little by liberal theology or sectarian false teaching. The problem is ignorance and carnality, not false teaching. In my travels it has been exciting to see the growth of the Charismatic move of God's Holy Spirit, especially in main line denominational Churches. Officially the

Government supports freedom of religion, but the reality is many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have suffered persecution and even death at the hands of Muslim extremists. The Muslim community have just come out of the celebration of Eid-UI-Azha, the end of the annual Hajj and the sacrificing of animals to commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son "Ishmael". Pray that they would be open to the revelation of God's love in sending His Son Jesus Christ to be the true sacrifice on behalf of all mankind.

Pray: for the protection of Christians, and that they would be open to the burden of Jesus for fellow country-men, and that they would be bold in their witness. Pray for a powerful move of God's Holy Spirit, signs wonders and miracles.

According to God's Word in Hebrews 13:3, "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Please remember what the Apostle John saw in Revelation of Jesus chapter 5:9, "And with your blood you purchased for God men from every tribe and language and people and nation," and this includes the people of Pakistan. AMEN.

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"The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for his inheritance." Psalm 33:10-12 (NIV)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Audio Bibles for North Korea

We have a unique opportunity through VOM to help with the provision of Audio Bibles to our brothers and sisters in Christ in North Korea. Here is a recent testimony, "I received hope of living while I was praying, the virus situation in Pyongyang and Sinuiju is more serious than the border area. I think we will all die from starvation or being infected. Both are deadly and cause despair, but after knowing Him, my fear has vanished. We truly thank you again."

Total commitment: \$5000

Balance owing: \$1123

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Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

The Word of God is foundational to the Christian faith and we are thankful for the opportunity to help VOM with the supply of Urdu Bibles to believers in Pakistan. The cost of these is \$12 each which includes distribution. MO's goal is 500 Urdu bibles.

Total commitment: \$6,000

Balance owing: \$3477

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CMTC Bible College

Monthly commitment \$1600

Nepal Radio Ministry

Monthly commitment \$850



NEW PROJECTS

Disaster Relief - Feed the Hungry

While our core purpose is to feed our brethren with spiritual food - bibles, we also need to help meet their most basic physical need - food let them know Jesus loves them by fulfilling this most critical need.

As a result of the impact of Covid19 many people are starving as they cannot leave their homes or villages to work due to forced lockdowns. Many others have experienced severe floods and plagues of locusts destroying their crops. In addition to this political unrest and persecution is on the increase. In fact all aspects of society have been affected and many nations are living in turmoil and fear.

Poverty and starvation have increased exponentially and many have lost all hope and courage to face the future. Crime and suicides have increased, economies are close to collapse and the governments are unable to help their people.

We need to do something to help alleviate the suffering of our brethren and those they love.

Our plan is to support our front line workers as they activate their people to take food to the hungry. Our goal is to feed at least another 1000 families by the end of September. **Total goal is: \$10,000**

We invite you to join us and pray for those in such tremendous need, and let them know Jesus loves them.

RESPONSE COUPON

SEPTEMBER 2020

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CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

Disaster Relief
Feed the Hungry \$.....

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Hope & Love In the Grip of Fear

As the world is gripped by the fear of Covid-19, so it is in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This fear is a lot more in your face than what we are experiencing in NZ, and compounded by the lack of food, basic medical care and infrastructure to distribute emergency aid.

1John 4:18 *“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”*

Please pray for our brothers and Sisters in Christ as they seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the masses of Covid-19 infected and starving people in their communities. We hear great stories all over Asia of food parcel distribution by some of our co-labourers, but in reality unless the Lord miraculously multiplies these efforts it will not be enough. **Pray for miracles of multiplication.**

Interestingly in some places the food distribution has led to people opening up to the love of God and some choosing to become followers of Jesus Christ, but in other places this distribution has led to suspicion and violence against our brothers and sisters. Some places in Afghanistan, the locals have blamed the Coronavirus on Christianity. **Pray for their protection.**

Psalm 28:7 *The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”*

In Iran and Afghanistan, the Kingdom of God is advancing at a rapid rate, despite the horrific circumstances that are around them. Matthew 11:12 *“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.”* **Please pray for the Afghan Government**, that they would have wisdom and courage as they face an uncertain future and peace talks with the Taliban on again, then off again.

Ephesians 6:10-20 *“Finally brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, ... “*



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2020 TEAMS & EVENTS

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

We are delighted to report we will be meeting at our usual venue at 7:30pm on Monday nights again. These are a powerful time of prayer and supplication to the Lord on behalf of our suffering brethren and for NZ and other nations. If you wish to join us at the venue, please email us at: info@nzmo.org for the venue address.



We will also have ZOOM available and will send invites to those on our list. You will need to install the ZOOM App to your device of choice to join us.

TEAMS & EVENTS

Due to the global impact of Coronavirus, all travel plans for 2020 have been postponed until further notice.

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