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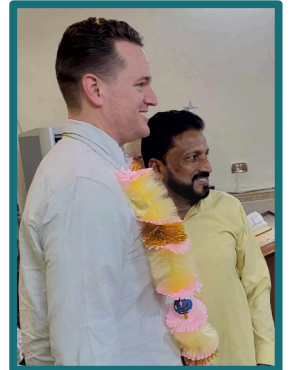
Pastors of the BBLCCCL

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There were other encouraging points on the trip. My traveling companion, David Faust, and I were able to visit Calvin Academies I, II and III. The students at CA II and III greeted us with their customary warm and "flowery" greeting. We had hoped to visit the students at Calvin I, but the Lord had other plans when the government shut the schools down due to

Greetings Co-Laborers for the Cause of Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I was privileged to visit the saints in Lahore in early November. My reunion with my Pakistani brothers was a joyful one. Even though my time there was limited, it was productive and encouraging.

One of the most important points of my visit was my opportunity to meet with the pastors and elders of the BBLCCCL. The past few years have been very trying for the brothers there. I thank the Lord for being able to speak to their concerns which seemed to calm some of fears they had. I also had the privilege to speak to them words of encouragement and hope from Hebrews 12:1-2: *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud*

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Greetings at Calvin's High School #2

unhealthy smog levels. Our schools there not only labor to provide a quality education, but our schools provide a Christian education. The alternative is for the children to attend Muslim schools where they will be taught Islam. Christian education is critical for the future of the Church in Pakistan.



We also had the privilege to visit our Health Clinic in Muridke. We praise God that a new doctor has been found for the clinic. The nurse and medical dispenser eagerly await his arrival. This clinic provides a variety of services from dispensing medicines to delivering babies. The clinic serves Christians and Muslims alike. Pray that will continue to be a testimony of Christian love.

Conventions were held at Rev. Dildar Masih's congregation (Sadar Jhalar), and with Rev. Obed Morris (Faisalabad), where Christians joyfully received the ministry of the Word.

One of the members of Rev. Dildar's congregation approached me following the message to show me a picture that he took of us that last time I was in Pakistan. Such special connections are reminders of the bonds we share in Christ.

Another important purpose of the trip was to meet with our new contacts in the Reformed Church of Pakistan who are mostly in the Bahawalpur area (Bahawalpur is four hours from Lahore in south central

Pakistan). While there, we participated in evangelistic services, what was called "The Great Commission Conference", "The Mary Jones Conference" for women, and the convocation for the Sutlej Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. During the convocation, I was given the honor of handing out the diplomas to the graduates.



Another honor was baptizing three covenant children at a smaller church service one evening. Please pray for God to bless our future cooperation with the RCofP.

Dear Friends, as always, this ministry has not been possible for the past fifty years without faithful supporters like you. The income for our budget has declined over the last year. In addition, our workers at the Academies, Clinics, and Bible Literacy Centers have not had raises of any kind in quite a while. Plus, inflation in Pakistan is out of control. They have experienced 30% inflation and more. Our people are struggling to make ends meet. Please consider how you can help. If you have friends, relatives, or co-workers who are interested in missions, especially in Pakistan, pass our information on to them. Pakistan needs to turn to Christ. Pray that the Lord would multiply the funds for Lahore so the ministries may continue for years in the future.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

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