

Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan

A Report from Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Introduction.

Islamic Republic of Pakistan, a country with 165 Million population has nearly 2 percent Christians out of which more than 95% Christians live either in slums in main cities or in villages. These Christian are living in extremely difficult situation. This 95% Christian Community lives well below the line of poverty. Average income of a family is around Rupees 3,000.00 or 30.25 Dollars. They are deprived and discriminated by Muslim majority in almost all fields of life. People in cities are mostly “Sanitary workers”, factory workers, common laborers who work on daily wages and women who are also sanitary workers and works as “maid servants” for cleaning jobs in the house of well to do people. Their children don’t get any chance to go to school as they often start working by the time they reach the age of 10 for the reason that their parents can not afford to send them to schools. The medical help is almost out of their reach. In villages most of the people still live in Feudal System as “peasants” and some learn small crafts like carpenter, mason, tractor driver and other small skills.

The Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan.

Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan (Registered) is a Charitable, Social and Religious Society serving the Christian community of Pakistan in their various needs, in the remote villages and slums in the cities in three Provinces of Pakistan. These Provinces are North West Frontier Province, Punjab and Sindh Province. The Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan (The SBBCP) had been working among the poor and under privileged Christian Community. The SBCCP comprises of two main church bodies, The United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan and the Anglican Orthodox Church of Pakistan. The SBCCP Churches work in the slum areas of Karachi in the Province of Sindh, slum areas of city and the villages around Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Pasroor, Rawalpindi, Sargodha, and Sialkot Districts. The Anglican Orthodox Church works in the slums and villages of Peshawar, Islamabad, Kaharian, Narowal and Qasur District of the North West Frontier Province and the Province of Punjab.

Aim and Scope.

Our “Aim” is to provide financial assistance in the field of “social up lift” of the Christian Community through education (secular, technical and religious) and by provision of medical assistance and especially bringing awareness in Christian Community through counseling of the Social Workers who also get training to Pastor these poor people.

Achievements of Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan.

The Society has been able to help the Christian Community in the areas mentioned above, with the generous help of our friends in Christ in Germany and the United States of America. The Society provides help in following way and fields.

The Faith Theological Seminary.

The Faith Theological Seminary Gujranwala, Pakistan is a conservative and Bible believing Institution established in 1877 as the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In September 1968 it was renamed as Faith Theological seminary which training young Christian men to serve the Lord as Pastors and Evangelists throughout Pakistan. The Seminary trains young Christian men from the Anglican Orthodox and the United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan. By the end of year 2008 more than 80 percent Pastors and Evangelists are graduates of Faith Theological Seminary. The Faith Theological Seminary also offers various courses through "Correspondence". There are over 50 students who are working under the "Correspondence" program. This Institution is thus a great source of preaching the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ in this part of the world.

Food Grain Help. The Society of Biblical Christian Churches of Pakistan has been providing "Food Grain" to most deserving families in rural areas of Pakistan. But due to lack of funds this program is suspended since January 2008. We hope that with the help of our friends in the United States and Europe we will be able to restart "Food Grain" help program to more that One Hundred destitute Christian families.

Educational and Medical Help. Each District of The United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan and the Anglican Orthodox Church of Pakistan is trying to provide Educational and medical help to our poor Christian community. This program has also suffered since January 2008 and we look towards our friends in the United States and Europe for help for our ever neglected and poor Christian community in Pakistan.

An Appeal.

We appeal to our Brothers and Sisters in Lord Jesus Christ to please come forward and help the people who are less fortunate and who are neglected by the government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Please pray for them that they might be preserved from persecution and may our Lord Jesus Christ make you the source of their strength.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless all who read these letters.

God bless you all.

Yours in Lord Jesus Christ,

Bishop Timotheus Nasir