



# WESTMINSTER BIBLICAL MISSIONS To Pakistan



## Pakistan Lahore Newsletter

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### **THE WORD OF THE LORD GREW MIGHTILY AND PREVAILED**

#### Dear Co-Laborers in Missions

An episode from the book of Acts reminds us of what we are witnessing in Punjab province, including Lahore, Pakistan. **John Calvin** helps us see this in his commentary: *Acts 19:18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. "So this voluntary confession was evidence of repentance and fear. No one who is not deeply moved will lay himself open to people's reproaches and will accept judgment on earth in order to be acquitted in heaven. The word *many* indicates that they did not all have the *same* reason for coming. Maybe they had had bad consciences for a long time. Luke does not lay down a universal law but gives an example that must be followed by those who need the same medicine. These people confessed in order to give evidence of their repentance and to seek advice and relief from Paul. V.19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. This was to remove all cause of error, both for themselves and for others. The fact that their great value did not stop them from getting rid of the books shows that they were serious. . Luke has already recounted their confession in words; now he writes of their confession in deeds. V.20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*



**The word grew greatly or unusually, many people joining the church because of the spread of the teaching, and individuals making more and more progress as their faith took deeper root."**

#### **UPDATE ON BIBLES FOR LAHORE AND BEYOND**

Brothers and sisters, on May 30 we asked you to give \$8500 for Bibles. We asked you to imagine the potential impact Bibles can have in such a predominantly Muslim area. We praise God with you that Christ's sheep responded by giving **\$14,800!** This included generous donations from students in a Christian School and a Sunday School class. Revs. Din, Gill and **Lal Din** thank



the Lord for receiving funds to distribute Bibles among the students of Calvin's High Schools especially and to others as well. When school resumes August 23-25, they will be distributing Bibles. (Pictures of this event will be coming to us in a few weeks) We believe that many of the recipients are being persuaded by the Holy Spirit to accept and read a Bible.





This is happening in a land where the Quran is considered by 97% of the population to be THE BOOK. To receive a Bible opens up the recipient to the reproaches and possible judgments of family members, friends, neighbors and especially enemies. By receiving a Bible from the BBLCC, some will be giving evidence of their repentance and faith in Christ alone, while seeking guidance

from the Pastors and Elders of the BBLCC. Together with you, we will continue to pray that our Savior and Lord will use this influx of thousands of Bibles. May His Word permeate the hearts, minds and souls of many, removing unbiblical thinking and beliefs as they read and learn the Old and New Testaments. May this means be used by the Father and the Holy Spirit to cause many to confess that Jesus Christ is their only Prophet, Priest and King. Such a confession may cost many dearly. May our King protect His subjects. May the word of the Lord grow mightily and prevail in Punjab province by this means!  
**Soli Deo Gloria.**

### **PRAISING GOD FOR THE POWER OF HIS WORD DEMONSTRATED AT TWO CAMPS**



You may recall that for years, lack of security and funding have prohibited the BBLCC from holding, what they prayed would be, **annual** summer camps, in two locations. This, we hoped, would be a means of discipleship for 160 Christians. In July we asked you all to pray and to give \$5000 to supplement the \$5200 given by BBLCC delegates and local people. We praise the Lord that, through His people here, and by providing the needed security, He made this possible this year at Muree Hills! Rev. Din wrote recently: *We praise the Lord that that though it is very scary, we trusted God for protection and security.*

Praise God that 135 delegates came from BBLCC churches to the two camps. At the July 9-15 camp, 55 people came, and at the July 16-23, there were 80.

Traveling by buses, each group of campers reached Muree hills and began with devotions at 6:30 am. The main objective of the BBLCC at these camps was to teach people from the congregations the Word of God, and disciple them in the Christian faith. **Each day** of the camps, the attendees started their day at 6:30 am with devotions. They heard an hour and a half Bible message at 10am. This was followed by an hour and a half Bible Study at noon. The evenings were reserved, in Rev. Din's words, *for people to go and see the wonders of the Lord.* He also shared this wonderful testimony: *Our camps were organized and people were a great testimony for the local Muslims. The participants in both camps were so much blessed which will help their respective pastors and their congregations.* We believe the hunger for the word of God we have seen at the camps is an evidence of genuine repentance and faith in Christ among the participants. Thank you for praying that we will see our Triune God use these camps to produce much fruit in the lives of those who were there.

### **Rev. Gill**

Beloved co-laborers, thank you for your prayers and support of the church which Christ is building in Pakistan. Please continue to pray that our number of supporters may grow by one third in 2017. Please invite others to request our Newsletter. Will you help by passing on your Newsletter when you are finished? If you received it via email, please forward it. If you viewed it on Facebook or our website ([wbminc.org](http://wbminc.org)) please share with your family and friends. You may also receive our **Prayer Letter** via email **every** month while waiting for the next **bi-monthly** Newsletter. Just contact us and ask to be added to our email list.



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