



Pastor Samssoon leading a prayer group



David Memorial staff & volunteers

Pakistan Village Ministry

March-April 2018

Dear friends and partners in the missions,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve him, by ministering to His people in the villages of Sahiwal. Sahiwal is a city in Punjab about one hundred miles from the city of Lahore. Sahiwal district consists of several small towns and villages. There are few villages where Christians are in the majority but in most villages Christians live among a Muslim majority.

Christians in Pakistan increasingly face persecution in the form of oppression, ridicule and physical violence from Muslim majority. Last month a church was attacked not far from our mission's field. Christians were attacked by a Muslim mob during the Sunday service at the Gospel Assembly Church, Village# 77 of Sahiwal, Pakistan. Seven people including women were injured.

We praise God for keeping his people safe in the villages we serve. We are thankful to our partners for their prayers. We also thank our partners and friends for their generous support for this ministry.

Gospel Ministry:

The gospel preaching and training of youth and children continues in the Villages of #174, #12 and #31. We praise God that Easter services were held at villages 174, 31 and 12 with full attendance.

We are happy to report that the Lord has heard our prayer as we were looking for another pastor. Pastor Boota Masih will be coming back to work with us. Pastor Boota Masih is the first pastor that was trained and ministered with my father during the early years of this ministry. Pastor Boota will continue to remain with the ARP denomination while working with us. He brings a lot of experience of church planting and teaching reformed theology. Pastor Boota being a senior and more experienced will be leading the pastoral team. With his leadership, we plan to develop the ministry to other villages.



Pastor Boota Masih with Pastor David during the 2013 visit to Pakistan



Village # 31

The rebuilding project of the church in Village#12 continues. The parsonage is almost complete and the pastor will be able to move in by next month. We are requesting more funds to finish the church including roofing.

Education of Children and Young Adults:

David Memorial School at Village #174

Last month our school celebrated another successful academic year. Earlier this March parents of children were invited along with local pastors and village leadership for the school result day celebrations. Everyone praised the school for their service to the village. Indeed, it has been a blessing for the village and families of our students. We thank the Lord for Mr. Marshal Paulus, our school administrator and school staff for their dedication and commitment. Please pray that our school will continue to be a blessing for the village families and a great witness among the other villages in the area.



Result Day at David Memorial School

Prayer Concerns and Needs:

Please pray for Mr. Shamaune Nathaniel our volunteer who oversees school and church property. He had a head injury during a motorcycle accident last week. Funds are also requested to replace his motorcycle and help him with medical bills.

Please continue to pray for the safety of our staff including Mr. Marshal Paulus who travels quite a distance to visit school monthly.

Pray that the Lord will provide funds and instructor for **sewing centers** for Village # 174 & #12

Furniture for the school: Desks, tables and chairs. Approximate cost: \$4500.00

Two new classrooms at David Memorial School at an approximate cost of \$5000

We need a **vehicle** (small van) to safely transport our teachers to and from other villages.

We appreciate and thank all our partners for your prayers and contributions that have made it possible for us to continue the proclamation of the gospel and educating children in these villages. May the Lord richly bless you and your families.

You are welcome to contact me, via email villageministry74@yahoo.com at or call **1-215-285-6484**

In His service,

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