

Pakistan Lahore News

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Sardar Ahmed Din, Missionary



The Passing of Pastor Thomas Mayville, Assis- tant Field Chairman for Pakistan

We begin with heavy hearts by reporting that our dear brother in Christ, Pastor Thomas Mayville, unexpectedly departed this life on March 31, 2021, and is now with our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the infinite and mysterious wisdom of God, Thomas lost a struggle with double pneumonia due to the effects of the COVID-19 virus. His presence and service to Christ helping us with the Pakistan ministries will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

I am confident he heard these most precious words from the lips of our Saviour, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

Please pray for his beloved wife Carolyn and his family during this time of grief.

Introducing Rev. Howard Sloan

In God's providence Pastor Howard Sloan was able available to serve as Assistant Field Chairman for Pakistan. He has been serving WBM since 2019 as our missionary-at-large. Pastor Sloan came to us after serving as the pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church in Bedford, Pennsylvania. It was while serving there that he became familiar with WBM and our ministry to Pakistan. Pastor Sloan and his wife Michele had the privilege of meeting Rev. Sardar Ahmed Din when Rev. Din visited and preached for the Bedford congregation several years ago.

Howard brings to WBM valuable experience in foreign mission work as he has taught in Kenya and Peru. He has been working closely with Rev. Dennis Roe in the Nepal ministry, including teaching, and producing the Nepal newsletters. We are thankful for his skills in layout and graphic design, along with his love for missions. These will be a valuable asset to the Pakistan Lahore ministry.

The Ministry

We have this recent report from Rev. Emmanuel Gill, president of our Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Lahore:

"Thanks be to God that all of the BBLCCL churches are able to meet while following the new COVID regulations established by the government of Pakistan. Our pastors report a blessed Resurrection Day. The congregations continue to grow in spiritual strength and number.

COVID-19 has presented many challenges but also many opportunities. We thank and praise the Lord for our two medical clinics. Our clinics are well used and have been a great service to



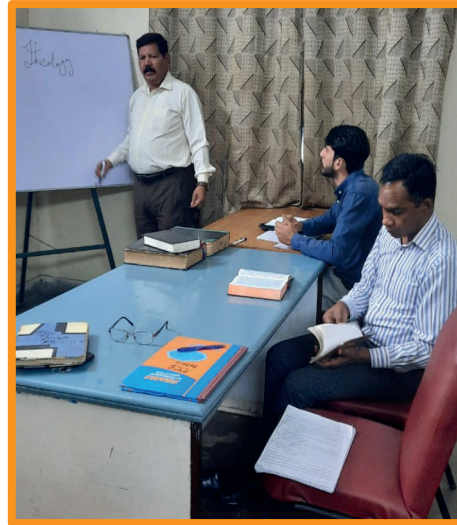
many Christians and Muslims during this pandemic. We provide free medical assistance and medications to the needy. Although we lack facilities for COVID-19 testing, our clinics are a blessing to many and are greatly appreciated. Our patients, both Christian and Muslim, witness the love of Jesus Christ through our ministry to them. Pray that God will lead many to faith in Christ through our clinics.

We have a great challenge for the pastors of our BBLCCCL churches: There is the constant attempt and threat by modernist teachers to deceive our people with false doctrine. These are those whom the Apostle Paul warned about and identified as “grievous” or “savage wolves” who will attempt to “enter the flock (Acts 20:29-30).” Our pastors and teachers are challenged to keep Christ’s flock aware and away from the man-made teaching and belief systems of many groups in Pakistan. These false teachings will only serve to lead the people to barren and dry lands rather than leading them to green pastures. These so-called pastors/servants are wolves in sheep’s clothing who only offer a false hope and a man centered faith, which in the end will be most miserable for their followers.

Sadly, during the pandemic, our pastors could not hold worship meetings in their church buildings or conduct regular visitation of their congregations.



Consequently, the financial condition of the churches was affected negatively. This especially affected the pastors who live in rented houses.



The Seminary

We thank the Lord that since August 2020, our Presbyterian seminary has been open. Our teachers are doing their best, giving their 100% to teach, train and prepare our students to faithfully preach the true Word of God in our land. Sugar coated preaching by comparison is common and being preached day and night. Many false shepherds are preaching what people want to hear, not what the Lord God desires. We prepare our pastors to stand firm against liberal doctrine and heresy. Pray for these men to unashamedly proclaim the whole council of God.

Calvin Academies

We thought that very few children would return to our schools when we opened after the long closure due to COVID-

19. We praise the Lord that not only the previous number of students in all four schools came back, but many new students enrolled when the schools reopened.

However, it has been a series of openings and closures since last spring. This made it difficult for many to take their final exams. It also hurt the school children from the very poor families a great deal because they could not afford to take online classes.

We teach the Holy Bible in our schools. The pandemic had the effect of keeping our children away from learning and reading the Bible. The purpose of our schools is to build these children up in the Lord and in the faith. We also train them with the hope they will become responsible citizens of Pakistan and useful to their families and congregations.

We thank you for your prayers and gifts which help us continue the work of the Seminary and all the other aspects of the work in Pakistan (From Emmanuel Gill, April 2021)."

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Dennis Roe, Field Chairman

Howard Sloan, Assistant Field Chairman

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