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You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. - 2 Timothy 2:1-3

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We give praise and thanks to the Lord that our mission labors are going well in Pakistan. The Kingdom of God continues to advance as the gospel is proclaimed, and the love of Christ is shown.

We are happy to report that Lord called a new student to study for the Gospel ministry in our seminary at Johannabad. His name is Johnson John and he comes from the 12th largest city in Pakistan, Sargodha, which lies approximately 188 KM to the Northwest of Lahore. He has the honor of being the only married student currently enrolled. We have a total of four students now enrolled in theological education in the seminary. While this may seem like an insignificant number, please remember that Pakistan is 95% Muslim and



Johnson John

Christian pastors are desperately needed. Please pray that these young men will be thoroughly grounded in the faith and well equipped for pastoral service in Christ church in Pakistan. Notable also is that we have called a new teacher to the seminary, Rev. Ihsan Karamat, a graduate of our seminary. Please pray for him and his faithful service in training up

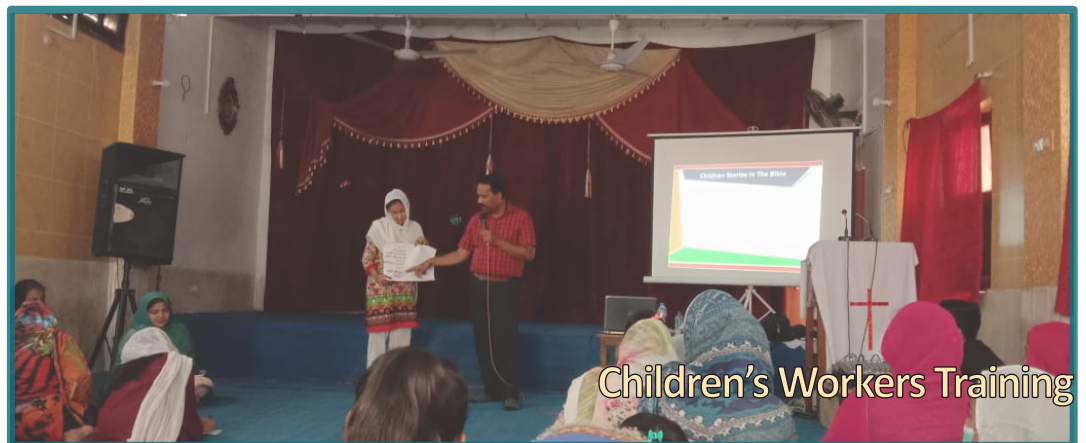
faithful men for the Gospel ministry.

A program for Children Worker's Training in our church at Wandala Dia Shah was arranged through one of our Sunday School teachers. We thank the Lord that female staff of CA-II, Wandala and some young girls from my congregation took keen interest in getting this training.

It was also a joy for the churches of the LCBBCCL to hold worship services on Palm Sunday, Holy Communion meetings on Holy Thursday, and worship services on both Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday in our congregations without any trouble or hindrance.

POLITICAL ISSUES

We are disappointed once again to report that Rev. Howard Sloan had to cancel his trip to observe our ministries in Pakistan this May.



Children's Workers Training



to the Lord for our supporting churches and faithful individuals for your prayers, your encouragement, and generous giving assisting us to continue Gospel missions in Pakistan.

There were several things that necessitated canceling his travel. The first was the tense political situation in Pakistan. In early April of this year, the Prime Minister Imran Khan was deposed by a no-confidence vote of Parliament. Mr. Khan made insinuations that the United States schemed with the opposition party to unseat him. There is no proof that such a claim is true. However, it made the country an unwelcome place for Westerners, especially Americans. We also had an issue with obtaining a visa to enter the country. In the past, when someone wanted to travel on behalf of our mission to Pakistan they always applied for a tourist visa. There has never been an issue getting a tourist visa until this year. However, this time they required Rev. Sloan to apply for a missionary visa (which was not granted). We are unsure why they made this change. NOTE: The government there requires an

invitation letter from our people in Pakistan that is to be submitted with the visa application, which we provided. These letters are on our Pakistan mission's letterhead and are openly Christian, but this has never caused an issue before. It is obvious we will need to be more careful in wording our invitation letters in the future. Please pray that people from our mission will be able to visit the Pakistan Lahore ministry without hindrance. We hope this visit will take place this October for the annual Bible conference.

We thank the Lord for your prayers and faithfulness as partners and co-laborers with us in the Lord's work in Pakistan with all our ministries; Calvin's Academies, medical clinics, seminary training, evangelism, Christian publishing, and Bible literacy programs in cooperation with the Lahore Council of Bible Believing Churches, Lahore. We are grateful

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