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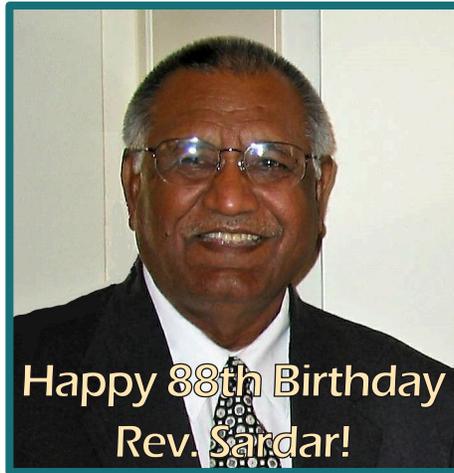
GOD HAD OTHER PLANS

Dear Co-laborers in Missions,

As we reported recently, "Grounds for Assurance" was the scheduled theme for the 2021 BBLCC Bible Convention we had hoped to hold last month. However, the Lord God had other plans. Opposition parties in Pakistan planned rallies starting on October 22nd. These rallies can often turn into mobs which incite violence. Our leaders there thought it would be best, for the safety and security of all involved, to postpone the Bible Convention this year. With heavy hearts, we agreed that Rev. Merica and Rev. Sloan should cancel their travel plans.

As the events in Pakistan unfolded our concerns proved true. Thousands marched from Lahore towards Islamabad on October 22 to press for the release of their party leader who was arrested last year and charged with illegally inciting his supporters to stage an anti-France protest.

Travel came to a halt as hundreds of protestors clashed with the police. Obviously it was a wise decision not to go ahead with our Bible Convention. We thank God that this was decided before Rev.



Happy 88th Birthday
Rev. Sardar!

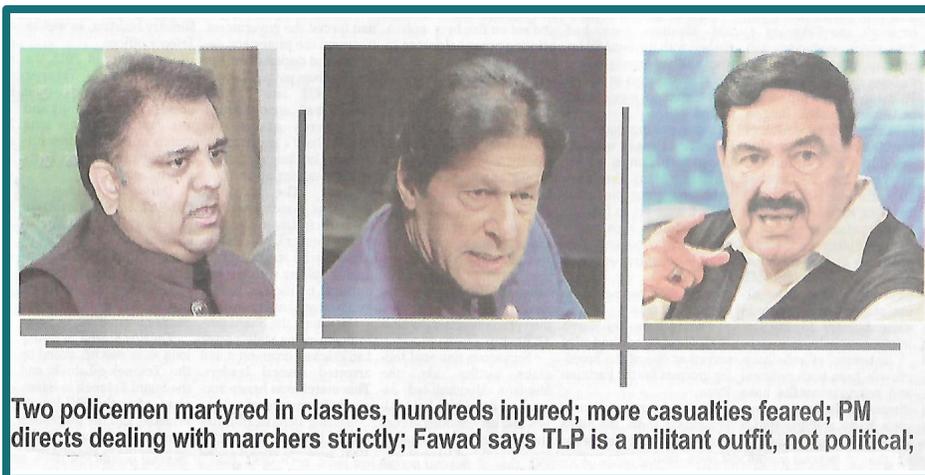
Merica and Rev. Sloan had left for Pakistan.

Nevertheless, we are praying that God will open another opportunity. Please pray with us that WBM will be able to send representatives in early 2022. It is our desire to visit the schools and seminary, and offer encouragement and support to Rev. Sardar, Rev. Emmanuel, Rev. Nasir and all those who faithfully labor there for the Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

Christmas will be here soon. This is such an important and beautiful season of faith for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. As you know, the incarnation of Christ is the most wonderful and yet unfathomable work of God. *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth* (John 1:14). Part of the celebration at Christmas time is the giving of gifts. These gifts are symbolic of the gifts that the Wise Men gave to Jesus, and of course, the gift of the Jesus Christ, the greatest Gift ever given mankind. Our brothers and sisters in Lahore are asking your help in providing Christmas gifts for the children and staff of the Calvin Academies. What we would like to do is send gifts for the children at only \$2.50 each, gifts for the staff at \$16 each, and a Christmas dinner for our teachers. This adds up

to \$7,800. This sounds like a huge sum, but please remember we are providing for approximately 2,000 people. If everyone who reads this contributes just \$2.50 to help, we will surely meet that request. Rev. Gill wrote, "We



Two policemen martyred in clashes, hundreds injured; more casualties feared; PM directs dealing with marchers strictly; Fawad says TLP is a militant outfit, not political;

have seen that this small gesture of love brings such happiness on the faces of children.” It brings great joy their families and honors our Incarnate God, the Lord Jesus Christ!

In approaching the celebration of Christ’s birth, the children at our Calvin Academies are preparing for their annual Christmas programs. These are joyful celebrations filled with exuberant singing of “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.” Pray for their preparation for these programs and for the Lord to use it to glorify His Son and strengthen faith. Our schools plan to be closed for Christmas break from December 20 to January 3, 2022.

MINISTRY PLANS

There will be an important pastors’ meeting in Lahore on Saturday, December 13. This meeting is for church business and reports are given on the churches of the BBLCCCL. Afterward, the pastors and staff of the Academies plan to meet for fellowship and to enjoy a wonderful Christmas meal to-



Christmas Program 2019

gether. Any contributions for the Christmas gifts will also go to help with the cost of this meal.

We praise the Lord that we have two candidates to interview for admission to our seminary. They are scheduled to appear for that interview on Monday, January 3, 2022. Please pray that the Lord will bless and guide our candidates and faculty regarding their admission. Also, please pray for the Lord to call more men to study for the ministry of the Gospel.

To you, our co-laborers in Christ, we humbly give thanks for your gracious support of our labors in the Pakistan Lahore ministry in 2021. As you are aware, it has been a difficult year for many as COVID continues to rage in Pakistan and throughout the world. While COVID seems to maintain its grip, we know that it is our God who is

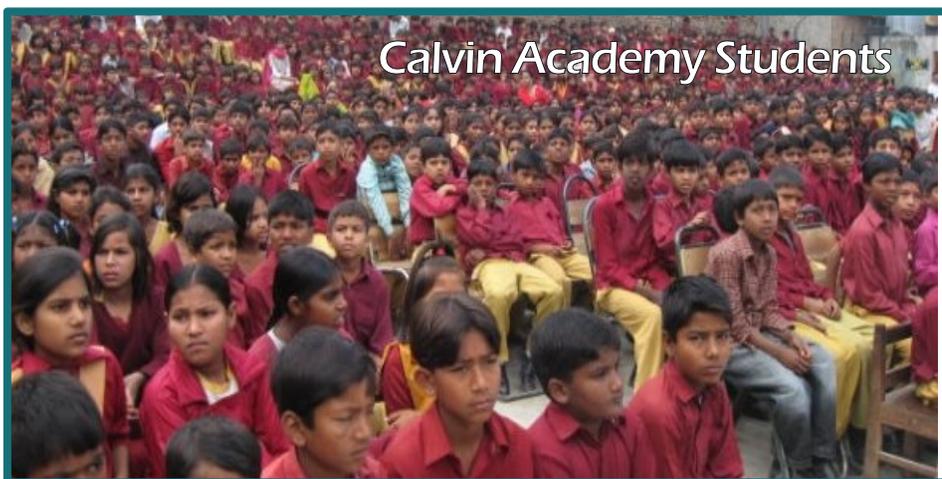
the One who truly holds the world in His hands. We also know He is sovereign over all things, even the pandemic, and He has given His people new ways to minister to those around us, as well as new opportunities. Pray with

us that as this year comes to a close, and a new year begins, that our labors will give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. May He receive praise and may the light of His gospel shine forth in the hearts of many in the land of Pakistan.

In Christ’s Service and Yours,

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