



Scripture Union Pakistan

Helping people meet God every day

Our Mission

A)

To make God's Good News known to children, young people and their families.

B)

To encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I bless you all in His glorious Name!

In the recent months I have been studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians believers. In this letter Paul explains to these believers that they are very special people in the sight of God because "God chose them before the creation of the world" (Eph. 1:4) and also warns them to live very carefully in this world. He says "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise,..." (Eph. 5:15).

I believe that Paul's message is equally relevant for us today. We should always keep in mind that we as Christian believers are also very special people because He chose and made us His own before the creation of this world. Therefore we should also make every effort to live a life which will show that we belong to God's family. I would like to summarize my point by quoting: "Live such a good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they many see your good deeds and glorify God..." (1-Peter 2:12).

I am grateful to you all for your prayers and financial support in the past months. In fact God has used you that we may continue our work. You know that there is unrest in our country. In spite of this worst situation we thank and praise God who allowed us to share the Good News of His love and hope with children, young people and families.

In the following pages I will share how the Lord used SU team to glorify His Name!

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National Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

At present Scripture Union Pakistan is serving in 4 big cities of Pakistan namely: Lahore, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, Karachi & Peshawar. Besides this we also go to the following cities for children ministry: Kasur, Raiwind, Sialkot, Gujrat, Faisalabad, Taxila, Wah Cantt, Hassan Abdal, Kohat, Nowshetra and Mardan.

Ministry in School and Hostels:

The staff are visiting 37 schools regularly and sharing the Word of God with children. In the past months we have been emphasizing that the children would understand the nature of sin and its influence in the world. We have also helped children to know how they should respond towards this. Let's hear from a student from one of the schools in Karachi, how these lessons helped him:



I always had a question that why this unrest is increasing in our world. Now I understand it is because of sin. I am thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ who has forgiven my sins and gives me power to live a life pleasing to God. I believe if people will get the forgiveness of sin, their lives will be changed and peace will be automatically prevail in this world.



Vacation Bible Schools:

Please accept my hearty thanks for responding to my request and sending your special donations to conduct Vacation Bible schools, we planned for this summer. Together with you I thank God who gave us more than 2000 children in 23 Vacation Bible schools. This year we taught on the life of “Noah” as to how he obeyed God and stayed firm in his faith and commitment in the evil world. We also trained 85 teachers in the pre Vacation Bible School Training. These teachers helped in the physical arrangements and also in teaching VBS lessons. During our pre VBS teacher’s training in St. Peter’s Church, Lahore, one of the teachers shared:

I am very thankful to Scripture Union Pakistan for inviting me in this pre VBS training. This training has made me more confident as I have learned new methods on “How to present a Bible lesson effectively”. I believe I can now teach better in the VBS and in future in my Church Sunday School.



Conventions:

The staff were also invited to conduct children meetings during the Church conventions and were able to share the Word of God to more than 500 children.

Children Bible Clubs:

Our senior staff in Lahore visited the Bible Clubs which are being run by our volunteers. The staff encouraged the volunteers to continue the good work. Many new children are joining these clubs and growing in their faith. These Bible clubs have been a great source for the spiritual growth for these children who do not have any Sunday School and Church available in their areas. One club member from Rao Khan Wala shared with our staff as to how this Bible club has helped his family to trust God in the time when we felt that there is no one out there to help:



I am attending this Bible club for last 4 years. I am thankful to my teacher who taught us that we need to cast our all worries on God because he cares for us. My father works as a laborer in one of the factories but due to his sickness he lost his job. We were so worried. For few days we had a difficulty to have food. I shared with my mother that rather than crying we need to cast our worries to God, it was amazing to see that on the same day a man came from the factory owner and gave some money to my father and also asked him to come and work as he gets well. We praise and thank God that now my father is well and we are living a normal life.



Opening of a new Bible Club in a village near Narang Mandi:

With the help of one of our volunteers, our staff visited a village near Narang Mandi and conducted a one day program for children. Two young girls offered their services to continue the work among the children. We praise God that more than 40 children are now coming to this Bible club very regularly. Scripture Union Pakistan provides them teaching material. These two girls came to Lahore and got the pre vacation Bible school training.

Children Prayer Rally:

Prayer is a key part of our Christian life and we want that the children should also know this. In this regard we have been emphasizing in our children meetings on “how to pray”. To encourage children that they may know the importance of prayer, a children prayer rally was conducted in February 2011 in Lahore. In all 250 children from different schools and churches participated in this rally. The children participated in different competitions like Sword drill (to find the Bible references quickly), Bible reading, games, etc. The children also spent time in prayer for our dear country, Pakistan.



Many children shared that the teaching on how to pray had helped them to understand the meaning of prayer and they are motivated to pray regularly to talk with God who is their father. We believe that our prayers for the peace in Pakistan will be answered by God.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

God is using SU Pakistan to help our youth to grow in their Christian faith. Many have adopted a habit of regular quiet time and enjoying their fellowship with the Lord. In our ministry among the youth in schools and hostels we have been very fruitful as many youth are giving their lives to the Lord. Let's hear from a boy what was his experience:



A 10th class young boy shared with our staff that he had no interest in listening to the Bible lesson. He always felt bored during the Bible classes conducted by the staff. “Only in the last meeting I realized that I must respond to the Lord. I prayed to ask God for forgive my mistakes and I believe, He did. Since that day I feel peace and joy in my heart. Now the Word of God is more meaningful for me. I have asked God to help me in my studies. I believe being my FATHER, God will help and guide me in my future life.”

Summer Camp 2011 for young girls:

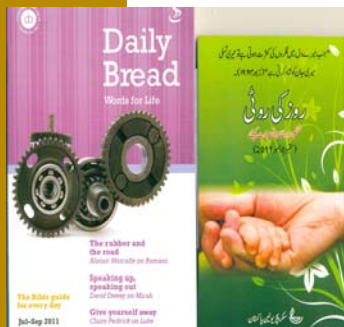
A nation wide summer camp was arranged for the young girls. The girls from Lahore, Okara, Sialkot, Abbottabad, Taxila, Peshawar, Rawalpindi and Wah Cantt attended this. Miss Anita Qaiser from The Gospel Ministry Team, Lahore was the main speaker. The girls learned under the theme “How we can grow in fellowship with the Lord.” We thank God that He used this camp to transform the lives of many young girls. Let's hear from one of the participants:



A girl from Abbottabad shared:- “I was invited by a friend to come to this camp. I came here just to enjoy the company of my friends and cool weather in Murree. But this camp has altogether changed the purpose of my life. I have accepted the Lord Jesus here and have learned how to grow in fellowship with Him. I can never forget this camp in my life because here I have found the true purpose of my life.”

BIBLE MINISTRY:

We thank God that our Bible notes are helping hundreds of families and individuals to meet God daily. Our English and Urdu notes are being printed and sent regularly to our subscribers throughout Pakistan and abroad. We often receive many testimonies where people share that how the notes are helping them in growing their fellowship with the Lord. Recently we received the testimony from one of our readers in Canada:



My family and even myself had a hard time to maintain a regular fellowship with the Lord. In my last visit to Pakistan one of my relatives introduced these Urdu notes to me. These notes have helped me and my family to have a regular fellowship with the Lord and we have also become regular in our family prayer. I have taken a challenge to share my testimony with others and to motivate them to use these notes.



SCRIPTURE UNION SUNDAYS:

Since January 2011 we have conducted 25 SU Sundays in different churches and in different cities of Pakistan. We are very thankful to all the pastors and Church leaders who allowed us to come to their Church. Through these visits we were able to introduce our material and ministry to thousands of people. We are thankful to the Churches for their generous donation for the work of SU Pakistan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S TRAINING:

SST in Karachi:

In the month of June a Sunday school teacher's training was arranged in Karachi. We praise God that 22 young people received this training. Many of them are now Sunday school teacher in their local Churches. Let's hear from one of the participants how he found this training.

I came to this training just to gain knowledge about Sunday school. But the three days training has motivated me that I must give myself for teaching the Bible to children. During this training I gave my life to Jesus and also for His ministry. I am confident that after this training I can teach Sunday school class in my Church.



NEW MOTORCYCLE FOR RAWALPINDI OFFICE:

We are very thankful to the donors who provided the funds to purchase this motorcycle. The motorcycle is being used in the field and we praise God for this gift for the glory of God.

SU SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 2011:

This year the joint Regional Council meetings of South Asia and East & West Asia regions were held in Malaysia from the 5th to the 9th of April 2011. Around 55 Council members from SU E&W Asia and 9 from SU South Asia together with 2 members from the SU International staff met together to share and learn from each other their commitment to serve and to take important decisions that would further their cause in the regions.

The chairperson of SU Pakistan who is also the chairperson of SU South Asia Region and the Director of SU Pakistan attended this meeting. They also participated in the 50th anniversary of SU work in Malaysia.



STAFF & NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS:

1. We bid a farewell to Mr. Astifinus Jalal who has resigned from his services of Scripture Union Pakistan since last May 2011.
2. I want to share with you that on June 12, 2011 our staff Mrs. Nayyar Faheem had stroke and due to that the left side of her body has been paralyzed. She is going through medication and physiotherapy.
3. It is very sadly announced that our National Council member Rev. S.M. Josh lost his daughter-in-law on August 15, 2011. Please pray for the grieved family.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for a suitable person who will take the responsibilities as the director of finance & administration.
2. Pray for the fast and complete healing of our staff Mrs. Nayyar Faheem.
3. Pray for a suitable staff for Karachi office.
4. Pray for Sunday School Teacher's Training in Lahore (September to November 2011)
5. Pray for Staff Conference in November 2011
6. Pray for Regional Director's visit in November 2011
7. Pray for funds to purchase a new photocopier for our National office.
8. Pray for 2 participants from Pakistan who will attend the training on Sharpening for Service in November (6-17) in India.

