



## **News from Shalom Christian Centre, Pakistan A review of 2009**

Respected Friends,

Greetings from Shalom in the almighty name of Lord Jesus Christ! It has been great knowing you and sharing with you all the stresses and joys of working at Shalom.

Our beloved homeland continues to go through difficult times and we continue to lift it to the almighty for improvement in the situation. I hope you being our friends also join us in our difficulties and pray for our safety and security. I think being alive and being able to continue His work for His people is not less than a miracle in itself in the present scenario.

It is heartening for me to share with you the affects of my strategy. I have always strived to present Christ relevantly. It encourages me now that finally the seeds sown with pain are beginning to show fruit.

The churches in Jhelum specifically and Christian community in general are finally realizing the importance of this strategy. There is a general awakening in the people of our community that the word of God is not merely for speaking but it is more rewarding living it. So I bow myself in gratitude before God who gave me this vision and philosophy.

However there is yet a lot to be done and achieved. Whatever I have been able to do is only the beginning. There is still a long way home. I trust God that He will bring the like-minded people my way who feel the same way for my homeland and my community as I do.

Our family and team of faithful workers continue to enjoy God's gracious hand in every sense of the word. It is a very challenging job, which is not without rewards. I wish to thank God and share with you the achievements we had in year 2009.

- Xmas gifts for 60 widows “ A glorious evening dedicated to the sweet memories of Eva Hartik 2008”
- We served 250 needy children with educational materials under the “Eva Hartik Educational Uplift Program. (Children from our community have shown improvement academically).
- We served the victims of carnage of “Korian & Gojra”. We were able to go there twice with relief goods.





- We were able to start new initiative to expand our income base to be able to bear the brunt of community development costs.
- We were able to shift into new house at Shalom after living in a make shift accommodation for 3 and half years.
- We have started a little school “Eva School of Excellence (K.G-5<sup>th</sup>)” which is a prelude to the bigger project that I plan to build on the land available to us.

We have been able to start **Eva Hartik Elector homeopathic Medical College** at Shalom. It is a program designed to help students learn through correspondence.

The **Eva Hartik Welfare Dispensary** is the latest, exciting new, addition in Shalom’s facilities. We held the opening ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

It is a very humble beginning but as my dad (Rev. Anwar Khan) cut the ribbon I could not help imagining it expanding to a hospital. This little project has reconnected Shalom to its past. Kindly remember Shalom, over 50 years ago, served as Good Samaritan Hospital. The financially hard-pressed people are flocking to the facility for medical help.

Well this is all that I wanted to share with you. I am most grateful to you for your love and care you have shown for my work so far but I need more of that in the times to come. So I put my dreams before His thrown for approval. I request you to continue to pray and walk with us the difficult road we have before us.



May God almighty continue to bless you and your house holds.

Humbly and with all my gratitude

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