



News from the Shalom Christian Centre, Pakistan November 2009

Most Respected Friends,

Greetings from Shalom Christian Centre.

Hardly any day passes without terrorists attacking ordinary citizen, army and the police. Now, there is awakening taking place in the larger community of our country that there is something seriously wrong in the ways they have been brought up. The general populace is living under constant fear and is truly fed up with what is going on. The loss of precious lives on daily basis, the pictures of human bodies writhing in the pools of blood, is forcing people to reconsider what has gone wrong to the people here.

In the midst of this terrible situation we are challenged to show the love of God to our community and are delighted to tell you some good news from Pakistan.

The Eva School of Excellence

It was a lovely and memorable day in our life. We have long felt education is the only way for Christian community to break free from the shackles of poverty. Today we have taken a solid step to help our coming generations.

Shalom took over a school named "Hamza Rising star primary School" on the 1st of September from a muslim lady. This school had been running for 15 years and she felt she could not manage it anymore. So we spoke with her and finally we agreed on a price. There are about 100 children and 40 of them are Christians.

On 31st Oct. 2009, we renamed it after honourable Eva Hartik's name. There were about 200 people present for the ceremony. The honourable lady's services were once again brought to light for the people of this city. She was a Presbyterian missionary who served at Shalom when it was a Good Samaritan Hospital decades ago. She is still remembered with love and reverence by everyone in this city for her dedicated services.



Guest of honour opening the school

We had long felt that people who had done so much to lift up the name of Christ should not disappear from the memories of people and should rather serve as a role model for us. The people who were present at the occasion were pleased to hear of Eva Hartik's exemplary ministry and her unforgettable Christian character.

Mr. Qudrat Ali, an educationist, was the guest of honour and Mr. Anwaar Ul Haq another prominent personality who is a Supreme Court Lawyer and Chairman Human Rights Commission District Jhelum also graced the occasion with his presence.



Our son Arjumand delivers a short speech



Staff with the guest of honour

This school is about 12 kilometers away from Shalom and it is an effort to manage it but we believe with the passage of time God will bring this work to fruition and will use our latest effort to benefit His people and for His glory.

Shalom Library

It has long been our dream to have a Library at Shalom which can be used by the whole community within our city.

There is currently no such library available and we are confident that it will a great asset to the whole community.

Thanks to a business loan from AMEN we have been able to prepare a new area just outside of Shalom which can be rented and used to generate the additional funds needed to build this library.

The area comprises a large concrete area, wash rooms, and a bridal room.



Part of the new area and washrooms

In the end I want to express my humble gratitude to all those who helped me through finances and prayers.

May God continue to bless us all in 2010!

Humbly

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