

CHILDREN IN CRISIS MINISTRIES

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Bringing help, healing, and hope in Christ to vulnerable children

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HOPE FOR THE PERSECUTED

350 WORDS IS ALL I have to show you the desperation of Christian children in Pakistan. 350 words to emphasize God's grace and mercy. 350 words to share a history of persecution and a tale of one young boy's hope.

1.6% of the population in Pakistan is considered Christian, the majority descendent of low-caste Hindus. The military recently placed an ad for sewer cleaners with the stipulation that only Christians need apply. Christians in Pakistan predominantly live in the slums and when they have work, it is menial labor. Education is hard to come by and as adult believers struggle to survive as outcasts, their children often struggle to grow up, to learn, to thrive.

ACTION missionary, Sharjeel, recently led a team reaching 13 Pakistani cities, including some controlled by the Taliban and Afghan rebels. During his trip he writes, "...But we are still weak, tired and exhausted from the traveling and from lack of sleep. Still Jesus has given us strength and power to continually serve and be filled with the Holy Spirit and fresh anointing." During his travels he met children who struggle with illness, who strive to help their parents feed them, and who have accepted Christ as



Praying for workers in a field.



Reaching out with hope for the persecuted.

their King and Savior. A serious commitment in a country where Christians are "extremely" persecuted.

To help these children, Sharjeel has founded an education center. He emphasizes that while these children are financially hindered, there is no limit to the blessings and gifts God has given them and AJ is an example. Both of AJ's parents were hospital janitors who worked multiple shifts. AJ helped provide for the family by repurposing waste material to use at home, along with other chores. He accepted Christ on January 28th of 2018, then tragedy struck. His mother and youngest brother were burnt alive in a train accident. How can an impoverished and traumatized child in that situation thrive? With Christ and with education. AJ learns practical math and English skills at the center. After all that has been allowed in his life, AJ says Christ still has his heart.

Would you consider coming alongside Sharjeel and the education center? For more information, contact info@actionintl.org.

CALLED TO MINISTRY

BECAUSE OF THE nature of the kingdom we are all called to missions. Sometimes our mission is close to home, simply being an example to our immediate community of what it means to live for Christ. Sometimes our mission calls us so far afield, like Sharjeel, that we aren't at liberty to share our full names or locations in our support letters. One is not greater than the other; each equally contributes to furthering the kingdom of God. However, the needs of these missions can be vastly different. Someone volunteering in Sunday morning childcare may not require consistent financial support—the individual called to serve in an orphanage in Somalia is a different story. With limited resources and a calling to devote their full attention to the needs of the children they serve, international missionaries rely heavily on support from home.

Perhaps this is your mission—to enable and equip those called to reach



You can reach these children for Christ.

the children of the world. And what a vital role this is to the kingdom! Your financial support goes directly to supplies that help educate children, programming that strives to raise the next generation of spiritual leaders, and food and shelter for infants who would otherwise starve in the streets. Matthew 25 calls us to give water to the thirsty, clothes to those who lack clothing, and to visit the sick and imprisoned. “Truly I

tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these [...] you did for me” (vs. 40). Sometimes God calls us to carry the cup directly to the thirsty. Others of us he calls to provide the water.

Be a missionary by supporting a missionary.

—Rachel Welch, former MK, and Paige Neely, Children in Crisis Coordinator for ACTION International.

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