



## **Apostolic Faith Church of Portland, Oregon Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan Monthly Report (September-November, 2023)**

Dear Brethren,

We trust this report, highlighting the Lord's work in Pakistan, will bring you joy and blessings. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support for our endeavours in Pakistan and are fortunate to have such a committed community backing us.

### **September**

**Two-Year Thanksgiving Service:** On September 17, 2023, the Toba Tek Singh branch celebrated the two-year anniversary of The Apostolic Faith Church of Portland's establishment in Pakistan. Despite initially planning a large gathering, recent events in August necessitated a smaller, regular service instead. This service saw the participation of 156 adults and children. It commenced at 4 pm with hymns, followed by a sermon on thanksgiving and several personal testimonies. Attendees later shared their positive experiences with the Church. Significant remarks included:

- Sister Nusrat expressed gratitude for the transformative impact of her faith over the past two years.
- Brother Rashid appreciated the Sunday school classes for providing educational opportunities for his children.
- Sister Martha noted the positive influence of the Search class on her children's spiritual growth.

A documentary presentation by Brother Zaigham followed, featuring the Church's history in Pakistan and photographs. The event concluded with a cake cutting ceremony, an hour of celebration, and the distribution of sweets, a local tradition for commemorating joyful occasions.

**Printing and Translating Curriculum:** We increased the production of Sunday school curriculums, translated into the local language, to cater to the growing number of students. These materials, used in the Next Generation Primary School, were also distributed to other branches.

**Outreach in New Areas:** On September 23, 2023, a four-member team led by Brother Zaigham visited two villages between Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad. The team received a warm welcome, distributed 73 Bibles, and shared their personal faith stories.

October

**Water Baptism in Faisalabad:** On October 8, 2023, seventeen individuals (one brother and sixteen sisters) in Faisalabad were baptized. The accompanying sermon focused on the biblical basis and significance of baptism. Unfortunately, due to property restrictions, only women were baptized. Efforts are underway to find a more accommodating venue for future baptisms.

**Interactive Sunday School Activity:** On October 28, 2023, a quiz was conducted for Sunday school children to gauge their understanding of the lessons taught. The results were exceptionally positive, reflecting the effectiveness of the classes.

**Special Sermon by Bro. Felix:** On October 29, 2023, our country director, Bro. Felix Panganyi, delivered a sermon emphasizing spiritual purity, citing 1 John 3:1-3. The congregation was deeply engaged, and numerous impactful testimonies were shared.

## **November**

**Distribution of Audible Bibles:** On November 6, 2023, we initiated the distribution of 100 audible Bibles for the uneducated population, alongside physical Bibles, thanks to donations from our Canadian brethren. These Bibles are being distributed across various regions, including Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad, as well as surrounding villages.

**Women's Meeting:** A meeting for women was held on November 11, 2023, to encourage their active participation in church activities and leadership roles. This inaugural meeting in Toba Tek Singh featured inspirational talks from several women leaders, fostering a stronger commitment among local women to serve in the ministry.

**Evangelism Efforts:** On November 18, 2023, our team ventured into three new villages to preach and distribute 35 audio Bibles. The response was encouraging, with many expressing interest in attending our services.

**Conclusion:** We are thankful for the opportunity to spread the Gospel and for the support of our leadership. Our efforts in evangelism and education continue to grow, as does the enthusiasm among our community members to serve. We are also preparing for the upcoming Southern and Eastern Africa Regional Camp Meeting in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. We pray that this report serves as a testament to the Lord's work in Pakistan and brings encouragement to all who read it.

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