



APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH OF PORTLAND OREGON, PAKISTAN

My brother Zaigham and I are deeply thankful to the Lord for granting us the privilege to participate in the Southern and Eastern Africa District Camp Meeting alongside our fellow brethren. This gave us a remarkable opportunity to immerse ourselves in the divine presence through prayer, meditation, and spiritual reflection, fostering a deeper connection with the Lord. Upon our return on the 19th of December 2023, we were warmly welcomed by the congregants of Toba Tek Singh. I am hereby transmitting the comprehensive report detailing the endeavors undertaken in the service of the Lord from December 2023 through February 2024.

December

Christmas program: The annual Christmas program, was organized on the 21st of December 2023, witnessed the participation of both Church Sunday School children and students from NG School. They showcased their talents through poignant hymns, captivating plays, evocative poems, and recitations of Biblical scriptures, all aimed at commemorating and internalizing the profound narrative and significance of Christ's birth. Due to limited seating capacity, the event was hosted outdoors, right in the street. This program brought smile and joy on every face young to older, expressing gratitude and adoration for the enduring love of the Lord. Total number of attendees was 329.

Special Sermon and Families get together: On the 22nd of December, our Country Director, Brother Felix, delivered a sermon elucidating the significance of Christmas for all of us. Following this, the church organized a congenial gathering for dinner. During this event, we encouraged families to contribute, although it was not a big contributing but fostering the spirit of giving in supporting the Lord's work.

Christmas Services: We experienced profoundly blessed Christmas services in both Faisalabad and Tobe Tek Singh. Despite the biting cold, our congregations

gathered in full force, both in the early morning at 9 am and in the evening, in both cities.

January

New Year Service:

We encouraged all our fellow believers to begin 2024 with a spirit of prayer and fasting. Many joined in fasting on the 1st of January. In Toba Tek Singh, our New Year's service commenced at 8 am amidst the cold foggy morning. Despite the weather, the atmosphere was radiant with smiles and joy on every face. During the service, I delivered a sermon based on 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, where Paul's words offered encouragement, emphasizing that peace, comfort, and salvation are found in Christ from God. We urged everyone to leave behind the trials of 2023 and embrace the victory in 2024. At the end of the morning service, hot tea and boiled eggs were generously distributed among the congregation to provide warmth and sustenance.

Audible Bibles Distribution: On January 2nd, we conducted an outreach in a village for evangelism. We shared our personal testimonies and distributed 15 Audio Bibles. This village is located between Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad. Upon receiving the Audio Bibles, the joy among the people was remarkable. It was truly a great blessing to witness their profound happiness and gratitude. Some of them shared their reviews are as follows:-A brother shared, "The Lord has abundantly blessed us, and we're witnessing transformative changes in our lives. We're grateful to God. May God continue to assist those who are facilitating the provision of Bibles for us."

A sister expressed her gratitude, saying, "I am thankful to the Lord that we will have the opportunity to hear the Word of God and receive heavenly blessings."

A sister joyfully exclaimed, "Today, I received Audio Bible as a biggest gift in the New Year!"

Resuming Sunday Service and Distribution of more Audio Bibles:

Due to the extreme cold weather in Pakistan, we were unable to conduct Sunday services in Faisalabad, where we gather in courtyards and on house roofs.

However, with the weather beginning to normalize, we have resumed our Sunday services in Faisalabad. Twenty Audio Bibles were provided to Sister Sumbal. These Audio Bibles were distributed in the same area known as Gaffari Town, where the headquarters and offices of the AF will be established, if Jesus tarries.

Meeting with Church volunteers:

On January 7th, I convened a brief 20-minute meeting with the church volunteer workers to express gratitude for their dedication and efforts throughout 2023, and to inspire them for the future. During this session, I emphasized the importance of strengthening their prayer life, remaining steadfast in faith, demonstrating loyalty to the church, adhering to God's commandments, and maintaining honesty in the service to which the Lord has called them. Additionally, specific church work responsibilities were assigned to them during the meeting.

Distribution of Electric Heaters: Because of the extreme cold temperatures, we recognized the necessity to provide electric heaters to 50 deserving families in both Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad. We are grateful to God for providing and to all those who generously donated to make this possible.

Feburary:

Women Meeting: Women's Meeting held on February 6th in Toba Tek Singh and Faisalabad at 5:30 PM this meeting was scheduled to teach women about Women Workers in the Gospel. This meeting was commenced by short greetings and opening prayer. Then sister Marjorie gave introduction on role of women in the Gospel and shared about Apostolic Faith Church; PRAY PREACH and PUBLISH.

In 2nd half sister Miriam shared a very beautiful message on Examples of women workers in the Gospel. In this she talked on some women: Rahab, Priscilla, Lydia, Elizabeth and Mary. She ended by encouraging and these words “All these women knew they could not work for God without salvation, neither could they do it on their own. They were available and God used them greatly” Women shared beautiful reviews at the end and it was beautiful to see unity and bound of love between all the ladies from different sides of the globe. Number of attendees in Toba Tek Singh was 32 and 19 in Faisalabad.

Out-door Service: On 17th February We held an outdoor gathering at a brick kiln factory in the Toba Tek Singh region. The event kicked off at 4 PM with a lovely hymn. Both kids and adults were excited to receive spiritual guidance. One elderly gentleman expressed how everyone had taken time off work to join together in prayer and seek His Word. He voiced his belief that the Lord would reveal many truths to them. Brother Felix delivered an uplifting sermon on Faith, based on the Acts 3:1-11. His words inspired many to kneel in prayer during the altar service, brimming with faith. The gathering was enriched with powerful testimonies, leaving attendees deeply moved and strengthened in their faith.

2nd Out-door Service: On February 24th, we held our second outdoor service at a brick kiln factory in Faisalabad. Brother Zaigham and I went there to conduct the service. The atmosphere was incredibly touching as, upon our arrival, a group of children ran towards us to greet us warmly. The adults, who had left their brick-making equipment, joined us for the service. It began promptly at 4 pm. Brother Felix delivered a powerful sermon from Mark 10:46-52, focusing on faith and the healing power of Jesus' name. After the service, those seeking healing were invited to remain standing in their places. Together with Brother Felix, we prayed for everyone in need. Towards the end, a brother who had difficulty walking due to pain in his legs shared that the message had deepened his faith. He testified that through prayer, he no longer felt the pain he had experienced before.

We're continuing with our regular Sunday services, and we're witnessing significant positive changes in the children of our community, largely thanks to our Sunday school classes. We ask for your prayers as we prepare for a Big Revival meeting scheduled in Faisalabad on March 23rd.

We express our gratitude to the merciful and kind God for the work in Pakistan. We extend our thanks to all our leaders for their unwavering support and prayers. We also want to appreciate all our brethren across the globe who are praying for Pakistan. Please continue to uphold Pakistan in your prayers as the work progresses.

May the Lord in Heaven Bless everyone who is reading this report.

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