

## MISSION IN PAKISTAN - January 2020

Greetings to all in Christ Jesus,

I would like to share with you the amazing things that I saw among our Pakistani Christian family and the miracles that had happened during a fourteen days missionary trip to that nation.



Last year I was introduced to Akram, a Pakistani pastor from the Province of Punjab and founder of Elim Christian Ministry of Pakistan. At that time I thought to travel to India, however, the Lord had other plans. After much prayer, I left Canada on January the 15<sup>th</sup> and arrived the next day in Lahore, the second-largest city of the country. A family from the church hosted me during my stay (I was very well cared for by them and by other church members.).

The next days, the mission required very intense schedules. Preaching and teaching: in the mornings to church leaders and evenings in different churches, meanwhile visiting families and doing street evangelism. I had also to deal with jet lag, which caused me fatigue and insomnia due to the ten hours' time zones from Canada for a few days.

I also spent some time in a town about 50km from Lahore where there were some house churches, overseen by a young brother (he is part of Elim Christian ministry as well.). During one of the meetings, the elders and I lay hands and ordained him as pastor for that region. He is such a passionate servant of Christ

and a very dedicated brother to the churches in the area. Later, I visited a home church in a village close by. In the region, there are dozens of



brickyards where the workers seem more like slaves, living under extreme poverty in shacks provided by the brick manufacturer's lords. Their children do not go to school and living in such disgusting conditions. We had an open-air

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meeting there and the Lord did many wonders after the preaching and an altar call. I saw all hands, young and old in the air and lips quoting Romans 10: 9, “Jesus is my Lord! Jesus is alive!”.

### A meeting of miracles

Two Muslims women attended the meeting. One of them, the Lord healed from a back problem right there; she was so overwhelmed with joy and tears flooded from her eyes while she shared her miracle. The other woman got delivered from demon-possession and after she had received Christ as her personal Saviour and



Lord, she ran home and brought her husband to receive Jesus as well. She was overflowing

with such happiness that reminded me of the Samaritan woman in John chapter four running to her town to bring her people to Jesus.



Someone brought a boy (probably in his nine), cripple and mentally ill. When I placed my hand on his head his body started to convulse, his eyes turned and he shrieked. After I had prayed, the Lord delivered him from the demons and with the help of his mom, he started to walk. I was so overwhelmed when I saw the scene that the others and I could not contain our tears of joy and thankfulness.



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A man who was working in the bricks, came to the meeting, after his seven-year-old son went and told him about this big white man (me) was in the village. He sat down with the others and after coming for prayer the Lord delivered him and he got up from the ground glorifying Jesus and praising God with tears and his eyes and joy in his heart.

Two other women were also delivered and healed (You can watch the videos at: <https://www.pastoradautorezende.org/missions.>).

We also bought and brought to them a dozen of 10 kg bags of flour and groceries to distribute among the families in the village.

We visited many families there, sharing the gospel and praying for the sick. I had taken some tracts and twenty talking Bibles<sup>2</sup> from Canada in Urdu, the official language of Pakistan and went to the streets and business giving pieces of literature and proclaiming the gospel with the church team. In a morning meeting in Lahore, the Lord healed four people (in these morning meetings I mostly taught, however almost everyone would come for prayer.). One woman came for prayer complaining about terrible kidney pain. The next day she gave her testimony saying that when she got home she expelled all the stones and was



completely free from the pain and healed.

One elderly sister asked me to pray for her husband. He was cocaine-addicted. Three days later she came to the meeting testifying that he had not desired drugs since the prayer and had asked me to see him. We went into his home, and I found such terrible conditions there. They lived in one room with a daughter. His right leg had the flesh and nerves exposed due to flesh-eating disease (The doctors had told his family that it has to be amputated due to infection.). I laid my hands on him, and we prayed for his healing. We spent some time with him and his family. I asked the pastor and he got in touch with a Christian doctor who



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went to see the next day, and we helped to pay for the medications needed for his leg (Please, remember to pray for him that the Lord will heal him as well.).

### **Our Pakistani family**

The Pakistani Christians are an incredible lovely community. They always are ready to share wherever they have with joy and love. After every meeting, I was always invited by someone to their homes where they would feed me. They reminded the testimony Paul gave in his second letter to the Corinthians: *“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own...”* (II Co. 8: 1-3)

In my last morning meeting, one brother asked the pastor if he could share a brief testimony. He told how the Lord had healed him from a long health problem and how his heart was so changed by God. Then, he placed a neck collar on me with some Pakistani currencies and a shoebox with some presents. Later, pastor Akram told me that what this man did was to show that I was more important for him than money. According to their culture, this is a way to honour someone you love and value. During my days there I was never threatened by anyone. The brethren were always with me and taking me to different places to share the Good News of Christ Jesus with their people.



### **Needs of the nation**

Pakistan is a missionary field with much need of workers, support and prayer. By God's willing I pray that I will return to the nation to visit them again when the

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Lord sets the time for me. I also want to extend the invitation for anyone who senses the call of God to go with me. I saw the suffering of the villagers and their many needs. If you are in the medical, construction, teaching and preaching field, pray about it. The pastor told me they can host a team that might come along with me.

### Revival in Pakistan

When I was praying for one of the Muslim women mentioned above, the church team were crying as they witnessed her deliverance. At the time, it came to my mind the prayer of Elijah for rain, therefore



I started to tell them about it and how after the prophet bowed down on his knees and prayed seven times a cloud of the size of a man's hand appeared in the sky and Elijah told King Ahab to run for a storm was coming. As soon as I finished this short word, the rain started to fall on us (when we arrived there the sun was shining). My last two days in Pakistan, torrential rain was falling down. I got to the airport with pouring rain. Yes, the Lord is sending rain of spiritual blessings upon that nation. Halleluiah!

### Gratitude

I thank each one of you who had prayed for Gina, my family and my trip. Certainly, your intercessions were of great value in this mission. Every miracle and every life that came to the Lord was the fruit of the prayer of the saints. I know that even though you were not present with me there, but your hearts were. Please, remember to pray for those who are proclaiming the faith in Pakistan, for those who are in the faith in Pakistan, for those who left the faith in Pakistan and for those who have not yet heard the faith in Pakistan. To God be the glory!

May the Lord bless richly each one of you!

In Christ

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### **Pakistan religious demographic:**

- Islam - 96.03%
- Hinduism - 1.85% Hinduism in Pakistan is practiced by the Hindus of Pakistani descent.
- Christianity - 1.59% (majority Roman-Catholics).<sup>1</sup>

The current population of Pakistan is 219,065,575 based on the latest United Nations data<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/religious-beliefs-and-freedoms-in-pakistan.html>

<sup>2</sup>Galcom international - They provide solar-powered radios and audio players. <http://www.galcom.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/pakistan-population/>