

Hope United Presbyterian Church, Dauphin

The Session at Hope United Presbyterian Church decided in 2013 to raise funds as a Lenten project to provide scholarship support to underprivileged girls in Pakistan to attend school. The Presbyterian Church through missionaries has had a presence in India/Pakistan providing schools and hospitals since 1850s. Today, the Presbyterian Education Board-Pakistan (PEB) operates 14 schools in the Punjab region of Pakistan near the border with India with over 5,000 students being served. The schools are owned by the PCUSA and operated by Presbyterian Pakistani Christians. The mission of the schools is to educate the poorest of the poor in Pakistan, irrespective of class, religion, or origin. Two of the 14 schools are for boys, however, the primary focus of schools is to educate girls since they are the under-served population of the country. The curriculum and academic standards of these schools are very high and educating these children is a tremendous accomplishment in a country where quality education is rare.

This coming year will be our 5th year supporting the PEB in what has become a very important outreach for Hope Church. As a congregation we are blessed to be able provide scholarship support for 5 girls in Pakistan. This funding supports their tuition, meals, books, uniforms and supplies.

Scripture: Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; 14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19: 13-14 (NRSV)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we are eternally grateful that your love is far reaching and shows no boundaries. We pray for the teachers and volunteers in the PEB schools in Pakistan. We ask your blessing for the children that benefit from these schools. May their faith be strengthened as they learn the values of tolerance, respect, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please pray for: The 5 girls we support at Christian Girls' High School, Martinpur, Pakistan: Liza Javid, Sumen Danial, Shrish Tariq, Rimsha Bashir, Arooj Hanook and all the students in the Presbyterian Schools in Pakistan.