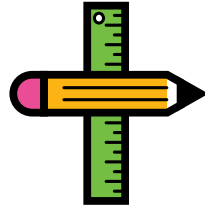


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## answering the call for education in Pakistan

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Located in southeast Asia, Pakistan is the sixth-most-populous nation in the world. Pakistan is also a country where it is difficult to be a Christian—or to be a child.

**Christians in Pakistan are a minority—just 1.6 percent of the population. As a result, they face persecution and hardship on an almost daily basis. Because of their faith, many Christians struggle to find good jobs, and the majority of them work as street sweepers, house cleaners or in brick factories. Such positions pay very little in that country, making it challenging for many Christians to provide for the needs of their families.**

One of the biggest problems facing children in Pakistan is access to education. According to statistics, Pakistan ranks as having the second-largest population of children in the world who are not attending school—currently close to 23 million Pakistani children. Some of these children are orphans, while others are from poor or disadvantaged backgrounds. Reasons they do not have access to education include poverty, distance from schools, the use of children for labor, and gender biases against girls. The needs surrounding education in Pakistan are immense.



Thanks to a partnership with a local Christian organization in a region we won't name for security reasons, Orphan's Promise is doing its part to help with the education crisis in Pakistan. Currently we are providing regular education for 196 children who otherwise could not attend school. Many families cannot afford to send their children to school because of the fees that are required, but thanks to the support of OP the financial strain has been alleviated and children are getting an education!

Through the last four years of supporting education in this particular region, our partners have seen kids who were once begging on the street now sitting behind desks! Children who were once part of the high illiteracy statistics in the region are now reading and writing and progressing up through grade levels. Girls who were previously brushed aside because of their gender are now being told that they matter and that they too have a right to learn and achieve! We are seeing confidence build as children are becoming aware of their capabilities and seeing their successes.





**Although we get regular updates about what the children are learning in school, we thought it would be helpful if you heard from the students in their own words about what their education means to them...**

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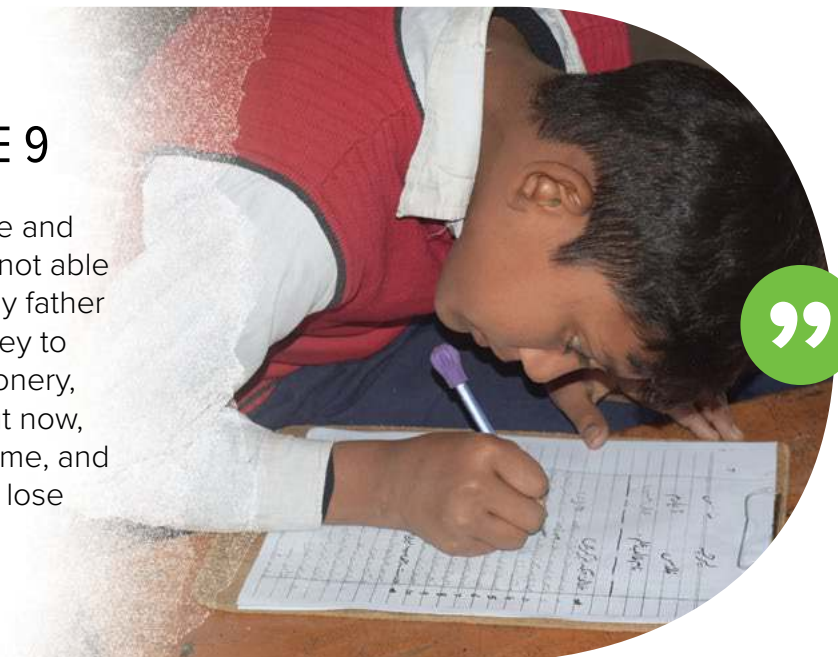


### LAIBA, AGE 9

“Hello, friends, I have a couple of things to share. First, my dream is to become a doctor. I want to help the people that are in need. Especially those people who are poor and can't afford medical expenses. Because I see many people where I live who do not have money to pay to the doctors. Second, I want to serve the Word of God through worship. I want to worship Him wherever He wants me to go. Now I am confident that I can fulfill my dreams because you are supporting me!”

### MEHRAN, AGE 9

“I want to study more and more. Before I was not able to study because my father does not have money to pay for books, stationery, and school fees. But now, you are supporting me, and I will study. I will not lose this chance!”



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## MUSKAN, AGE 8

“I am very happy that I have rejoined my school. When I was not in school and working with my mother I would see children going to school in uniforms, and I felt so sad. I am so very happy that I am back in school. I love my school! Thank you very much.”



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## AMIR, AGE 8

“Today I feel so much light and happiness around me. You know why? Because I am studying and attending school. This means so much to me. I am praying for all those children that are not able to attend school. I pray our God will help them, so that they also can get an education. Thank you for what you do for us!”



## NIMAR, AGE 15

“Today I am very thankful to you because you have paid my school fees for the last two years. I have passed the tenth class. Now I am becoming a pastor. This is all because of you. I am an orphan. Please remember me in your prayers.”

## AYESHA, AGE 10

“Thank you for helping me. My family was not able to provide me an opportunity to attend school but now I am studying and this is because of all of you. Thank you very much. When I complete my studies, I will do a good job and help other children. Thank you!”



Not only are our local partners noticing a difference in the children they work with, but the children are noticing a difference in themselves, as well. They recognize the opportunity they have been given to be in a classroom learning instead of being used for labor, and they know that their future will be brighter because of the education they are receiving.

**Orphan's Promise remains committed to standing alongside these children in Pakistan, making sure that they can keep attending school and keep dreaming of who they will become. Thank you for partnering with us in making their education possible!**



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