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# Helping Samantha Succeed

Across the globe, about 1 billion children are multidimensionally poor, meaning they lack basic necessities like nutrition, clean water, or a safe place to live.<sup>1</sup> Before Orphan's Promise partners like you offered a helping hand, 4-year-old Samantha fell into that massive statistic. But come with us to a community in Pakistan, and let's take a look at how caring for one little girl is changing the future of an entire family.

**These are the stories.  
These are the souls.  
These are the portraits of the  
lives we're changing.**



1. <https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/4431/file/Technical%20Note%20-%20Pakistan%20Child%20Poverty.pdf>



Samantha lives in a remote community of Pakistan with her parents, her brother Winston, her grandmother, and her uncle's family. Pakistan is in South Asia, situated between Afghanistan and India. Samantha is only 4 years old, but already she has faced a lot of hardship in her short life. In a predominately Muslim culture, Christians regularly face difficulties because of their faith. Most Christians are marginalized in the community and relegated to labor-intensive, low-wage jobs like being a sanitary worker or working to produce bricks in Pakistan's often dangerous, unregulated brick kiln industry.<sup>2</sup> Many Christians are also illiterate and do not have access to educational resources for themselves or their children. The lack of access to work that offers a living wage means that Samantha's parents often struggle to provide the basic necessities for Samantha and Winston.

2. <https://www.solidaritycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Pakistan.Report.Forced-labor-in-the-brick-kilns.pdf>

“We can’t think of education for our children. We don’t know how we are feeding our children. This is so hard,” Samantha’s mother shared.

The family also faced severe financial hardship and emotional trauma when Samantha’s grandfather, who was overwhelmed by debt, took his own life. This tragedy rocked the family to the core and several years later, the ramifications of that loss are still being felt.

When we met Samantha, we knew we wanted to help. Our goal at Orphan’s Promise is always to keep families together whenever possible. The best situation for at-risk kids is to be supported within the structure of their family, and we were excited to help Samantha and Winston by bringing them to our partner school in the community. We knew that this bright little girl just needed a chance to learn and grow in a safe, welcoming environment.

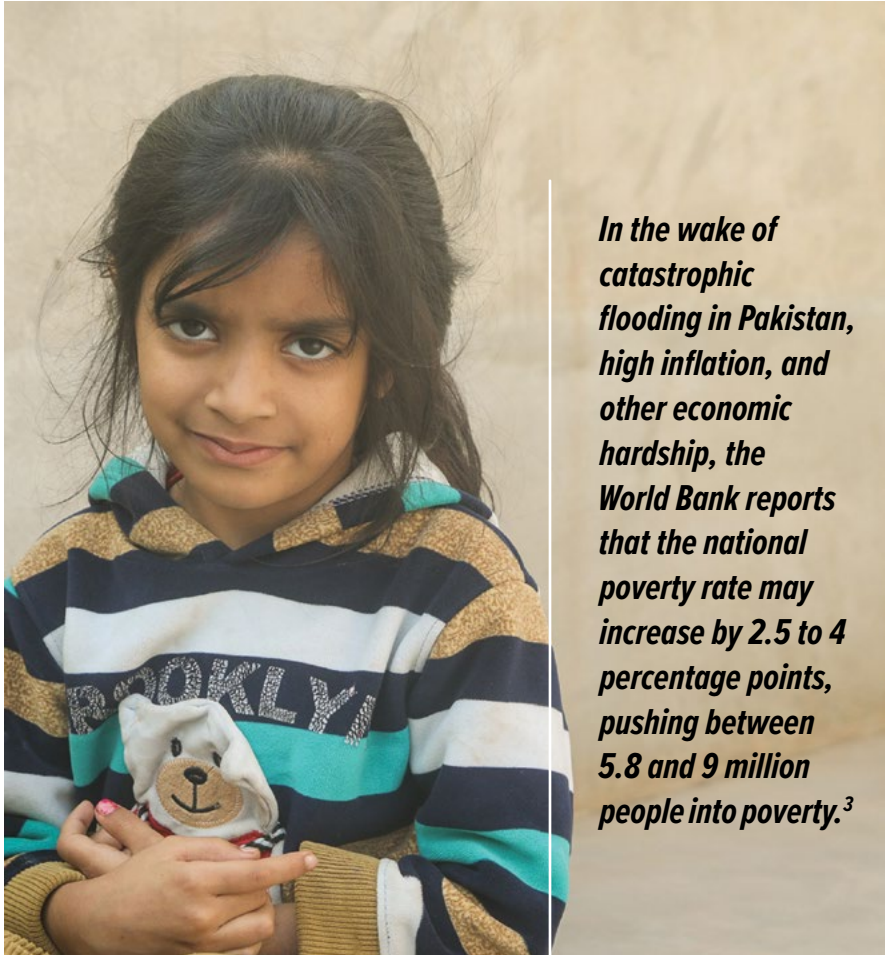
The school started providing Christian education in 2014 with the goal of providing a space for marginalized, at-risk children to receive a quality education that includes biblical teaching and worship. Because many of the children come from poor families, they come to school hungry, which serves as a barrier to their learning experience. To combat that issue, the school recently began providing lunches.

With the help of Orphan’s Promise partners like you, Samantha and Winston attend classes and receive consistent, personal investment from their teachers. Education is essential for helping families break out of a cycle of poverty. Teaching little Samantha and Winston how to read is one critical key to unlocking their future. Samantha is intelligent, attentive, and studious. She says that when she is older she wants to become a



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***In the wake of catastrophic flooding in Pakistan, high inflation, and other economic hardship, the World Bank reports that the national poverty rate may increase by 2.5 to 4 percentage points, pushing between 5.8 and 9 million people into poverty.<sup>3</sup>***

teacher! She loves Pakistan and wants to run a big school to help a lot of other kids one day. Her parents are delighted that their children now have access to education and have the opportunity to learn how to read. They all go to church together now, and Samantha is practicing her reading by sharing Bible verses with her parents. It's really beautiful to see how an education is helping bring this family together and give them fresh hope for the future.

Samantha and her family have experienced a lot of hardship and the impact of that is far-reaching. She doesn't share very much, yet,

3. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/10/06/world-bank-pakistan-s-economy-slows-down-while-inflation-rises-amid-catastrophic-floods#:~:text=Preliminary%20estimates%20suggest%20that%20E%80%93%20without,9%20million%20people%20into%20poverty>

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and sometimes has a difficult time expressing her feelings. She and Winston do everything together and rarely rely on other kids to play with them. But with her brother beside her, Samantha is slowly learning how to open up. She is developing a close friendship with her teachers, and she enjoys music and worship. She is exploring her artistic side and loves to draw and color when she is at home. She also loves cycling and hopes that one day her family has the financial means to get a bike.

**Samantha wanted to share that she is praying for you—our Orphan's Promise partners. "Dear friends, thank you very much. I am very happy," she said.**



It is truly a gift to get to walk alongside a little one like Samantha and see her grow into the precious child God created her to be. Instead of facing a lifetime of illiteracy, Samantha will have the opportunity to study and learn and later be qualified for a better job because she will have the educational background to support it. We hope that her dream of being a teacher becomes a reality! Thank you for being part of unlocking the future of children like Samantha. In a world that is sometimes overwhelmed by statistics or paralyzed by headlines, all it takes is your decision to invest in one child, one story, one family at a time to change the future.





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