

WELCOME TO INTERNATIONAL RURAL CHURCH ASSOCIATION



CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 105: 1-4)

- ❖ GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS NAME, MAKE HIM KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE.
- ❖ SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE TO HIM, TELL ALL OF HIS WONDERFUL ACTS
- ❖ GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEARTS OF THE THOSE WHO SEEKS THE LORD REJOICE.
- ❖ LOOK TO THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH; SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS

(LET'S ALL SPEAK TOGETHER)

OPENING PRAYRE FOR MEETING

- ❖ DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE PRESENT HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOU KNOW EACH ONE OF US BY NAME AND HAVE CAUSED US TO WALK WITH YOU. WE SAY THAT WE ARE DEPENDENT ON YOU AND OUR TRUST IS IN YOU COMPLETELY.
- ❖ AS WE SURRENDER OURSELVES IN ADORATION, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD COME BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND INSPIRE OUR HEARTS TODAY.
- ❖ COME AND FILL OUR LIVES WITH YOUR LOVE, FILL OUR CONVERSATION WITH YOUR GRACE AND TRUTH, FILL THIS MEETING WITH YOUR PRESENCE. WE ASK EVERYTHING IN YOUR GLORY AND GRACE, AMEN!

INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Pastor Sharaz & Pastor Romella are ordained ministers.
- ❖ Married in 2010 and blessed with 4 sons.
- ❖ Serving the rural congregations for the past 6 years.
- ❖ Both are Post graduated with double master degrees and Sharaz is currently pursuing PhD Study Program from OCMS.
- ❖ Recently, Sharaz has been appointed as General Secretary in General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Pakistan.
- ❖ Sharaz is also ecumenically engaged with Interfaith Peace & Harmony Committee Nationally and Internationally.
- ❖ Both of them are serving the Lord not only in the church, in the community as well through meeting their physical needs and spiritual needs: education and outreach programs.
- ❖ Serving the church and community is a call for them by God.



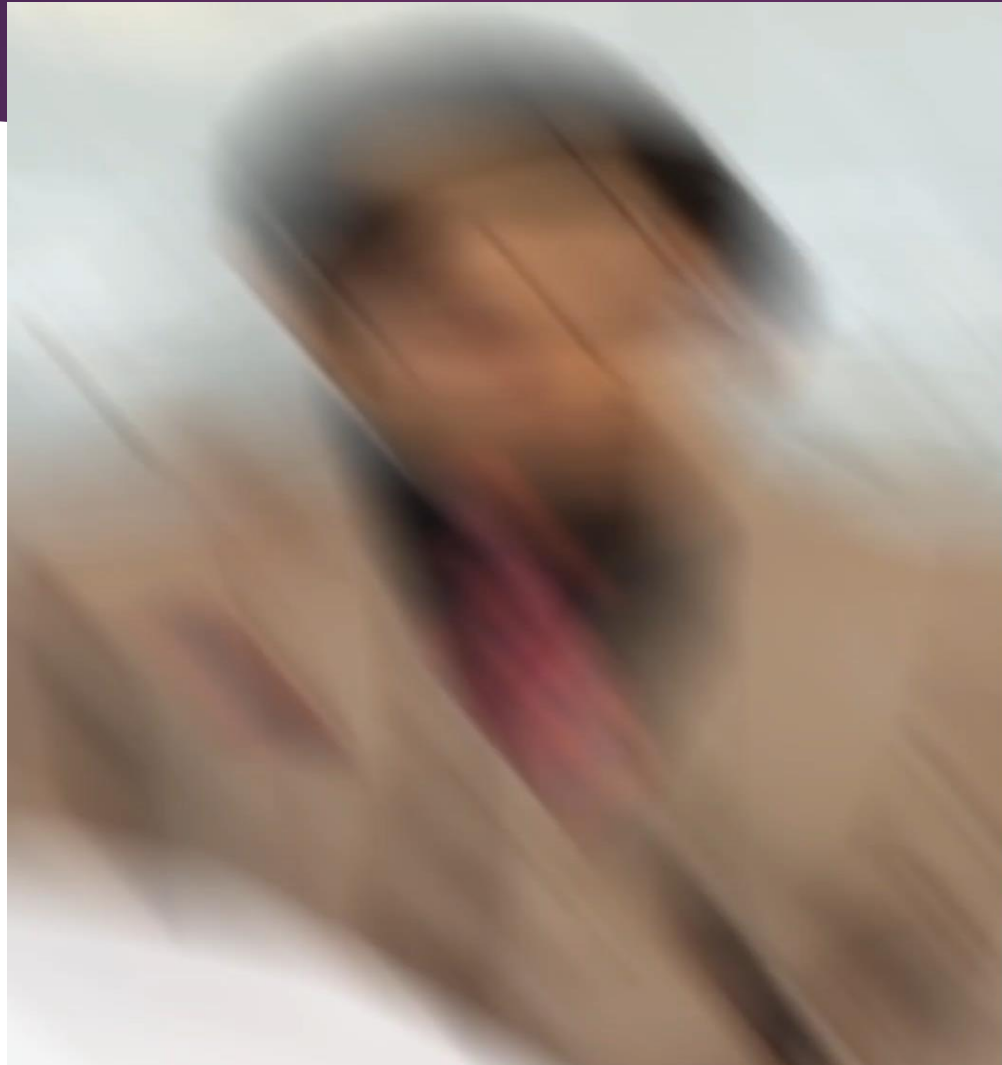
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN PAKISTAN

- ❖ CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS WITH LESS THAN 3 % OF TOTAL POPULATION
- ❖ FACES CHALLENGES OF BEING PERSECUTED, BURNED ALIVE, CHRISTIAN TOWNS AND CHURCHES ARE TO BE PERSECUTED.
- ❖ IN RECENT CASES, 2 PASTORS WERE TARGETED AND KILLED FOR THE FAITH AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE.
- ❖ A SRI LANKAN MANAGER WAS KILLED BRUTALLY BY THE EXTREMISTS FOR THE UNJUST REASON.
- ❖ A COUPLE WAS BURNED IN KILN ALIVE FOR REFUSING ON CONVERTING THEIR FAITH AND THE WOMAN.
- ❖ NONE TOOK ACTION DUE TO FEAR AND TERROR.

THREE AREAS OF CHURCH MINISTRY

- ❖ Church Ministry (Congregation, Women & Children)
- ❖ Society (Meeting Physical Needs)
- ❖ Community (welfare & Development: Educational Institute)

OPENING WORSHIP SONG



A. RURAL MINISTRY & ITS CHALLENGES

WORKING AS RURAL PASTOR IS A CHALLENGING TASK. THE REASONS ARE

1. POOR
2. ILLITERATE
3. MARGINALIZED
4. DISCRIMINATED
5. EMOTIONALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY BROKEN
6. PERSECUTED
7. EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY
8. MORE OVER LOST IDENTITY (CHURRA)

Need of Prayer

- ❖ THEY MAY GAIN THEIR TRUE IDENTITY IN SOCIETY.
- ❖ MAY GOD BRING THEM FROM THE DARKNESS TO THE LIGHT OF THE EDUCATION AND TO MAKE THEIR MARK IN SOCIETY.
- ❖ THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WITH SECULAR AND BIBLICAL STUDIES TO ENLIGHTEN THEIR LIVES WITH THE WORD OF GOD AS WELL AS WITH THE WORLDLY KNOWLEDGE.
- ❖ FAITH WALK BESIDE ALL CHALLENGES AND SHORT FALLS.
- ❖ PERSECUTION BE REDUCED TO BRING JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY.
- ❖ LOVE OF GOD BE THE PRIORITY OF THE CHURCH.
- ❖ CHURCH MAY RECEIVE GOD'S FAVOR BEFORE MEN AND SOCIETY.

B. SOCIETY & ITS NEED

- ❖ MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE POOR AND DO MANUAL JOBS OR WORK IN BRICK KILN.
- ❖ GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN & ITS ECONOMY IS POOR. BECAUSE ITS UNDER DEBT, IT CAN NOT WORK ON ITS NATIONALS FOR THEIR GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT.
- ❖ CHILDREN & WOMEN ARE BEGGING ON THE ROADS & ARE ENGAGED WITH LABOR WORK.
- ❖ THEY LACK THEIR BASIC RIGHTS OF FOOD, SHELTER AND CLOTHING.
- ❖ EVERYTHING IS GETTING EXPENSIVE THAT COMMON MAN COULD NOT AFFORD EVEN THE FOOD TO MEET THEIR DAILY BASIC NEED. MANY TIMES THEY SLEEP EMPTY STOMACH.
- ❖ SOCIETY NEEDED AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY CAN BE FLEXIBLE AND COULD EASILY MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS AS THEIR BIRTH RIGHT.

HOW SOCIETY IS TO BE HELPED

THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH A SOCIETY CAN BE HELPED

- ❖ BY PROVIDING THEM THEIR BASIC NEEDS I.E FOOD AND CLOTHING
- ❖ GIVING THEM FEEL OF ACCEPTANCE
- ❖ FREQUENT VISITS
- ❖ PRAYING FOR THEM
- ❖ KNOWING THEM BETTER

PRAYER POINT FOR SOCIETY

- ❖ PRAY FOR THE WISDOM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE NATIONALS.
- ❖ GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP MAY HAVE WISE PEOPLE TO LEAD THE NATION.
- ❖ MAY ALL THE PEOPLE LIVE UNDER THE GRACE OF GOD AND SHARE HIS LOVE WITH ONE ANOTHER TO HELP AND SUPPORT THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.
- ❖ MAY THE LORD GOD ERADICATE POVERTY FROM PAKISTAN FROM ITS ROOTS.
- ❖ MAY ALL THE PEOPLE HAVE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT EVERY PERSON WOULD HAVE LIBERTY TO LIVE LIFE FREELY & ON EQUALITY BASES.
- ❖ BEST DECISIONS & STRATEGIES ARE TO BE MADE TO COME OF THE NATIONAL DEBTS SO THAT THE PRICES OF FOOD ITEMS REDUCED DOWN AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE EVEN AT THE LOWEST SCALE.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Education is the ultimate need of every human being.
- ❖ Saint Mary's English High School is promoting education as the basic and ultimate need of the Christian community to change their mark in the society as marginalized and deprived community.
- ❖ It's a volunteer effort to promote secular and biblical studies to work on spiritual and physical education both.
- ❖ The school is accommodating poorest, orphans and needy children with free education, stationary, books, bags and other necessary stuff.

EDUCATION BASIC MEDIUM



URGENT PRAYER POINTS

❖ PREJUDICE

1. FALL OF HUMANITY
2. RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION
3. FORCE CONVERSION
4. BLASPHEMY LAW
5. GENDER DISCRIMINATION

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG



Closing prayer

1. for the prosperity of Pakistan
2. peace and unity among churches and various communities
3. Strong Leadership of Churches
4. Faith witnessing and faithful walk



THANK YOU EVERYONE!