



The Chopan Trust

The Christmas newsletter from Anser & Kashi Javed
December 2025

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Help us give a
happy Christmas
to 2000 Christian children in Pakistan



Last Christmas, with the generosity of our friends and partners, Chopan Trust celebrated the season with 1,500 children from poor families, villages, slums, and brick kilns.

Each child received a warm sweater and lunch — a small act that brought joy, comfort, and love into their hearts.

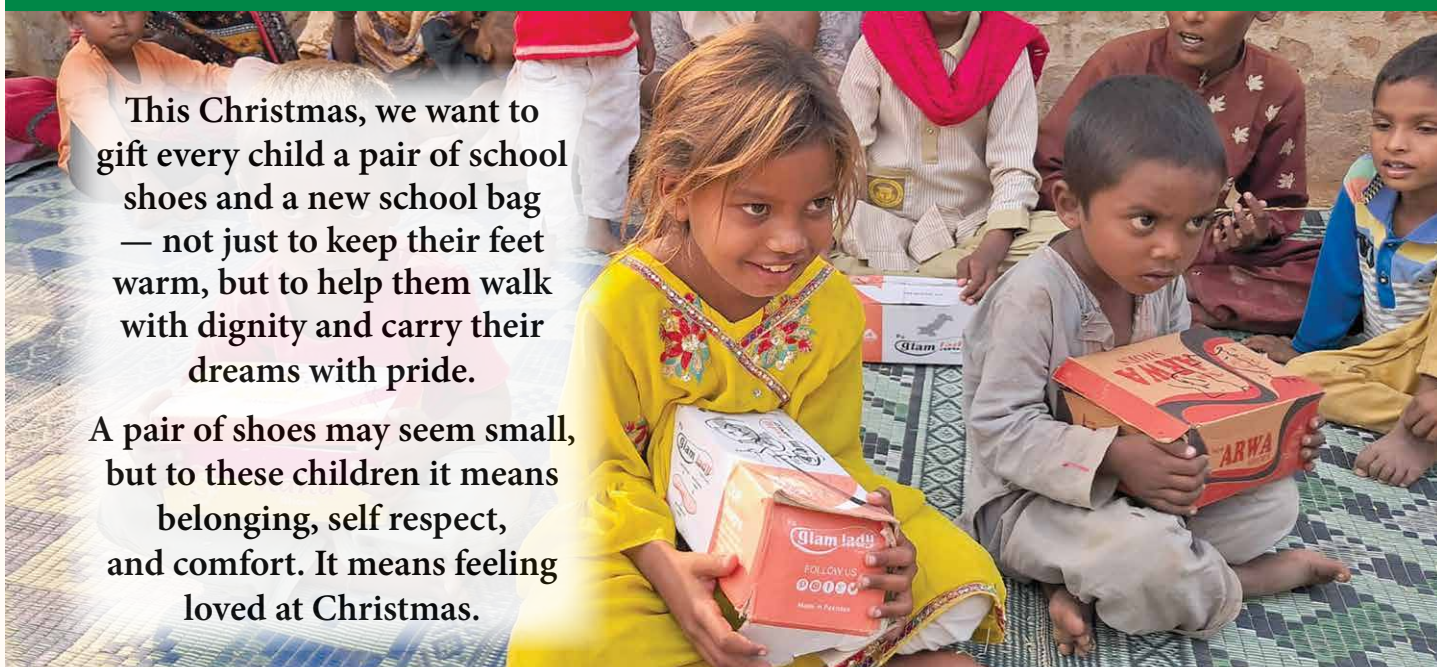


Recently, while visiting schools to distribute Bible books, our team met the same children again. But this time, with hope in their eyes, they asked:

Is there a gift for us this Christmas too?

This Christmas, we want to gift every child a pair of school shoes and a new school bag — not just to keep their feet warm, but to help them walk with dignity and carry their dreams with pride.

A pair of shoes may seem small, but to these children it means belonging, self respect, and comfort. It means feeling loved at Christmas.



How you can help us give a
happy Christmas
to 2,000 children

This is what it will cost:

US\$ 14 / Singapore \$18 / GBP £11 for each child
(multiply by 1,500)

We already have enough for 500 children



Gifts should be marked
"Chopan Trust Christmas"
Send to:

<https://stewardship.org.uk/partners/20028744>

It is a simple gift that brings dignity.

We will also give them all a lovely Christmas dinner, with some songs, dances and the story of the Child of Bethlehem.



We grieve the sad death on 7th October of Kerstin Wakely who, together with Mike, founded Starfish Asia, and now provide great support for the Chopan Trust.

Any gifts for the Chopan Trust in her memory will be used to give Pakistani children a Happy Christmas.

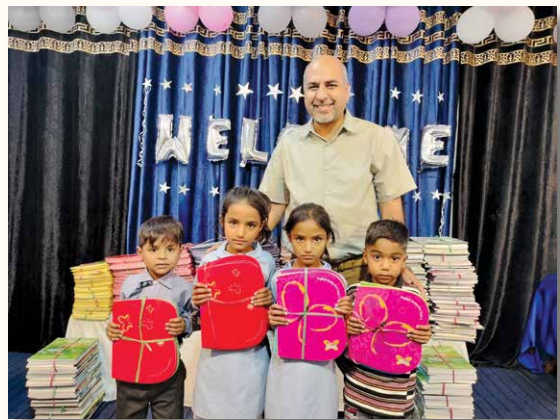
Anser & Kashi: "Our dreams for 2026"

We look back over 2025 with great thanks. So much has been achieved in the lives of some of our poorest children. It has been a joy to engage with the EROS Model School and 7 other schools in training and development of curriculum and teaching skills. We were thrilled with the response to the Career Festival and the compassionate response to the dreadful floods that affected so many.

2026 presents us with multiple challenges and opportunities. Kashi dreams of a well-equipped Teacher Training Centre, aiming to benefit at least 20 Christian schools. We wish to expand the number of Model Schools, where we can engage in regular monitoring of standards and achievement. So many Christian children have no school books, so we want to provide 3,000 sets of books in April. We now run one adult literacy project, but want to work towards 5 more.

We also aim to launch a project to provide Bible teaching, using the Bible Curriculum and Pakistan Christian history books, for 2500 young Christians across Pakistan. And to respond to the many urgent calls for small scholarships for young Christians with ambition.

It is good to dream, and to work towards an ambitious goal. It is essential to have faith and hope. We can only see dreams turn to reality with the help of friends like you.



It's never too late to write your own story!



Chopan runs a Literacy Initiative at EROS School in which young and middle-aged women who never had a chance to attend school are now discovering the power of words. We watch as they practice their Urdu reading skills, proving that it's always possible to turn a new page in life.

We have provided Urdu materials to help them enhance their vocabulary and reading skills. We are so proud of their dedication and progress!

Some of the women are beginning to read their Urdu Bible for the first time. What a joy for them and their families! We heard that some have even dared to read Bible verses during their church services.

This is more than just learning to read. It's about empowerment, breaking barriers, and creating a brighter future.

Pakistan's 2025 floods

In September the media reported on the devastating flooding across many parts of Pakistan: “Relentless monsoon rains and glacial floods have devastated Pakistan, killing over 800 people, displacing tens of thousands, and destroying homes, roads, bridges, crops, and livestock.”

Compassion & Community

Faced with the national emergency, the Chopan staff felt compelled to do something for those who had lost everything. We received help from Singapore, Italy and the UK.

Working with the Royal Institute of Health Sciences, Chopan staff organised 8 medical camps for flood victims in five cities, including Swat close to the Afghan border and Sialkot close to the India border. Approximately 2,000 people were treated and free medicines provided.

The needs and the extent of suffering and loss were far beyond our resources, as many families had lost their homes and all their meagre possessions in the water. We were at least able to provide blankets, pillows and basic supplies for about 1,000 families.



The Chopan Scholarship initiative

Where lost dreams find a future

Many young Christian boys and girls lose hope after the Matriculation exam. Not everyone is successful in exams and discouragement grips those who have not done well, — and especially those from poor homes. Poverty and low marks make college admission impossible and their dignity, confidence and future all begin to fade.

To respond to this painful reality, Chopan Trust launched the “Neglected Ones Scholarship Initiative” — a program created to give these forgotten youth a second chance to build a life of purpose and honour.



Out of 45 applications, Chopan Trust selected 18 young men and women for full scholarships in skill-based professional programs. These include courses such as Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Operation Theatre Technology, and Physiotherapy — and Diplomas of Associate Engineering (DAE) in fields like Computer and Electrical Technology.

To make this possible, Chopan Trust signed partnerships with the Royal Institute of Health Sciences, Superior College, and Don Bosco Technical Institute. On 29th October, we proudly gathered these 18 students to celebrate the beginning of their new journey. Each student received their textbooks and official scholarship letters.

Chopan Trust is covering their admission fee, monthly tuition, textbooks, and examination fees. We also hope to soon provide uniforms, as many students, especially girls, shared that their parents cannot even afford those.



Isha's father is a daily-wage labourer who struggles to meet basic needs. For two years, Isha stayed home after matriculation, watching her dreams fade. She longed to study and support her family but had no means.

When she heard about the Chopan scholarship, she applied in faith — and God opened the door. Today, Isha has joined a medical technician program and proudly says, “I believe my future is changing.”

2026: Promoting Bible study in schools

The Chopan Trust, working with local Christian publisher, Nirali Kitaben, has a passion and a plan to promote Bible teaching in hundreds of Christian schools across Pakistan.

Our vision? A generation of students with faith and Bible knowledge.

The Bible Curriculum for Christian students in classes 1 to 7 has been in use for several years. It is being taught in about 100 schools, mostly supported by Starfish Asia. Now Mike has been revising and upgrading it. Student books 1 and 2 are much improved and in full colour.

Chopan Trust has now applied for funding to enable us to promote the Curriculum to 150 new schools in 2026. Follow-up will include training for teachers with regular visits to ensure best use and spiritual counsel. Our aim? 2500 students with a love for Christ and his Word.



<https://chopantrust.com/>

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