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Ministry Newsletter

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH – ARIFWALA

4TH ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES

FUNDRAISING KICK-OFF!

WE ARE HALF WAY TO OUR GOAL! Pastor Faisal & Carrie John, along with the Board of Grace Bible Church Pakistan, are excited to announce the kick-off of our fundraising drive in support our **Christmas Care Packages** ministry. Please read on to find out more about this annual ministry and how YOU can help contribute to its ongoing success.

What is the Christmas Care Packages ministry?

Since 2010, GBC Pakistan has distributed Christmas gift packages to needy children in Pakistan, mostly in local and distant villages visited weekly by Pastor Faisal and his team, and to our school children at Grace Academy English Middle School.

For Grace Academy students the packages include:

- A Winter sweater and hat
- Closed toed leather shoes and 2 pair of warm socks
- A fresh new school uniform

And for every child in the outlying and remote villages as well as for Grace Academy school kids, the gift box packages will include:

- Scripture coloring story pages
- Color pencils/crayons
- A warm winter hat
- Seasonal fruit from the local market - 2 different types
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- And their favorite, assorted American candy



To cut costs, GBCP's team joyfully goes out to the markets and purchases the items in bulk. They then assemble the packages by hand and distribute them to the children. Most importantly, each child learns about the message of the Christ child throughout scripture with a coloring book story pages created new every year that is included with each package!

This year's scripture focus will be:

Galatians 5:22-23a But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Why does GBCP distribute Christmas Care Packages?

Our goal is simple yet extremely important – To reach out to children, their families, neighbors, and friends with the true meaning of Christmas and to lift up high the name of Jesus; HE is the reason for the season.

When these gift packages are distributed, Pastor Faisal and team make sure



that each and every person understands that these gifts come from a pure spirit of love for others, even though many miles apart, and are inspired by the greatest Giver of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are convinced that the Gospel is made more real to the children

when it is combined with the message of love from us which is shown by these simple gifts.

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

How much is GBCP trying to raise this year?

Last year we reached 620 children and families. Our hope and minimal goal for this year our goal is to raise \$5000 for: 120 “student packages” @ \$10 each, and 700 “remote village” packages @ \$5 each. Praise God we are half way there.

How can I help?

We are glad you asked! We are asking you to help us in two ways, both of which will help insure an even greater success for our ministry this year.

First, this ministry needs prayerful support, because like every Christian ministry in Pakistan, we must expect opposition and set-backs. So if you do nothing else, please intercede for us in prayer by asking God to keep us and the children safe, and to bless our efforts to share Christ’s love, His word, and the Gospel with them. And, please, tell others about us!

Second, this ministry needs your financial support. Please prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible donation in any amount to support this

ministry! If you would like to work with your church or youth group to raise enough money for 50 or 100 Christmas Care Packages or more, we will assist you. Please contact us at gbcip.information@gmail.com for additional support materials!

How can I donate?

One of two ways:

1) Mail a check/money order indicating “Christmas Care Packages” in the memo line to:

Grace Bible Church Pakistan
P.O. Box 260933
Lakewood, CO 80226 USA

2) Use PayPal to donate using your credit or debit card. A link to the GBCP PayPal account is available online at: <http://www.gbcipakistan.org/donations>.

When is the deadline for donations?

There is no deadline for prayers, of course, but financial support should be received by November 15, 2013. This deadline was established to allow us sufficient time to purchase and receive the gift items, then assemble the packages for distribution in December.

May the Peace and Blessings of Christ be always with you!

GBC Pakistan team ~ USA - Pakistan

And Grace Academy kids



GRACE ACADEMY ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

BUILDING "B" FINAL PHASE



Your prayers and supplications are being answered and we are blessed to report that we are in the final phase of completing these two giant schoolrooms for our younger children. Thank you so much for all your support. We waited for God's timing and in the end we developed a better relationship with the families surrounding us, by clinging to the one who saved us. When Jesus Christ is in the center of your life, first comes the breaking process, then the re-building process. Thanks be to God

GBCP CHURCH/SCHOOL *PRAYER* REQUESTS

Prayers Fulfilled

1. Building B ~ \$1000
2. School furniture ~\$300
3. Christmas Care ~ \$2285
4. Transportation Van ~ \$3,000

Thank you all for your faithful prayers & gifts!

Current Prayers

1. Christmas Care ~ \$2815
2. Building A & B ~ \$800
3. School area rugs ~ \$100
4. Transportation Van ~ \$20,000
5. Large generator ~ \$350

LOVE OFFERINGS CAN BE SENT TO:

GBC Pakistan

P.O. Box 260933
Lakewood, CO 80226

Any questions about supporting this ministry monetarily, please email:
Ron Bassett gbc.treasurer@gmail.com

GBCP ~ USA

Proverbs 24:11-12 Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die. Don't try to disclaim responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God, who knows all hearts, knows yours, and he knows you knew! And he will reward everyone according to his deeds. Sojourners, Pastor Faisal & Carrie John, would like to thank everyone for their faithfulness to the commission as we have departed our beloved second home and began the next mission in our favorite country. Prayers are coveted.

MORE PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praises:

- Pastor Faisal John and Carrie made it safely to their favorite country.
- Brother CJ Rich is with us for a short time and much anointing in prayer, study, and worship with the flock here in Pakistan.
- **Animal Ministry:** We found a perfect home for our baby ox and the family is so grateful. Just in time as mama ox gave birth early November to a new healthy female.



- **Building B** is just about completed, however, we are still in need of the finishing touches: new rugs for concrete floors and a snuggle chair for reading to our young ones.
- We were able to **help a family** that goes to Grace Bible Church



Pakistan with the beginning of a corner store in the colony. The man has a weak heart and is unable to do hard labor.

- Praises to the Holy Spirit for making known to you each prayer request and for every person that responded to the faithful call through His body in the USA.

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Please pray for:

- Pray for **safety** to surround our workers both near and far, missionaries on fertile soil, colonies and villages, and air/road travel.
- **2013 Christmas Care Package Project** ~ Theme will be the “Fruit of the Spirit”.
- Pray for **project “B”**.
- **Bible College** preparations and **men/pastors/teachers** who are hungry for the Word in order to become fruitful servants/ministers/teachers/pastors for this ministry.
- **Orphanage** preparations and **workers** in love with Jesus and His commission in Pakistan.
- Pastor Faisal John’s **mom** is having an operation on her pancreas in November. Pray for her and the family.
- Pray for the **USA, Israel, and Pakistan**

GBC Pakistan team ~ USA and Pakistan

Your decisions to partner with us in thought (PRAYER), word (PRAISES), or deed (GIVING) are greatly appreciated!