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Serving Christ and His Suffering Church



Iridescent Light

Shine, iridescent Light
Burn with radiance bright
Illuminating the darkness
O the Christ Child, Man King, Saviour God,
With resplendence descend
And lighten our way.

O Christ Child,
Shine with iridescent light.
O Man King,
Burn with radiance bright.
O Saviour God,
With resplendence descend.

With glory our faces shine
When Jesus we meet
At the mercy seat
And the all-consuming fire
Melts the coldness of our hearts
Setting our souls aglow.

Patrick Sookhdeo

Source: *With the Eye of Faith: Meditations and Prayers*, Patrick Sookhdeo, Isaac Publishing, 2020, page 18.

The whole book is available at www.tinyurl.com/37ms8wru or scan the QR code on the back cover of this newsletter.

What TBF Trust is doing by God's grace and with your gifts

Below are thank you messages from two Christian women in Central Asia. Both left Islam to follow Christ and have suffered much persecution. Helped by gifts from TBF Trust, each now has a livelihood.

Message from A.O.

"Praise God! I am very grateful for this help and support. God never comes late — He always comes at the right time.

When we were going through a very difficult time, this help came exactly when we needed it. Through this blessing, our faith has grown even more. The waiting was not easy, and our patience was tested, but God showed us again that He is faithful.

Thank you so much to our brothers and sisters. We always pray for you, because we see how God is blessing and helping us through you."



▲ *A.O. and her husband have extensive experience in raising livestock. They bought a cow for milk to use and sell, plus two lambs for breeding.*

Message from G.A.

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone for this wonderful gift!

Before, I had to knead the dough by hand, and it was very difficult. Now, with the dough mixer, baking bread has become much easier and more enjoyable.

We are already seeing results, and little by little the demand for our bread is growing. This project is a great help and support for us.



Thank you to all people who support believing families. May God bless you, your work, and your families, and give you even more opportunities to help others."

▲ *G.A. purchased a dough mixer and baking tins. She also used some of the funds to repair the oven she had built. With the new equipment she now makes about 400 loaves a week, which helps support her daughter and herself. She learned bread-making from another woman at her church but found it difficult to knead a lot of dough by hand because her health has been damaged by persecution from her Muslim relatives.*

Christian schools change lives in Pakistan

TBF Trust has assisted 93 Christian schools in Pakistan, which have educated 8,313 children of poor Christian families and provided jobs for 341Christian teachers. With financial input from TBF Trust, the schools can charge very low fees, affordable by the parents. The children get a good education in a loving, nurturing, safe environment and are encouraged and built up in their Christian faith.

Schools in Punjab

Hezekiel, who lives in Punjab province, describes the difference between his old school and the Christian school he now attends: "I have wasted several years in government school and fell far behind in my studies. I was severely mistreated in that setting. Other children used to mock me and call me slurs. I complained to the teachers multiple times but they never took any action. After facing this biased treatment for several years my parents finally got me admitted in Christ Public School a year ago. The difference in the study environment is so evident... I am so happy and grateful to God that I can study peacefully now. Students also get Bible education in a free manner. I am truly grateful for all the teachers and this school... I would like to become a teacher when I grow up. I would treat all the students fairly, unlike the teachers that I had. May God bless all the people working for this great cause. Amen."

Many of Hezekiel's classmates have had a similar experience in government schools, while others may never have been to school at all.

Seven-year-old Jesper goes to the same school as Hezekiel. Both his parents are deaf and unable to speak, so it was his grandmother Seema who taught Jesper to talk. Seema says: "He is sharp in studies. Because of his parents' disability it is difficult for him to study on his own at home. I am uneducated as well so I could not help him in his studies. I am immensely grateful to the teachers and principal of Christ Public School who pay special attention to him... I am so happy that



▲ *Hezekiel (aged 12) and his parents*



▲ *Jesper with his mother and grandmother*





▲ *Some of the simple primary schools in Sindh that are supported by your gifts*

he has got this environment. I am extremely thankful to the staff of the school. They are really co-operative and understanding. May God bless them. Amen."

Schools in Sindh

In Sindh province we are supporting some very simple primary schools in underdeveloped rural areas. Classrooms do not necessarily have four weather-proof walls and a roof. They can be merely huts or shelters. The extreme heat of a Sindh summer, sometimes topping 50C, is a challenge. So too is rain which ruins the displays and decorations the teachers fix to the walls.

Nevertheless these simple schools are transforming lives and whole communities. Children get an education, which their parents may never have had.

Their lives are enriched with special school events such as sports days, Christmas nativity plays, and celebrations of Pakistan's Independence Day.

They learn about their Christian faith by reading the Bible and memorising verses. The school buildings, simple though they are, can provide a space where children, parents and teachers gather to pray and worship.





▲ *Every year fast-growing trees are planted*

Every year the school-children plant trees in the villages, an activity which brings together children, teachers, school management committees and local residents. There are neem trees for shade, moringa trees for food, and acacia trees to provide fodder for livestock.

This is a practical lesson in Bible-based creation care for the children.

Here is my gift to help persecuted Christians.

☐ General Fund ☐ **Christmas Appeal** to feed Christian widows in Pakistan

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We will be happy to add them to our mailing list by post or email. Please phone or email the TBF Trust office with the person's contact details (after you have got the person's permission).

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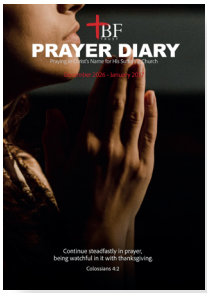

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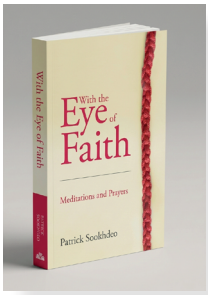

With the Eye of Faith: Meditations and Prayers

by Patrick Sookhdeo,
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Scan to access the full text of *With the Eye of Faith*. An excerpt from the book can be read on page 2 of this newsletter the book can be read on page 2 of this newsletter.

Front cover: From a Muslim background, A.O. came to Christ through a time of serious illness. Her Muslim relatives persecuted her for this decision but God miraculously healed her. Her husband also decided to follow Jesus and was rejected by his friends and relatives. The couple moved from place to place and eventually settled in a small town where they are engaged in evangelism and discipleship. A gift from TBF Trust has helped to give them a stable income. Turn to page 3 to read more.

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TBF Trust's Christmas Appeal 2026

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."
— Isaiah 9:2

Food for Christian Widows in Pakistan



"It felt as if a dark night had entered our lives," says Solomi, recalling the day in March 2025 when her husband died of a heart attack. "Even today, my children and I are struggling to find our way through that darkness."

Solomi and her husband worked hard to provide for their children. Solomi held down two jobs as a maid. Her husband was a hospital nurse. Without his income, Solomi struggles to cover the basic needs of the family. Food, clothes, rent, the children's educational expenses – all are a daily challenge.

TBF Trust wants to give 100 Christian widows a Christmas gift of one month's food and groceries.

Imagine the relief! A month of stability. A respite from worry. An opportunity to save for other needs. The certainty of being able to give the children a Christmas meal.

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."
— John 1:9

A pack of 18 food items, plus soap, toothpaste and washing powder, will cost £36 and last a family for a month.

At Christmas we remember how Jesus Christ came into the world as the true light who gives light to everyone. Will you be a channel of blessing to Solomi and other Christian widows who feel they are walking in darkness?

Will you pray for them? Will you give a Christmas gift to feed a Christian widow and her children?

To donate, please visit tbftrust.org or use the form on page 6.