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“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.” Lukas 2:14

Dear Friends,

The great angel choir sang these unforgettable words at the great climax in history of the birth of Jesus, Son of God.

PAKISTAN – An unforgettable highlight

The children’s camp was the greatest highlight in Pakistan in October 2019 for the 250 children at our School of Grace. We experienced wonderful days with the children. Armin Knothe, our evangelist, enthusiastically preached about Jesus’ encounters with people. Our German team of 15 lived God’s Word and showed His love. The kids learned to pray on their own in small groups. In creative workshops they learned new skills. Their home at the edge of the brick factory is characterized by poverty. The Pakistani teachers were also enthused. Working with them this time was much easier than last year.



Small groups



Hand-made crafts



Children’s camp



Margret Meier

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A German team of 3 came to look at our "School of Grace". The teaching and learning methods in Pakistan are mainly repetition and memorization. Now we're analyzing if and how we can help the teachers teach better in the future. The faculty consists of 23 mostly young teachers. All together there are 30 employees at the school.

PAKISTAN – Church services in a brick factory

Splendid news! After our visit in October outdoor church services began in front of a small prayer room for the working slaves. Father Ghauri led a small church for many years and preaches on Sundays for the workers. At the first service 40 people attended, after that already 60 people who were seeking truth and love. The inner hunger is great. We're testing what kinds of possibilities exist for the building of a church near the brick factory.

Help for Gulam and Azra Mustifa

Gulam and Azra Mustifa have 3 children. They are very poor as only the father can work. Azra has been paralyzed for years and must care for her 9-year old daughter while lying on her bed.

Our Pakistani partner brought her to the hospital for care when she had a serious case of pneumonia. Through a thorough exam rheumatism was discovered, the reason for her stiff joints. At home, she now gets help from routine physical therapy and is becoming more mobile. She is thankful for our help. For days the family had nothing to eat when Gulam's earnings were cut off because of a sudden emergency. We came just at the right time to help them. There is no governmental help for situations like this in Pakistan.

LEBANON– Medical help

At the end of October, we came with team of 12 doctors in the middle of the political unrest there, as in the city Zahle' in der Bekaa Plain. Through a miracle of God our path was paved. The sick Syrian refugees came gladly to church although it was dangerous on the streets. Many parents came with their children as they had no money for medicine and were dependent upon mercy. Because of financial reasons, Lebanese doctors won't treat them. An example of the refugee hardship is a young mother named Shoukria with her fifth child. The 4-week old baby is named Cedra. She only weighed 4 lbs., was completely dehydrated, undernourished and very weak. I immediately took them both to a local hospital. The nurses were shocked at the baby's awful condition. She lay in the incubator for a while, was fed through an IV, and received a blood transfusion. Shoukria had a malignant sarcoma with metastasis already in her lungs. For the first time in her life she experienced God's love practically and heard of Jesus. The Christians in Lebanon are supporting her financially. Most important for her is the loving care and regular visits.



Room for prayer



Church services brick factory



Poverty and illness



Azra with family



Baby Cedra



Mother Shoukria with Cedra

We work hand-in-hand and are a link in a chain of helpers. Our doctors, a pediatrician, gynecologist, dentist, family doctors and a trauma therapist said, this week was worth it, as always. 25 of “our“ 600 patients need further treatment. For this we carry the responsibility.



Refugee camp



Child Doha



Dentist treatment

SYRIA – Al-Kalima Center in Damascus

The Al-Kalima Center in Damascus, Syria opened its doors mid-September. Since then Syrians go in and out from Monday to Saturday. **The Center for Health Care and Development** began offering help.

Two trauma therapists began in September, each with half-time jobs. A team of Egyptian doctors went there for the first time. Currently 10 women are learning to be hairdressers in a 12-week course. After this they can be self-employed. A reading course is available. Frustrated children in the neighborhood who couldn't graduate are war victims. Here they are encouraged and helped to work toward graduation. 6 people from the Al-Kalima Church have taken on a ministry, most of them volunteers. In this Center many people are getting help. I am convinced that this is a model that many will follow. Pastor Rami Georges and his wife are commendably engaged and use these rooms also for spiritual preparation and training of church workers.



Al-Kalima Center



Fish scale illness



Trauma therapy



Doctor at work



Test for diabetes



Medical treatment

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For our ministry with Himmelsperlen International in 2019 we started with a faith budget. Our prayer was, "Lord Jesus, we want to do what you prepared for us. At the end of the year we can see that You provided what we asked of You." In this ministry we see God's active blessing. Thousands of thankful people experience God's love – not only with words, but also practically and experientially.

I thank you warmly for your support and the trust that you give to Himmelsperlen. Your prayers are just as important as every small or great gift and the practical cooperation in our ministries. In 2019 40 people served in some way.

In our new office we now have 4 women working there. Dorothee Römhild is a new volunteer who works 2 days a week in administration, event planning and manages our information booth at large conferences.

Till now we've been able to get the work done via mini-jobs. God be thanked that the development of our ministries is moving forward. I look forward to seeing what God's leading will look like next year. We want to risk doing something new for His sake as we continue to strengthen our ministry, especially in Pakistan.

II wish you all a Merry Christmas and God's rich blessing for the 2020!

Your

PLEASE NOTE:

FRIENDSHIP DAY on Sat., March 21, 2020
with guests from Pakistan in the Petrusgemeinde
in Kelsterbach

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Many thanks!



Kiran and Aurangzeb Ghauri

