



Himmelsperlen  
International e.V.



Ghauri Orphan Center,  
Orphanage in Pakistan

Dear Friends,

**„Serve one another, each with the gift he has received“. 1.Petrus 4,10**

Imagine what it would be like if everyone lived like this. How very different our world would be! God's gifts are abundant. There is enough here for everyone but **in our global world things are totally out of balance**. The poorest are getting poorer. The Bible warns us that in the end-times injustice will increase. As a result, any help, in whatever form, blesses the poor and needy and enables them to lead a more humane life. Jesus says in Matthew 25 **“I was hungry, thirsty, sick, a stranger. You came and helped me.”** Here, Jesus identifies himself with everyone in difficult situations. At Himmelsperlen we have made it our mission to go to the nations and people in need and share the gifts with which we have been entrusted.

### PAKISTAN

Our journey in February began with **a huge step of faith**. Our team of five was standing in line at the check-in counter at Frankfurt Airport although **none of us had yet received a visa**. Our prayers were answered. Five minutes before we were due to show our documents, the necessary E-mails came through. This time, our mission focused on **“Women's conferences and leadership training”**. We were able to reach 400 women with God's Word. The theme was: “thirst for life,” something that oppressed women identify with completely. Most of them live in hovels on the outskirts of the brick factories. They are poverty stricken with only the bare minimum and forced to live monotonous and laborious lives. Despite it all, during our worship times their faces shone as they sang **Pakistani songs and hymns of worship**. This time of fellowship was a great gift to them. God spoke into the hearts of many women to strengthen their faith. For others, it was the beginning of life with Jesus. At the end, a crowd, **including many sick**, came forward for **personal prayer**. A mother had brought her 14 year old son. He was crippled and had to be carried in by his father and some other men. The parents looked at us, pleading with their eyes as they asked for help. A few hours later, we were able to give them a wheelchair. The whole family are happy and grateful that the boy can now get around more easily.



Margret Meier

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Women's conferences

In Emmanuel Church, **400 people gather regularly in the open air**. They are spiritually hungry and desperately in need of a pastor. They lack continuous instruction in God's Word, teaching on discipleship, someone able to conduct worship and if possible, lead a children's ministry. We are searching for and hope to find a pastor for this young church soon. Our aim is to hold a service every Sunday.

After our visit, **the first literacy class started**. Twenty adults came, all motivated to learn to read just like their children. Unfortunately, at the beginning of April, the corona pandemic suddenly spread so quickly in Pakistan that all events had to be cancelled. The government ordered a complete lockdown and all schools were closed.

As a result, we organised **our first medical mission there. It began in mid-April and was carried out by a Pakistani doctor and a nurse**. Our team drove to the eight brick factories to help the people there. According to Aurangzaib Ghauri, our partner and headmaster, of the 400 people examined, **200 were already infected by the corona virus. His wife Kiran and the doctor** both came into contact with the disease, became ill and had to be quarantined. Another Christian doctor was found who was able and willing to continue the mission. During the examinations the doctor discovered many other health problems. Some patients needed surgery. Five month old twins were so weak that the parents were told if they had come any later, the weaker girl would not have survived.

**In the Ghauri Orphan Center**, the school-free lockdown was used to develop the children's musical skills. Many learned to play an instrument. They were even rehearsing for a musical. With our support, the children are now healthy and adequately nourished.

**The School of Grace** is going through a **big change** this summer. The lease on one of the two school buildings will be phased out. The owner wants to demolish it and build a fitness center on the site. We are looking for a building large enough for the entire student body and with the possibility for future expansion. We hope to find a solid building with significantly larger rooms. Three kindergarten groups and 10 school classes all require more space. A computer room is also planned, a sports facility and much more. At the moment, only grades 8-10 can be taught. The move is planned for August.

## LEBANON

**In March** I was back in **the True Vine Church in Zahlé** with a team of **12 medical professionals**. Despite the high risk of corona infection, the volunteers agreed to accompany me. An apartment with five rooms had been bought behind the church to provide accommodation. Our medical work took place in two containers in the large parking lot.

Both Syrian refugees and Lebanese nationals who had run out of money, came to our office daily. Our pediatrician had to treat 53 children in one day. **Six doctors, one trauma therapist and two nurses** were also kept very busy. **A colleague prayed for many sick and mentally disturbed patients, another helped as a translator and provided child care**. During the week, we helped **1,000 sick people** by providing medication or examinations. Some operations and more extensive treatments are still pending. There are 64 patients on our aftercare list who I am still dealing with. Clearly, the hard life of refugees and the many other consequences of the war are taking their toll.



Adult education



Medical mission



Pupils at the School of Grace



Lebanon, doctors' surgeries



Volunteers, March 2021



Gynaecologist examining pregnant woman



Clothes distribution

**The True Vine Baptist Church** continues to expand its ministries. The members are completely committed to helping the needy. In autumn, we shipped three containers with winter clothing to the community there, 2,500 boxes of good clothes were sent to two distribution points. One hundred refugee families came every day to choose clothes for themselves. With this major campaign, we were able to help **3,400 families, that's about 20,000 people**. Their joy and gratitude was expressed again and again. It was basic survival aid for the cold winter months. **God's work is now particularly visible among the Lebanese.** Almost every day people choose to follow Jesus. Through the severe economic crises, unemployment and the fear of the corona virus they are in deep despair and searching for inner strength. They find it in Jesus.

Containers placed on spare land on the outskirts of the city have created rooms where "new believers" meet every evening for fellowship and twice a week for church services. Before that, discipleship courses take place. In the last few months about 50 people made a decision to give their lives to Jesus Christ.

Soon, **the bakery we plan in the Christian school for the blind** in Zahlé will begin to function. **Christoph Rohschenkel** is a baker willing to fly to Lebanon for four weeks to set up the bakery then train some employees to make German bread. It is the dream of the head of the school that the blind and visually impaired eventually bake and sell the popular German bread themselves.

## SYRIA

**The Alkalima Church in Damascus** has a busy life with a group of 50 students, a monthly meeting for **war widows** of all ages and one evening a month for married couples. Up to **100 children** from the neighborhood come on Saturday to the children's meeting. The church, only 12 years old, is planting another church in the city of Sweida which is an hour's drive southeast of Damascus. The church has rented an apartment for this. A building that formerly belonged to the Baptist Church was denied them and taken over by another group.

By mid-May we will have shipped **two containers with 80 free hospital beds** and 35m<sup>3</sup> of hospital linen to Syria. After a lot of research, we found it was possible to import the goods without paying customs duties. We are very grateful to be able to help Syria in this way.

**Shukria** is still receiving chemotherapy. One of her sisters now lives with her. This is the optimal answer to all our prayers for help. **The Alkalima Center** opened a **mini kindergarten** for her children and five others. What a blessing! Due to the massive currency collapse and the corona pandemic, everyone in Syria is in dire straits.

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### New secretary

I have good news from our office. **Since 1st May, Anna Hagebölling** has been working **full time as my Secretary**. As a result, the work that is constantly evolving is much easier to deal with. I have asked her to introduce herself.

My name is Anna Hagebölling, I am 32 years old. As a trained salesperson including foreign trade, I have acquired many years of experience in office work. Most recently, I worked as a church secretary and as a pastor's assistant in Frankfurt. Since May 1st, I have been



Lebanon - New Church



Syria, Sweida  
Attendance at church service



Al-Kalima Center  
Seminar for widows



Hospital beds for Syria



Shukria with her daughters



Kindergarten in the  
Al-Kalima Center



supporting the work of Himmelsperlen by working as Margret Meier's assistant and secretary. When I started looking for a job last year, God gave me a Bible verse that I have held on to. It enabled me to trust His plan: "For we are his creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2.10) In addition, before my last job ended, God gave me a picture in which he led me out and we stood in front of a vast land that I should occupy. On my first day in the Himmelsperlen office, God in his loving way confirmed that the work this organisation does in Pakistan, Lebanon and Syria is undoubtedly part of his plan for me. The Bible passage I had read in Eph. 2.10 was the exact verse Margret Meier had chosen for me and Sandra Dümmer shared a picture of a far country that together with Jesus, I was helping to cultivate. Isn't our God wonderful ?!



Anna Hageböling

### Mission in autumn 2021

**Pakistan** September- Children's Camp September 18-26: –

*We are urgently looking for volunteers!*

**Lebanon** medical team: 08.-16. /- October 23, 2021 – Fully booked

### Project reference numbers

We have now assigned **project reference numbers** to the individual tasks in each of the countries. If you want to make a targeted donation, you can request the project sheet from us or from our homepage..

I wish you all a very good summer!

With kind regards,

### EVENTS

**On Saturday, September 4th we want to hold our annual Friends' Day.**

In the hope that by then most of us will be vaccinated and can attend, we have already invited speakers. It is hoped that Pastor Rami Gerges from Syria or alternatively Pastor Haddad from Lebanon will be able to get permission to travel and report on the ways God is working in their countries.

**Invitation flyers for Friends' Day are available on request..**

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Margret Meier

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