



Himmelsperlen
International



School Class, School of Grace,
Pakistan



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Dear friends!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in the faith so that you may become ever richer in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15v13

Our horizon of hope is based on the Word of God. Hope determines our goals and the way we live. It brings joy and peace and make our lives richer than any material gifts ever could.

Everybody needs hope. A vague wish is not enough, even a hope fixed on something concrete will not always help us. Hope that is real must be able to carry us through life's trials. Those who put their hope in God know that on the vast horizon of eternity, God sees our everyday concerns. God is faithful and reliable and he is with us.

PAKISTAN

This spring our efforts were focused on the school and the community in Lahore. First, we were able to observe the teaching techniques used in several different classes. One of our volunteers, Michael S., conducted a **multi-day teacher training** with the aim of **presenting learning methods** and **demonstrating how to put them into practice**. Christof G. gave students of the 9th/10th grade an **introduction into the use of a PC**. First of all, they learned to work with Word. Once we have a larger school building, it is planned to start computer lessons in the higher classes for all who are interested.

When the school year was over and the report cards had been distributed, a celebration ceremony was held in the Renewal Center auditorium. The parents are naturally very proud that their children can now learn. They should have it easier in life than their parents. There were many words of gratitude and joy that Himmelsperlen had made this possible for their children. One pupil, called William, finished 10th grade, making him a graduate. His final exam was held off-site in a state school. It always takes a few weeks for the results to be communicated. Therefore, his next step remains uncertain.

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We were in **Lahore during Easter week**. Pakistanis have four days off work and celebrate extensively with church services that include washing each other's feet, communion and agape love meals. The Christians thoroughly enjoy these days of communion. On Easter Sunday, they visit each other and bring something to eat. A **highlight this year was the baptism of eight people** who had decided to follow Jesus. The baptismal site was on the outskirts of the city in a canal. A couple was baptized together with their eldest son. The joy and rejoicing was great.

Pastor Robin is employed by the Emmanuel Church. He has it on his heart to lead people to Jesus and to disciple them. As they do not have a building, the **services take place in front of the houses in the open air**. This means that on Sundays church services are held in several brick fields. During our visit, we donated a projector to the congregation so that they can watch Christian films in the evenings. This has drawn great interest and inspired people. Crowded together, they sit on the floor, watching and marveling at how Jesus reached out to people. The visual "preaching" goes down particularly well with these people.

During the summer holidays, staff are on the road **still looking for a larger building for the school** in the Christian district of Youhanabad. Slowly it is becoming a test of patience. It's hard, this search has been dragging on for months now but they are not giving up.

SYRIA

Suher is the director of the Al Kalima Center in Damascus. She is currently conducting a Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles with 20 women who are eager to learn more about the Holy Spirit. Together they were in the Old City, where Jesus met Saul, who fell to the ground overwhelmed by the encounter. Suher is a gifted leader who serves people with great dedication.

In the Al Kalima Center people **come** every day and seek help. The small kindergarten has become a permanent fixture. The children, some of whom come from muslim families, sing the songs they have learned at home. In this way, they become little missionaries.

In Syria, **the enormous increase in prices is causing big problems. Gasoline, electricity and even food have all become too expensive**. We help as far as we are able. Poverty often leads to growing crime.

Recently, we heard about **Tarek** (name changed) who was on his way to a church service in Sweida when his car was stopped and masked men dragged him out onto the road. **The kidnappers demanded a ransom of \$15,000 from his family** then hid him. This sum could not possibly be paid by the relatives. The young church stood together in prayer for Tarek. Pastor Rami intervened and God clearly answered their prayers. Pastor Rami was able to reduce the ransom to 3,000 USD. Now Tarek is free again and, with God's help, has become stronger in faith. His experience shows that the establishment of a **church in Sweida** is under attack. Nevertheless, the Damascus team faithfully continues to go there every week.

LEBANON

The **economic situation in the country is constantly deteriorating**. Meanwhile, not only the Syrian refugees are affected, but also the Lebanese. There is no work, seldom electricity and everything is completely overpriced. **Many can hardly afford to eat.**

We are particularly committed to helping the sick. In April we were back in Zahle, helping the True Vine Church. Our German team was very motivated and conscientiously served many sick people. In one week, we had 950 patients who came to the Church to take advantage of our medical services. Our doctors experienced a whole range of diseases with the most diverse diagnoses. It is particularly difficult when the allocation of medication alone is not enough. Some cancer patients need chemotherapy or surgery. Disabled children need orthopaedic help and physiotherapy. This is only possible if we provide them with adequate financial help. Diabetics need insulin and ask for permanent help. The needs are great and exceed our budget. Consequently, we are very happy for every sick person we can help. These people are grateful that we are there for them and say it again and again.

One of them is Ali. He was brought by Maroon, a man from the local community, on his small moped. The two had met only a short while previously. Ali told his story with sparkling eyes: he had had severe stomach pains that lasted day and night. One day, he was walking down the street when he suddenly felt a hand on his stomach. A palpable warmth emanated from it. At the same time, he heard a voice saying to him, "I am Jesus and I love you. Trust me, I want to be with you always". This recurred a number of times over several days and he found in Maroon a man who helped him to get to know Jesus and to entrust his life to Him. A medical examination revealed that he had not eaten enough for weeks and was malnourished. We were able to give him what he needed.

I had a long conversation with Amina, she has progressive MS, but is still very brave. In prayer she received strength and comfort. Many could be helped immediately with medication. Mothers brought their children in the hope of help. The plight of several of these children concerned us deeply. Our prayer team was in great demand. Some of the sick gratefully reported the strength they received as God touched them. And as often happens, some gave their lives to Jesus during the prayer times.

Feedback from a few team members on the mission:

St.: I felt very happy to be part of the group and was able to work well with the translator. The spiritual strength I received each morning motivated me for the day.

H.: I have had many spiritual experiences and experienced God's work.

S.: I have been moved by prayer with the patients, one of whom entrusted his life to Jesus. The gratitude and kindness of the patients impressed me.

Si.: I often received good feedback from patients after prayer. I myself went home blessed.

Sa.: I enjoyed this work especially being in a team of Christians. I was very touched that Samira, a disabled girl, said in tears that she wanted to go to school so much but she couldn't walk.



Food for poor families



Sort medicines



Doctors in preparation



Encouragement of a patient



Doctor examines baby



Prayer service

S.: The daily devotions have strengthened me a lot. I am glad that I was able to endure the misery we saw. I have learned a lot in this mission and am grateful for it.

HIMMELSPERLEN NEWS

- **On August 1st at 4:00 p.m. on ERF** (a German Christian radio station) **a broadcast about Himmelsperlen** will be transmitted. From then on, the broadcast can be heard at any time in the **ERF plus audio library**.
- **The next collection of winter clothes for Syrian refugees in Lebanon** is imminent. We are happy to send you our special flyer with all the information. Delivery to the warehouse is at the beginning of September. **Please request our information flyer in the office**. We are still urgently looking for people and communities to participate.
- **Pakistan** – The next mission with a focus on Women's Ministry is from 19.-26.9. 2022
- **Lebanon** – The next medical mission is on 14- 27.10. 2022
- **Feel free to invite us to your church services or groups**, we will happily report on what God is doing in Pakistan, Syria and Lebanon.

We thank all our donors for your support and ask you to continue to help us fulfill the tasks that lie ahead. Thank you also for your prayers!

If you would like to **receive** our **separate prayer letter**, you are welcome to request it.

With heartfelt thanks and wishing you God's richest blessings,
Yours

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