A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)





Unitarian Christian Fellowship

Islamabad, Pakistan

Sector : Education

Category : students who are below poverty line

Area : Slum Area

Teacher : Maryam Haroon

Level : Play Group to 5th Grade

Total students: 40 Students

"Improving children's
Life style with the
intimacy of GOD"

History:

Previously we had a successful school, but when we started preaching the Bible truths about the one true God, people took their children from the school and we were forced to close it.

Later, when I would go to various homes to preach and teach people about the one God and Messiah Jesus Christ, sadly I would see that the poor people were living in a very bad condition. When I looked at their children, I got very depressed about them. They wore very bad clothes and were barefoot. I asked the parents why are you not sending them to school? The answer I always got was, "we can hardly provide them food and seasonal clothes; we cannot afford the fees and books".

My heart was filled with sorrow, so I took this responsibility to teach them. I began the present school in October 2020 in one room of my house. At First, I had 4 to 5 students and I arranged books for them from my own budget. Later, whoever heard of this free education, they came to me. I started teaching to all who were deserving and then I made an appeal to my brothers and sisters in the faith to help me buy the books. Thanks be to God I was able to get the children books.

Now after 1 year I have 40 students (including 10 Afghan refugees). The age group of students is from 4 to 10 years, and I have several 12-year old students. The small room that I use cannot have all 40 children at once, so I have divided them in 2 groups and call them on alternative days (Monday through Saturday). I have them in school for 4 hours every day.

I happily share that in my school, I am a preacher, a teacher, a care taker, and a cleaner. I preach to them. I teach them. I wash them. I cannot afford to hire staff, but one sister helps when she can.

I also provide them food whenever I have the resources. I try to give them fruits snacks and things that they can't eat at home because of their poverty. Along with that I try to give them clothes whenever it is possible, but I am short of resources most of the time.

My Objectives:

These are the two main aims to achieve.

- 1. Academic Education (Math, Science, Social Study, English, Urdu etc)
- 2. Bible Education (One true GOD and Messiah Jesus Christ)

Academic Education:

To educate and empower these children so that they will have opportunities as adults to provide for themselves and their families. This education will also help them emotionally and psychologically. Hopefully they can be better members of society, rather than wandering the streets.

Bible Education:

As a Biblical Teacher, my first obligation is to provide them biblical Knowledge. I believe true understanding of bible is important for them. Having these kids with me it's a great opportunity to give them bread for Eternal life from the beginning of their lives, and prepare them for kingdom of GOD.

Our Needs:

- 1. Books
- 2. Stationary
- 3. Uniforms + warm sweater (in winter)
- 4. Food
- 5. Eventually, if God Provides, a place to rent