



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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We are grateful to have this opportunity to recommend for your consideration and support this month, Joseph & Rose Barkat and the

'Footsteps Ministries' in Pakistan

We are thankful to the Lord for guiding Joseph and Rose in leading this ministry and furthermore we are indebted to our Siloam supporters for previously praying and financially supporting 'Footsteps Ministries.' We know that many of you found it difficult to spare funds for charities like Siloam this past year but some did contribute faithfully so that this unique gospel, medical and social work ministry could continue. We praise God for making that possible. Last year 2023, Siloam supporters only provided £2,647 in financial support. But, back in 2022 Siloam giving friends contributed as much as £9,275 towards the ministry of Joseph and Rose Barkat.

The Barkats are based in Bedford and they are assisted by their daughter Lubna Gill with their UK administration.

Faithful Christian warriors from Pakistan, Joseph and Rose Barkat. If you would like Joseph and Rose to come and speak at your church, please contact them at info@siloam.org.uk to arrange a visit.



Unfortunately, as many of you will know there has been considerable persecution for Christians around the world during 2023. In Pakistan, homes of Christians living in Jaranwalla were burnt and looted!

'Footsteps Ministries'

Relief aid / Ministry / Schools / Evangelism / Sindh district / Brick kilns

Providing relief aid to those in need

One of the main aims of 'Footsteps Ministries' is to provide aid and practical support to families in the regions we are working in. This aid included blankets, beds and food. Please continue to pray for the Christians in Pakistan as they make up only around 2.5% of a majority Muslim nation so they are constantly under pressure from their neighbours. With their houses being constantly looted and destroyed, the people 'Footsteps Ministries' are helping are very grateful for the essentials of food, water and clothing.



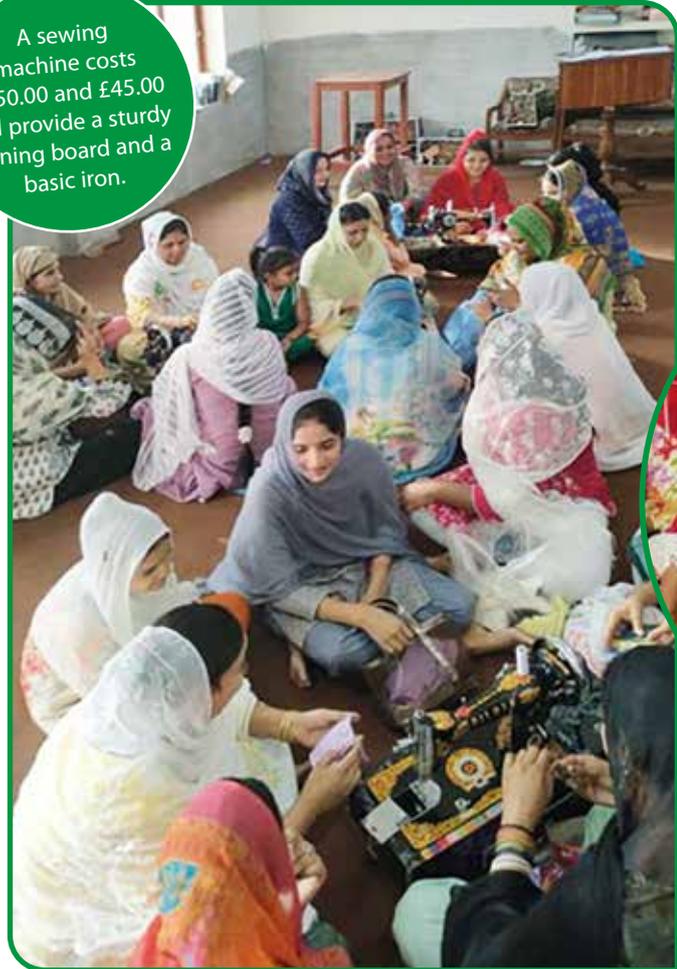
Medical teams



For our medical camps, it costs £50.00 a day to hire a doctor to diagnose medical conditions. A nurse can be hired for £25.00 a day to triage patients.

Footsteps Ministries' providing relief aid

A sewing machine costs £150.00 and £45.00 will provide a sturdy ironing board and a basic iron.



Positive ministry growth

'Footsteps Ministries' saw substantial growth on the ground during 2023 and they now have 15 sewing centres and help 10 primary schools. The sewing centres provide an opportunity for women and girls to be part of the community while learning transformative skills. Many of the girls from the sewing centres have since graduated and established their own businesses so they can now support their own families.



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Footsteps Ministries positive ministry

Village schools ministry

Supporting village schools allows children to learn skills in mathematics and literature. Also, 'Footsteps Ministries' run Sunday schools for these village children. This allows the children to also hear and learn the Word of God which we know can transform their lives. Some of the children from the primary schools have since gone on to further education completing their studies and are now working as teachers, nurses and pastors. – Praise God!



'Footsteps Ministries' village schools

Evangelism our priority

As well as important aid, 'Footsteps Ministries' believe that evangelism is their main priority! They have pastors working in the Indian and Afghan border areas and in the Sindh and Punjab districts. Many of these pastors are undertaking great work in extremely difficult situations.



A few of 'Footsteps Ministries' pastors have been conducting crusades gathering people together by the thousands for open air meetings. We are happy to say that some of these pastors were Joseph's students in the FGA Bible College in Lahore. After their training, they had travelled to various regions in Pakistan to spread the Word of God.

Of course, no evangelistic meeting would be complete without it being followed up by good food! 'Footsteps Ministries' are also helping to provide cooked meals for the attendees of the meetings so they do not need to worry about when they will next eat so they can instead enjoy fellowship and relax with their friends and family. Siloam is thankful for the continued support provided to 'Footsteps Ministries' through all the natural disasters over the past years, particularly, the heavy flooding which affects many districts as seen on TV.

This flooding has now become almost a regular annual event for which many poor people pay a heavy price.



'Footsteps Ministries' evangelism

The Sindh district

The needs of the people in the Sindh district are vast and this year they were also hit hard by devastating floods!! Thankfully though, the committed pastors and workers in other regions provided food, tents and medical relief as part of their social work ministry.



The Full Gospel Assemblies in Pakistan handle the 'Footsteps Ministries' accounting and payments to pastors and others receiving much needed financial help.

Ministry in the brick kilns

'Footsteps Ministries' are probably best known for their work in the brick kilns where they continued to distribute blankets, food parcels and medicines during last winter. It is only with the support of praying friends reading and praying over this newsletter, that this important Christian outreach ministry can continue.



Dear Siloam friends

It has been our privilege to share with you this brief pictorial report concerning Joseph and Rose Barkat and their 'Footsteps Ministries' in Pakistan. Please feel free to donate as the Lord prompts you by using our response form and the 'Freepost' envelope that accompanied this newsletter. Your gift could well change another life in Pakistan and provide hope, food and support for a deserving family.

Thank you for your support in the past, we pray you will continue to uphold project: 032 in your prayers.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve in Pakistan and elsewhere



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P.S. Please contact Joseph and Rose Barkat if you would like to arrange a meeting for them in your local church. Please email info@siload.org.uk or write to them, c/o the Siloam office. – Thank you.

'Footsteps Ministries' in the brick kilns

Please make all your donations payable to: Siloam Christian Ministries

Please designate your gift to 'Footsteps Ministries' project: 032.