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Dear Siloam ministry investors and friends

The ministry of Joseph and Rose Barkat is unique in the missionary world today. Pakistan is almost closed to overseas missionaries but this couple have the desire to spread God's Word in this overwhelmingly Muslim majority nation. Even though Joseph and Rose have lived in Bedford for the last 37 years they are ethnically Pakistani so able to travel almost unhindered to the country of their birth, where they can minister to help those who are less fortunate economically and socially.

As Siloam uses education, medical help, social and other relief as an expression of love to those in the developing world, Joseph and Rose's '**Footsteps Ministry**' seemed an ideal project to partner with and share the generous support of Siloam's ministry investors. Over the years we have known Joseph and Rose Siloam has been privileged to raise funds that have lifted people out of poverty who 'live' in conditions we just couldn't possibly imagine because you really have to experience the harsh environment these dear people exist in to appreciate their plight.

Joseph for many years supported himself as a taxi driver and he also became an ordained Pastor in an Asian Assembly in Bedford where many Pakistanis currently live and have since come to Christ.

The support that Siloam provides enables children to be supported with books and stationery and even schools opened in the brick kilns. In our brochure enclosed, we are featuring the sewing centres which the '**Footsteps Ministry**' provides as a means of helping young Pakistani women become financially self-supporting. A gift of £100 will provide not only a sewing machine but also the tuition to learn how to use the machine. In the brick kilns '**Footsteps Ministry**' can provide medical camps at regular intervals to bring the doctors and paramedics needed by those working in the harsh conditions that exist which you will see in our photos. Many of the people living in the brick kilns are bonded labourers which may have been brought about because of an elder family member bringing the family into debt to the brick kiln owner which has effectively trapped the rest of the family in a modern form of slavery. Siloam does not believe that we should just 'pay off' debts of these desperate people who have found themselves in that sad situation but as an alternative we should help the people themselves to provide for their own financial security and empower them to work themselves out of their own debt and that of their ancestors. This surely provides more dignity than just giving them a handout?

Funds are used for helping pastors financially who live in desperately poor conditions many of whom are unable to afford to send their children to school.

Those who are disabled or physically challenged, as we now call them, can also be helped to live more comfortably and cared for by Christian carers. Widows can also be assisted financially and ministered to through prayer which is so important.

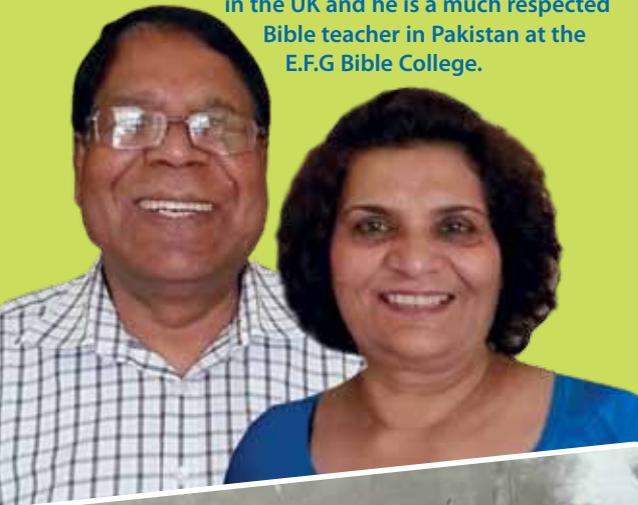
But, the best way to find out more about the '**Footsteps Ministry**' in Pakistan which was the inspiration Joseph and Rose Barkat, is to invite them to your church or fellowship where they can provide a presentation and speak to you face to face about the ministry to which God has called them. You will certainly catch from them the



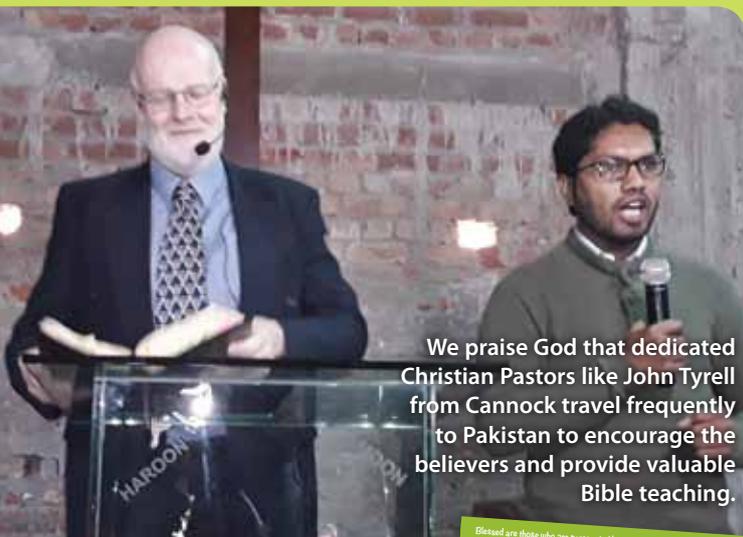
Sandwiched between Afghanistan and India, Pakistan is very much in the news right now because of the ongoing dispute over the disputed Kashmir area. This potential conflict will only exacerbate the

existing suffering for the poor in Pakistan most of whom are Christians. Please pray that peace will prevail and that Christians will have a stronger witness in this troubled land.

Joseph and Rose Barkat have been working with Siloam to represent our supporters' interests in Pakistan since 2010. Joseph comes highly recommended by the leaders of the A.O.G churches in the UK and he is a much respected Bible teacher in Pakistan at the E.F.G Bible College.



For just £100 Siloam supporters can provide a sewing machine and the initial training to help a single Pakistani Christian lady become self-sufficient.



We praise God that dedicated Christian Pastors like John Tyrell from Cannock travel frequently to Pakistan to encourage the believers and provide valuable Bible teaching.

Please help expose this ministry to your Christian friends by passing on Siloam's postcard featuring the 'Footsteps Ministry' of Rose and Joseph Barkat. – Thank you.



Many poor children in Pakistan are helped through their schooling by gifts sent through Siloam to 'Footsteps Ministry' so that they can study to achieve their future dreams.



Siloam's aim to help the 'Footsteps Ministry in Pakistan' is to provide funds for sewing machines so that single Christian ladies can earn a liveable wage and avoid being persecuted and exploited by Muslim neighbours and employers.

vision which God has empowered them to do what they have up-to-now, and I know they will inspire you to get behind them prayerfully and financially.

As Joseph says, "It's not enough to teach students in the Bible College in Pakistan, we have to show our love for the people so that they will come to Jesus. That is why they call their ministry '**Footsteps Ministry in Pakistan**'.

To summarise, currently '**Footsteps Ministry**' runs 12 primary schools for about 850 poor children including children from the families of bonded labourers. Also, '**Footsteps Ministry**' runs 9 sewing centres currently empowering about 300 poor female Christian students to become self-supporting sewing machine operators and seamstresses.

Gifts of £5, £10, £25, £50 or £100 when accumulated together can achieve far more than you can really imagine which is why we believe your investment could make a real impact in Pakistan where there are few opportunities for caring Christians in the UK to contribute towards.

Finally, if you really want to help this couple, please expose their ministry by sending the enclosed postcard to one of your Christian friends with a personal recommendation to either support the '**Footsteps Ministry**' through Siloam or at least pass this on to someone who may be more financially able to contribute. At least they could pray if you ask them to!!

Thank you once again for your concern for others we appreciate you taking time to read this material which I trust will touch your heart and motivate you to help in this theatre of need where you would perhaps be unwilling to go yourself because of the physical risks.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the '**Footsteps Ministry in Pakistan**'

Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. In 2017 Siloam supporters provided £3,488 to the '**Footsteps Ministry in Pakistan**'. This increased slightly in 2018 to £3,769 but in 2019, up until the end of July, Siloam supporters provided £10,500, the increase we believe was due to the news coverage of the plight of Asia Bibi whose death sentence in Pakistan was overturned allowing her to resettle with her family in Canada – thank you for your support and prayers for the Christians in Pakistan.

By providing the means to make Christian ladies self-sufficient, '**Footsteps Ministry**' is endeavouring to eradicate poverty at least for some.

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Siloam providing the physical means required for Christian women to escape poverty in Pakistan.

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Meet Pakistani missionaries Rose and Joseph Barkat currently living in Bedford. Joseph formerly was a taxi driver before taking retirement and answering the call to minister to his people back home who desperately need support and encouragement. This dedicated couple are responsible for relieving a great amount of suffering experienced by the beleaguered Christians in Pakistan who are despised by their Muslim neighbours.

By empowering young Pakistani women to be self-supporting through learning a skilled trade and with the help and supply of a sewing machine, many can be lifted out of poverty.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” Matthew 5: 10

Displaying the clothing, these young skilful hands have created not only provides them with a living wage but also dignity and respect from their Muslim neighbours.

A simple hand operated sewing machine equips young Pakistani women to create beautiful garments and be self-sufficient.



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Christians make up around 2.4% of Pakistan's overall population, that is



Joseph and Rose Barkat's ministry is greatly assisted by UK pastors who dare to travel to this country where Christians are unwelcome, to share God's love. Here you can see Pastor John Tyrell from Cannock preaching on the 20th of March 2019, being interpreted by local Pastor Qasir.



Another dedicated UK national Mary visits a care home earlier this year where the physically challenged are cared for. Mary's husband Tony is also a regular preacher who visits Joseph and Rose often to encourage them and to share in their ministry and encourage the Pakistani believers.



In the north of Pakistan there are many brick kilns where people are living in abject poverty. Children play among the acrid brick dust when they are not actively involved in earning a living working alongside their parents.



Pots put out to dry and bake in the hot sun visibly portray the harsh environment experienced by bonded labourers.



Medical camps are provided by 'Footsteps Ministry' headed up by Rose and Joseph Barkat. These practical expressions of Christian love endeavour to bring a doctor and medicines to the people who can least afford the 'luxury' of medical help.



This child is helping his parents by turning the bricks over in the hot summer heat. How many children perform this duty is unknown but a considerable number. His parents will be paid £4 for 1000 bricks at today's rates, which then need to be turned to bake in the sun.

about 4.5 million people. Most of these Christians are desperately poor.



Students at the Full Gospel Assemblies Bible College in Lahore listening intently to lectures given by Pastor John Tyrell on the book of Jonah. It costs £70 per month for a student to study. How willing are we to help young pastors be equipped to share the gospel with their Muslim neighbours which can not only be dangerous physically but could cost the liberty of a young evangelist prosecuted for blasphemy.



On Joseph and Rose last trip to Pakistan, they spent almost £400 on school stationery for the schools they had earlier helped set up.

Education is the key to personal advancement and a route out of poverty for those who achieve. By providing school supplies and setting up schools in the brick kiln areas, 'Footsteps Ministry' assist in practical ways that will empower these children in the future.



'Footsteps Ministry' also provides school supplies such as school bags at £4 a time for the children who attend their schools. Even a gift of £4 in Pakistan can help a child with needy school supplies.

Gone are the days when kids wrote with chalk and slate. Children are now equipped with proper textbooks and stationery to help them with their studies. Learning English is also a key to getting a better job in Pakistan as it is still a main language for business and commerce.



Showing off the clothes these dear sisters in Christ had made. Mary spoke about the biblical account of Dorcas and how when she had passed away the neighbours brought the garment she had made to show to the Apostle Peter as they shared their grief. Acts 9:39



Please invite Joseph and Rose to give a presentation in your church. Please request that on your response form when you return it in our 'Freepost' envelope.



The younger generation are free to express their worship in the confines of the church but outside among their Muslim neighbours, they live in fear of being falsely accused of blasphemy.



Mary was especially welcomed by the Pakistani ladies who think she is so brave to come and speak with them and share the good news of Jesus Christ and tell them how they can be spiritually liberated.



Visitors like Mary and Tony from Hockley are very much appreciated. Mary is especially welcome with her puppet Rusty who captures the attention of the children and makes Bible stories come alive.



Joseph with Pastor John Tyrell seeking to bring the truth of the gospel in a country where Christians are not only persecuted but some are also in prison for their faith and witness.



Not a mobile phone or tablet in sight but the youngsters sit there with riveted attention in the Full Gospel church in Lahore, listening to overseas speakers bringing words of encouragement.



A simple hand operated sewing machine can equip a young Pakistani lady to be self-sufficient financially as well as respected socially. Gifts added up to £100 will not only provide the next sewing machine but also the initial training required to earn a reasonable living.