

Dear fellow believers,

I know that many of you have been praying about my application for a Visa to revisit Pakistan and are also anxious to know how Sohail and the believers are doing in light of the national flooding crisis in Pakistan.

It is great to be able to tell you that my Visa application was approved last week and I am now looking at flights and planning my next visit in November this year, God willing.

In respect of the flooding, I will let Sohail tell you the situation. I have copied and pasted his messages to me over recent days. The situation is grave and many people are undergoing great hardship as a result. By way of background - many poor people live in tent communities and are very vulnerable to the weather. There has been a great work done among these people and many of them have been saved. Secondly, bear in mind that non-Muslims tend to live in areas of the town that are designated Christian but will be made up of Hindu's, Roman Catholics, etc etc. This is where many people are getting saved and where assemblies have been established.

If you are exercised to send funds to help buy tents, medicine, food etc you can do this by either sending funds to me for onward transmission to Sohail and the brethren in Pakistan or you can ask Lord's Work Trust to send the funds directly to Sohail as they have his banking details.

We appreciate your fellowship in supporting the believers in Pakistan both in meeting their personal needs and in aiding them to spread the gospel and show the love of Christ to the needy.

Yours through Grace,

Stephen

### **Sohail's Update**

Good morning brother. 90% of Pakistan is facing terrible and horrible floods and dozens of villages have vanished from the map of Pakistan. Believers in village 44 and village 87, in the Kiln Colony and Pakpattan area, are suffering from the effects. In Doctorwala Village, 15 believers have lost their tents and everything in them.

In Pakpattan, there are 25 tents that have been gone underwater. Some families are injured. Gastro, dengue and diarrhoea are spreading. Many Hindus have lost their homes and are begging for food and shelter in tents, but no one is helping them. We are trying to give food to the neediest believers but there are other families in Pakpattan and Sahiwal areas that also need medicine for typhoid fever, dengue, diarrhoea and gastro.

Doctorwala, Village 44 in the Pakpattan area and Sahiwal believers are most affected, some lost their homes and most lost their tents.

If God enables us to help some Hindus that live close to us we can provide them with food that will make us able to reach them with the gospel. We need lots of clean water bottles for Village 87 in the Pakpattan area. Many people are starving. In an area 30 miles away from Sahiwal, nearly 90 people (Muslims and Hindus) have died in the floods, and there is great starvation and a need for boat rescue and food for humans.

In Arifwala (where I live), the situation is under control. We have floods on the south side, but the believers are safe. Only people living in the tent community have lost their homes (tents), but they have repaired them again. We are ok, but around us the situation is different.

The big need is for food, medicine and two large tents. The tents cost £500 each and are like marquee tents with walls and a roof. They can be folded and used for meetings at other times of the year. People can sit and sleep in them providing shelter especially for women and children.

We send you our love and greetings in the name of the Lord.

Sohail

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