

Dear brother Bill,

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to write this letter of thanks and acknowledgement for the gift of ???? that you sent to me. Carole and I appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of the believers in Barrhead.

### **General Update**

We have been very encouraged over the last number of years through the work developing in Pakistan. When we first were brought into contact with Sohail, three assemblies were in desperate need of support and guidance (in the Scriptures and in the truth of church gathering). Since then (2018), there have been souls regularly saved and assemblies planted; there are now 20 assemblies.

Sohail and I continue to meet every week for an hour to an hour and a half when we study the Scriptures together and deal with any issues that have arisen. The Lord has encouraged His people despite the difficult times they have passed through during Covid and the persecution that occurs from time to time because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and their turning to God from Hinduism and Islam.

Please pray for Nabela, who was saved three weeks ago. She was consequently abused and beaten by her family because she had turned from Islam to Christ.

She refused to recant and said that she felt the presence of God as she stood firm in her decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result, she has been moved to a safe house in Faisalabad where she is living with one of the overseers (Nadeem) and his wife. She is safe now despite having had several injuries which were subsequently dealt with in the hospital. I am challenged as to the price that these people pay for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The work in Uganda continues. Sanya Charles is the main brother that I work with. I was delighted to meet him and the overseers from the assembly in Musoto (Mbale) in March this year when I visited Uganda with brother Paul Jenkinson from Scotland. It was wonderful to see the interest the believers had in the teaching of the word of God when we spent two days in a Bible teaching conference with them. Please pray for them as there are many pressures on them to conform to the majority of charismatic churches in Uganda. They pay a price to follow the Scriptures and be obedient to God's word.

The work of the Lord continues in Liverpool, and we are encouraged as we have many opportunities to preach the gospel – on the streets, in schools, online, and through a written ministry of the gospel in secular magazines and by producing videos that are used in gospel work across the north of England. The assemblies in the areas are small, but we continue to work with the local believers and pray that we

might see some of the many contacts we've been brought to know saved, baptised and added to the assembly in Huyton.

We trust that you will continue to know the Lord's blessing in Barrhead.

With kind regards and love in the name of Jesus Christ,

Stephen and Carole