



LCCP MISSION NEWS

A newsletter update from the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan

A New Vision for a Growing Ministry

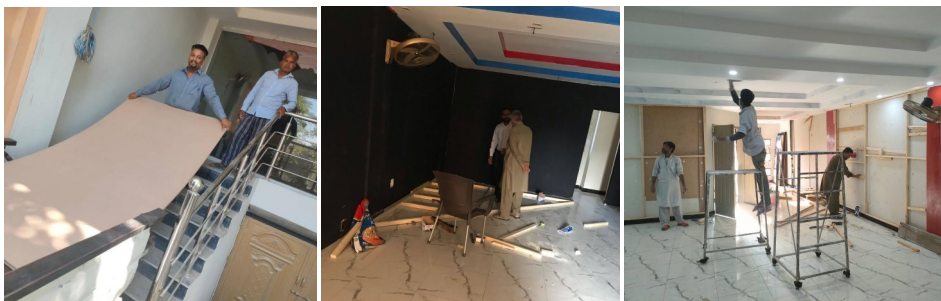
Upon our return to Islamabad in October, Julie and I hit the ground running. The first order of business was to reconnect with our Seminary students and Colloquy pastors for a full report on the summer activities and progress. After getting settled back at The Mission House, we anxiously toured the future location of St. Mark Lutheran Church & Academy.

The facility was formerly a car leasing company as well as a television studio and children's furniture warehouse. The five-story facility is a shell of a building. With no HVAC, large open rooms without dividers and of course, no rugs or furniture. The amount of work to be done can seem overwhelming at times but we know we serve a Mighty God who makes all things possible in His time. The renovation and improvement projects have already begun and we hope to begin using the facility for Christmas worship and classes.

To reduce cost, we have enlisted several volunteers that take turns in assisting hired skilled laborers with demolition, electrical, painting, and more. We also pray this will expedite the renovations so that the congregation can begin worship before the cold weather sets in.

We have much to be thankful for. The people of St. Mark Lutheran Church have worshipped in some of the worst weather conditions under a tent. God in His mercy has given us a building and in return we will give Him all the glory as we move at a steady speed to prepare for readiness. Our gratefulness would not be complete without thanking hundreds of donors who have faithfully supported the mission. In just one year LCCP has gone from a one room church to a new vision for a growing ministry. Praise the Lord!

-Pastor Jay Dass



Worship God in Song and Praise

There are some things we must accept when living in a predominantly Muslim nation. Our dress must be appropriate to the culture, our evangelism must be a response to an inquiry and our actions must be respectful of other's beliefs. Although, as Christians we are "free in Christ" (1 Peter 2:16), our desire is to be a witness of that freedom to our Muslim neighbors.

Last Spring, we wrote about how our time of worship during Bible studies had to be modified during Ramadan. People in general must refrain from listening to music loudly during the holy month, as it may offend those who are fasting.

St. Mark Lutheran Church has a soundproof second floor, which was the television station studio. Another gift from God! This floor will be used as the sanctuary and allow us to worship the Lord with song and praise throughout the year.

We hope to have more photos of the renovation progress on our Facebook page soon.



LCCP's First Wedding Service

The process of legally performing a wedding in Pakistan is complicated business. There are many government regulations and being that Pastor Jay was ordained in Romania he patiently waits for the proper documentation. However, that was not going to stop LCCP from performing its first service of Holy Matrimony. Deacon Rameez (one of the Colloquy pastors) performed the ceremony with Pastor Dass giving the blessing.

It is customary for the groom to present the pastor with a gift and Jay humbly accepted several rugs to be used for LCCP children.

Speaking of Gifts...

Sarah Elston, our sister-in-Christ from Living Faith Lutheran Church (Cumming, GA) graciously made church paraments for LCCP. The Ladies Bible Study will also be sewing baby quilts for our young families.

Thank you to you all for serving the Lord with your gifts and talents!



PRAYERS & SUPPLICATIONS

- ◊ St. Mark Lutheran Church renovation project
- ◊ For the well being of volunteers and hired laborers working on the renovation project
- ◊ 13 Colloquy men as they continue to serve their congregations, study and meet for classes
- ◊ Upcoming Advent Season of worship and education

House Dedication

In the United States a Christian may choose to have a house blessing when they move into a new home or on other occasions. Generally the pastor presides and the family, friends and neighbors are present. In Pakistan, they call this a house dedication. Christians in Pakistan do not always have an opportunity to worship at a church due to their financial means or location. Therefore, every home is believed to serve like a church with the intent to worship, thank and praise the Lord. The house dedication is led by the pastor and blessed with the Word of God followed by prayer.



This was one of the first invitations Pastor Jay and Julie had upon their return to Pakistan in October.

#GivingTuesday is November 29

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www.thriventchoice.com

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Start a collection box
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The Mission "Education" House

From the beginning, Lutheran theological education has been at the forefront of the LCCP mission. The commitment of the Nine in Line and 13 Colloquy men, who have full-time employment or serve their own congregations, is inspirational. We thank the many LCMS pastors as well as Riga Seminary professors who spend countless hours on Zoom training, encouraging, and blessing these future Lutheran Pastors. The Mission House continues to be the location of Grace Lutheran Church and "education central".

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