



July and August, 2023

Dear Ministry Partner,

We praise God for His grace and faithfulness amid trials and struggles during July and August. I'm reminded of the Lord's Word ***"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*** (John 16:33). As we see the suffering in this broken world, let us remember the Prince of Peace our Savior and Lord who has promised to never leave or forsake us. He will remain faithful in all circumstances.



Persecuted Church of Pakistan: My heart is heavy. I'm burdened when I hear the news about the severe persecution of Christian brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Wednesday, August 16, 2023, was another dark day in the history of Pakistan for the Christian minorities. In early morning, a radical Muslim man stood in the Mosque and, over the loudspeaker, addressed all Muslims in the Jarawala city of Pakistan. He challenged them to fight with the infidel Christians who desecrated the Quran. The news spread to nearby cities, and they began to attack the homes and churches of Christian people who were just awaking and preparing their breakfasts or getting ready to send kids to their schools. The attack was sudden; Muslims carried rods, gasoline, and knives. Many people were injured. Muslim mobs burned over **30 churches and 80 homes**. Over **300 families** were looted and beaten by the mobs who accused them of blasphemy. People ran to escape with just the clothes on their backs. When churches were burned, the mobs were chanting, **"Allah is Supreme – Mohammad is the great Prophet – Quran is Holy,"** and in their aggression, they trampled over and burned thousands of Holy Bibles and other Christian literature. They burned all the crosses in the churches. They even went to the Christian cemetery, broke all the crosses and desecrated the graves. The devastation was so great that the mob did not leave a single pot behind. They burned furniture and they stole belongings, gold, and money. Many Christian people ran to the corn fields to hide. They slept in the fields under the open sky with their young children. Many escaped to nearby cities in their bare feet. They lost everything. Pakistani Christians call persecution their '**CROSS**', which is often so difficult to explain to the American/Western Church that lives such a comfortable life and has not experienced persecution. Ten years ago, I faced a similar tragedy, and I had to leave Pakistan and come to the USA with just three bags of clothes with my wife Naomi and three little kids.

I pray that the Church in the USA/West might feel the pain and hear the cry of these brothers and sisters who have no "voice". Jesus Christ on the Cross reminded ***"For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*** (Luke 23:31). I believe it's time for the Church to arise – to not only pray but take some practical action and speak for these voiceless and defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverb 31: 8-9).

1040 Global Ministry is organizing a **"Day of Prayer"** in solidarity of Christian brothers and sisters in Columbus Ohio. We would like you to please share this newsletter with your Church, family, and friends and to join us and become a voice for the voiceless persecuted church of Pakistan.



Global Fellowship:

Praise God for the 45+ people who attended this fellowship. We enjoyed a delicious meal. Afterwards, we discussed the Eid

(Muslim festival) and talked about the sacrifice of Ishmael. Muslims every year celebrate Abraham's sacrifice of Ishmael. We noted that in the Bible/ Torah, Ishmael was not sacrificed, but rather Isaac. What a lie of the enemy! Christians do not need to offer sacrifices because Christ died for us once and for all. We shared that the Bible calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God. All participated in the discussion. Afterwards, Mohammad, an Afghan Muslim, said that he enjoyed the discussion and learned a lot from the topic.



New Wilmington Mission Conference: We are grateful to Rev. Ginny for inviting us to the NWMC. We made several contacts and shared about 1040 Global Ministry. Brother Bob (Board Member) and Shane Minnich (Area Coordinator) joined us at the ministry table and introduced 1040 Global Ministry to several attendees.

East Ohio District Church of the Nazarene Dinner: We are grateful to Brother Bob Charles and thank him for inviting us to join the East Ohio District dinner. Bob introduced us to some East Ohio district pastors. We hope to develop ministry partnerships with some people in the East Ohio district.



Annual Picnic: About 80 people attended the 1040 Global annual picnic held at Rev. Ginny's Farmhouse. There was opportunity to get to know our Muslim friends better. We worshiped, read the Scripture in different languages, and had some wonderful activities and delicious food. We are grateful for Jim and Pastor Ginny's hospitality and support.

Speaking Engagement: We visited Rev. Christy Robison's church. Naomi and I shared our testimonies and about the 1040 Global Ministry outreach work. We appreciate the warm welcome, prayers, and support.



Board of Directors, Ministry Partners, and Area Coordinators of 1040 Global Ministry meet monthly to discuss the growth and strategy for reaching Muslim Immigrants, refugees, and international students. Please pray for our leadership in 1040 Global.

Prayer Requests and Upcoming Events: (Venue, Date & Time TBD)

- **WE STAND WITH PAKISTANI PESECUTED CHRISTIANS – "A Day of Prayer"**
- Speaking Engagement
- Spiritual Formation Retreat
- Global Fellowship
- Connecting People Building Bridges Training
- Pray for Naomi's health.
- Pray for the persecuted Church of Pakistan that God grant them his peace and security.
- Pray for the 1040 Global leadership for God's wisdom and direction.
- Pray God provides us more opportunities to share the gospel with the lost.
- Pray for the upcoming events and God's grace and favor.
- Pray for our safety, protection, and God's provision to meet all our needs.

Financial Support:

We are a faith-based ministry and rely on God to meet our needs through you. God bless you for your generosity. **Please continue your monthly contribution.** You can give in the following ways:

- The direct link: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/10C1BE9C81D645E>
- Our website: www.1040.global (use the "give" menu at the top right of the page)
- Send a written check. Please note a **CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS:** For monthly donations, checks should be written to 1040 Global Ministry and sent to **1040 Global, 7580 Liberty Rd. N, Powell OH, 43065.**

Yours in Fulfilling the Great c ']]]Commission.

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"³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Romans 8:35-37)