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Proverbs 19:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Jesus said: "Don't hinder the little children to come unto me!"  
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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.

(Ephesians 4:32)

## Dear Friends of Our Mission!

Greetings with John 13:17. Jesus said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them", and we've experienced just that, praise God!

On March 12, we flew to Pakistan with a heavy heart, for unfortunately not only enjoyable work lay ahead of us. Being busy with routine tasks as well as formal and personal conversations, the time passed far too quickly. The annual board meeting was of special importance. In all these matters, we sought for God's help, and He spoke to us, to the kids and the staff in morning and evening devotions. The latter ones showed us a letter in which they had written down complaints about the home management – that was, when we asked you in one E-mail to pray about this. After a conversation with the home's leader, who also gave his own opinion and promised to bring about change nothing much happened immediately though. But this happened three days before we left like this, the meal, to which the staff usually invites us, had just finished – Timotheus explaining once again what everyone had agreed on – when I realized everybody looked rather really sad. Spontaneously, I asked, "Which of you believes that Jesus died for us?" Everyone raised their hand. "And do you also believe that He truly forgave us our sins?" As their faces lit up, I said, "There you go! Now you look much happier!"



After that, I continued, "How about we all give thanks to God for His forgiveness? Why not go to the

others and do what the apostle Pauls in Ephesians 4:32 tells us to do." (see above) –So we prayed. And then someone suddenly said, "Before I'll pray, I wanted to say sorry for my negative speaking about any one of you." Wow, wonderful! After the last had prayed it was a special experience to see how some were moved to tears and embracing each other. Our representatives in Pakistan, the brothers Javed and Rafiq, being officially in charge promised to work on improving relationships after I reminded them about our Good Shepherd who is an example in how to care for His sheep in love. Beside this, please pray that the good collaboration with us and Pasrur may grow towards this ideal!

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## Children's home 'Pasrur' news

Dear beloved Friends, we've returned safely from Pakistan! This is because of God's gracious and permanent watching over us. Some of the information has already reached some of you via said email. Your reactions and prayers have encouraged us very much. We are always happy to get feedbacks. Thank you!

Yes, we can give a joyful testimony about God still working miracles today! Let us ask HIM to help everyone to bring more fruit worthy of repentance.

It was our delight to be accompanied by Klaus Rost. Both the flights and the trips in Pakistan were enjoyable. The weather wasn't too warm as well, so we didn't even have problems with the mosquitos. Being in Lahore, we managed to visit two addresses and met some new people who may be of help in the future. It's a real blessing that still some foreigners have the opportunity of expanding the kingdom of God in Pakistan. Finally we were warmly welcomed in Pasrur.

The girls, led by the staff member Yarusa, had invested a lot to be able to perform an English song, movements included, dealing with the topic of believers being a family. Here, you see a picture of it!



It was nice seeing the girls and staff again. But also the typical fragrances, the loud call for prayer from the mosques and the deliciously spicy food helped make this a good experience. The closest relationships are always those with the children, especially in our devotional times together. It was lovely to see how God had prepared the three of us for similar topics: being on the road with Jesus, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Only in His presence, we get to know God better and better, which is extremely important for our children in a Muslim country. Only in knowing our God can they distinguish HIM from everyone else. Klaus further illustrated this with stories in the life of Abraham.

While we only got to spend little time with the children, Klaus used his time to play with them. He even built a funicular that the kids used a lot – boys and girls!



To our great joy, the children had become better at school. Thanks to God and the teachers. Because of God's financial blessing and a good exchange rate, we decided to care again for more than 70 children in future and dismiss none of the teachers.

Have a look at the second boy from the left, Saggar. He is new to the home and was welcomed during the time we have been there.



In addition, we were able to come to a good agreement with a long-term staff member who is ready to retire in some months. We were afraid that this wouldn't work out this well. But also the annual Board meeting took place in a good atmosphere.

Since the home's leader, Javed, is no longer employed as a teacher by the government, he promised to put more time and energy for the betterment of the Home. We asked him to use his language skills to give the older children some additional English lessons.

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### **Children's home 'Casa Onisim' news**

Concerning our work in Romania we will just give a few bullet-point style prayer requests.

Give thanks to the LORD for

- young people who want to get baptized,
- the birth of Eleazar and Oana's son, Ayan Müller (born April 5),
- the birth of Josua and Kathel's son, Nathanael Hoster (born April 11). Here, you can see him with his three sisters.
- physical and spiritual protection of the children during the Easter break (They returned by May 5),



And please pray for

- our trip to the board meeting (May 22-29)
- organizing the summer holidays (what children will do during this time in Romania and Germany),
- apprenticeships and further training for children finishing school,
- some good ideas on how to reduce costs in praxis.

Thank you for your prayers!

Our heavenly Father, a God who loves to forgive, may bless you. When His Spirit of Peace lives and works in us, we are able to forgive others in turn.

I wish all of us, our families and our churches to experience this personally.

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