

Our mission...to provide, in an enduring way, the highest quality education responsive to the needs of individuals with preparation for the needs and demands of the 21st century. We wish to offer this education to individuals of all religious backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay, who choose to come to missionary institutions to receive high quality education fully informed by missionary values.



# Innual Report 2016

# Presbyterian Education Board and Friends of PEB

Our mission...to support and promote the educational purposes and fund development of the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan.



### پاکتان 'Thank you from the 'Land of the Pure'

On behalf of PEB in Pakistan, I want to thank you all for being the reason for bringing smiles to thousands of children. Your support has been like a candle which has shown these children direction and provided them hope in a weary world. Thank you for staying beside us in hard times.

Thank you, indeed, for the generosity of many friends who have provided many "awe" moments. The new school buildings are providing confidence, prestige, and developing self-esteem in the students. They are also providing much joy and happiness for the students. It is wonderful to watch their bright, smiling, and radiant faces. It is so different from what I witnessed in the old dilapidated buildings that once stood. These new buildings are helping us move toward sustainability. Thank you to our faithful partners for your support!

The staff development and teachers' training is another factor which is transforming the minds and souls of many. In our Nursery and Preparatory Classes, we have introduced a new syllabus in which playing, exploring, active learning, creating, and thinking critically underpin learning and development across all areas. Children are loving the new approach.

Our main aim through education is to unlock the wealth of sympathy, kindness, love, tolerance and generosity hidden in the soul of a child and to develop creative, inventive human beings who want to discover the world around them. Pakistan has one of the highest youth populations in the world. We are trying to provide direction to these young children. It is encouraging to see our young graduates moving forward.

We in Pakistan strongly believe that what is within us is stronger than what is in our way. Despite the many challenges and obstacles, we are moving forward in the right direction. We strongly believe that Mighty God is our strength. We believe God doesn't give us more than we can handle - God helps us handle what we are given. We are thankful to God for His abundance and bounty, and as good stewards, we are always conscious of the financial and moral support of Friends of PEB...your support is producing wonderful results.

Christ told us to "SERVE ONE ANOTHER." We in Pakistan endeavor to be good servants as we strive to show Christ's love to those around us.



Veda Javaid Gill PEB Executive Director

PEB's vision...is to provide high quality education that addresses the needs of all individuals in mind, body, and spirit within an environment that embodies the core values of self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline, integrity, tolerance and respect for others, fairness and justice in all of our dealings. Those served by PEB are empowered and enabled to deepen their faith and their sense of community in order to have a spirit of service and quality of character that enables them to contribute to positive changes in society as citizen-leaders in their community, their church, their country and the world.

### You Have Done It Again!



Margy Trimble Friends of PEB Executive Director

Thanks to YOUR generosity, Friends of PEB raised a record \$1.6 million for Presbyterian Education Board in 2016. These funds are bringing real progress for PEB. More students received scholarships than ever before; construction of crucial new buildings is in progress; and quality teaching continues to boost student learning and test scores. I want to commend you all for enabling children in Pakistan to receive a high-quality education and achieve their greatest potential.

Here are just a few ways your donations made a difference in 2016:

71 Christian girls from remote villages are now living in a new safe dormitory in Sargodha. They are enjoying new bunk beds and mattresses, sheets and pillows, dining tables and chairs, dishes and utensils, and even a common room TV.

Funds equal to 559 full scholarships allowed needy boarding, day and higher education students to receive a quality education that they could otherwise not afford.

Professional development training was provided for PEB teachers throughout the school year and at the annual summer teacher's retreat.

Construction began for the new spacious office building for PEB staff.

A new higher secondary building at CGHS Sangla Hill has given the girls additional classrooms and a topnotch facility in which to learn.

A new boundary wall at CGHS Pasrur replaced the previous crumbling wall.

Construction has begun for the next phase of Sargodha Boys' School.

Nearly half of the funds are in place for the desperately needed new school building for boys in Martinpur.

Students are thriving thanks to many general school improvements, additional English language classes, library books, educational materials, sports equipment, drinking fountain, water bottles, desks and chairs, student uniforms, blazers, socks, shoes, school supplies, stuffed animals, school bus, Christmas decorations, computers, increased security and much more!

On behalf of Friends of PEB Board, thank you again for joining your hands and hearts in support of excellent teaching, much needed scholarships, quality infrastructure, and most of all, hope for a bright future through the PEB schools. Your generosity reflects the love of Jesus to our friends in Pakistan.



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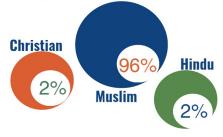


Literacy Rate **56%** (15 and older)

Did you know?

Population **202 million** 

Religions in Pakistan...





Ranked **7th**globally in population!

**307,376 sq.miles** (twice the size of California)

Per Capita Income \$1,440/year

PEB Schools...

Student body is nearly **6,000** strong!

22 Schools and 4 Boarding Houses

## ll High Schools (Nursery-10)



CGHS, Kasur
CGHS, Martinpur
CBHS, Martinpur
CTI Boys, Bara Parthar, Sialkot
EMS, Sialkot
CGHS, Sargodha
EMS Girls, Sargodha
EMS Boys, Sargodha
Kinnaird Academy Girls, Lahore
Solomon Standard Academy, Rawalpindi
CBHS, Rang Mahal\*

#### 4 Higher Secondary Schools (Nursery-12)

CGHS, Sangla Hill CGHS, Pasrur CGHS, Hajipura, Sialkot\* CBHS, Raja Bazaar\*



# 7 Village Primary Schools (Nursery-5)

CPS, Rawalpindi VPS, Badoki VPS, Walipur VPS, Jauharabad VPS, Nawan Pindh VPS, Rasoolpura

#### 4 PEB Boarding Houses

CG Boarding House, Sangla Hill CG Boarding House, Pasrur CG Boarding House, Sargodha CTI Boarding House, Sialkot

# Muslim Christian 40%

**SHE Project** 

SHA Project

Shelter Home for Girls at Risk

**Vocational Training Centers** 

**English Language Program** 

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**Adult Education Program** 

6 Women's Empowerment Projects





### The girls of Sangla Hill have a reason to celebrate!

Progress is visible at CG Higher Secondary School at Sangla Hill where a new school building is opening windows of opportunity to young women desiring to continue their education beyond high school. We are profoundly grateful to friends in Champaign, Illinois who embraced PEB's Sangla Hill School and have made this new building possible. Over the years, their donations have allowed PEB to do significant construction and renovation of the campus, allowing more and more deserving students to be enrolled.

The new higher secondary building is having a significant impact on the students, their families and the community. With top-notch facilities and additional classroom space, more students (including those requiring extra individual attention) can now be accommodated. The learning environment is so welcoming that students want to spend more time at school! Progress is apparent through improvement in the overall academic standards of the school. Teachers are designing classroom activities that allow students to work at their own pace; this has the positive benefit of building the students' self-confidence. Continuous teacher training has greatly enhanced the quality of learning and is contributing to significant improvement in students' academic growth.

The following experience shared by a parent at a recent parent-teacher meeting highlights the value that this new facility has added to the community:

A mother recounted that her only daughter had been admitted to a public school, but she was cautioned that her daughter's slow learning capacity would prevent her from growing academically. So she took her daughter to a different school, but the officials there declared her "hopeless." Of course, her parents were very disheartened by the comments and attitude toward their daughter.

Their next step was to seek admission for their daughter at CG Higher Secondary, Sangla Hill. They were familiar with the school because relatives had previously studied at the school. The daughter was admitted two years ago.

With tears streaming, the woman told how her daughter has greatly improved in her studies, this year securing second position in her class with 92% marks. She is so grateful for the education her daughter is receiving. She praised the teachers and PEB for the work they do, and was very complimentary of the beautiful campus, particularly the new higher secondary school building.

This is only one story; there are many similar success stories. All of the young women pursuing higher secondary education are eager to learn and thankful for well-qualified PEB teachers who are performing miracles and guiding them on the path to a bright future. As one student said, "I consider myself the luckiest person in the world because I am a student in the top school of this city. I am very grateful to Almighty God, to PEB, and to the donors."

We are thankful too - to donors who are making a huge difference in the lives of many in the Sangla Hill Community.



# Scholarships Plant a seed & watch it grow...

#### **Educating a Nation, One Girl at a Time**

Almost 7 years ago, my husband and I pondered the moral dilemma of seeing bad situations in the world, but not doing anything personal to help. Shortly after that conversation, Veda Javaid Gill spoke to our congregation about the work that PEB was doing with the Sangla Hill Girls' School in Pakistan. When Veda talked about these girls' struggle to gain an education, it was as if we had one answer to our question. She spoke so passionately about the importance of educating girls because "as you educate the women, you educate the nation." We immediately pledged to sponsor one girl, both for her boarding and education. Our one request was to know something about the student and have her name. Our wish was granted, and from that day on, we have been blessed with at least yearly updates about Amber, along with artwork and notes from her. She does not know our names, but addresses us as "sponsor," which is fine with us. We had to laugh when one of the first notes from her had all her i's dotted with hearts, just like our granddaughter did at the same age. It just showed that little girls are alike, even though they are half a world apart. Through the years, we have received pictures of Amber and it has been an unbelievable blessing to see how she has grown from a little second grader into a lovely young woman.

In addition to pictures of Amber, often pictures are sent of her friends, classmates and even one of her sister. What a joy to see these smiling, happy faces. The girls all look so healthy and their intelligence just shines on their faces. It gives us hope for the future of these young women in a country divided by conflict. We also believe that these young people must know that Americans can be a loving, caring people. Hopefully, this will also bring us all closer together as people and nations.

Our experience with Friends of PEB has been wonderful. The professionalism and caring of this group of people is just astounding. They are such a blessing to these girls and to us, the donors. I know that we have received more from this small act of giving than we have from any other charity. There is a real sense of community here, even though it stretches to a far-off land which we will probably never see. Our experience has made the world a little smaller for us. We would encourage anyone to get involved, if even in a small way, with this wonderful supportive group.





~ Ann Webbink, Champaign IL

# 2016 Scholarship Donations: \$280,656 Received



Day Student \$365/year or \$31/month

Boarding Student \$730/year or \$62/month

For more information, contact scholarships@friendsofpeb.org



599 Full Scholarships



305 Boarding Students

267 Day Students



27 Higher Education Students



# Sargodha Look how we've grown...



#### Sargodha Girls' Dorm, Phase I

Sargodha Girls' Dormitory Phase I is now complete. The dedication ceremony for this completion was held in November 2016. The facility is now providing a safe and comfortable home away from home for 71 underprivileged Christian girls from remote villages to live and learn together while receiving a quality education at PEB's Sargodha Girls' School.

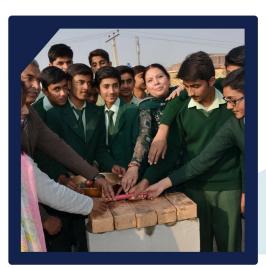
#### **Building of Phase II Has Begun...**

\$280,000 Total Cost of Phase II - \$55,000 Funds Received \$225,000 Balance Still Needed

See www.friendsofpeb.org for additional details.

#### Fill the Dorm Campaign is Complete!

Thanks to individuals and churches from across the US who joined in our "Fill the Dorm" campaign, PEB staff at Sargodha Christian Girls' School have been able to purchase new bunk beds, mattresses, pillows and bed sheets for the girls' rooms; new pots, pans, dish sets, tables and chairs for the kitchen and dining room; and a TV for the girls to enjoy in their new common room. Your contributions have resulted in 71 beautiful smiles!



Construction of Phase IB of the Sargodha Boys' School is now underway thanks to a bequest from the late Dave Ege. Staff and students celebrated with a brick laying ceremony in November 2016.



# In Memory of Dave Ege... Friend of PEB & Citizen of the World

During his legendary career as an engineer, Dave Ege traveled the world: building, teaching, observing and caring deeply about the people he served with his professional skills. A little thing called retirement didn't slow him down one bit.

The question always hanging in the air was, "Dave, where are you going next?" In 2011, I stepped up to the lectern in our church and announced, "I'm going to Pakistan. Anybody want to go with me?" Dave signed on immediately.

During our visit to Pakistan, Dave engaged in knowledgeable conversation with the builders of many PEB projects. Afterwards, he became a generous contributor to the construction of an entirely new school for boys at Sargodha, and to other projects that will bring hope and opportunity to thousands of young lives in years to come. Dave was a faithful builder and a truly remarkable man.

~ Barbara Loots, Friends of PEB Board Member



#### All Eyes on a New Boys' School in Pasrur...

Education is the key to changing the mindset of the male Pakistani population - from destructive to constructive, from negative to positive, from taking lives to saving lives, from disrespect to respect of fellow citizens. With access to formal education, boys become aware of the need to respect people of all religions - something they do not learn in madrassas where intolerance and fundamentalism are the order of the day.

While PEB educates boys and girls together in primary school, Pakistani law requires that boys and girls be educated in separate facilities starting in grade 6 - a requirement that PEB cannot currently meet at the Pasrur school. Parents have implored PEB to open a boys' school in Pasrur to allow their sons to continue their education in the top-notch school system in which they have put their faith and trust. They would also appreciate having their sons and daughters in one location to simplify transportation

PEB Executive Director Veda Gill recounts the following story from a recent visit to the Pasrur School: "A mother shared with me the story of her young son - a child she described as a bully. She admitted A nother shared with the tile story of her young son - a child she described as a buny. She admitted that, after having three daughters, the family was overjoyed to finally have a male heir. He was spoiled and pampered, and he did not understand the meaning of "no." At age 4, his parents attempted to enroll him in several schools, but he always threw a tantrum and refused to enter the building. Knowing that one of the boy's cousins was studying at CGHS Pasrur, the parents decided to take him to visit the school along with his cousin. The boy was impressed by the new school building and the beautiful floral landscaping surrounding the school. He told his parents he wanted to visit again so they immediately

"The boy has been seen studying at CGHS Pasrur for 4 years now, and his mother reports that he has been transformed into a very respectful, obedient and kind person. She held my hand and begged me to continue educating her son and the other boys after grade 5. When I shared the exciting news that PEB will soon be building a boys' school in Pasrur, the mother cried tears of joy."

Through generosity of the Wilson Foundation (lowa City, lowa) and 72 churches in the Presbytery of East lowa, PEB expects to begin building the new school in the very near future!

#### Buzz About a New Boys' School in Martinpur...

Originally built in 1910, the current PEB boys' school in Martinpur is definitely showing its age - it is a weak structure with crumbling walls and ceilings (due to earthquake and neglect). Some rooms are in such appalling condition that they can no longer be used. The students do not have a usable assembly hall where they can convene for group activities. Safety has been a major concern for many years.







"I am thankful to PEB and Rev. Samuel Martin's family for considering the biggest need of our village. The new building will provide better facilities for our children to receive a quality education."

Pastor Amir Sohail Father of Mathusillah, Class 10 and Shaloom, Class 6







"A new school building will invoke a new passion for study. It will also attract other students to the school. The school will provide me with new friends."

Abeel Julian, Class 6

#### Martinpur Boys' School Phase I

\$500,000 Total Cost of Phase I \$255,000 Funds Received \$245,000 Balance Still Needed

See www.friendsofpeb.org for additional details.





# 2016 Donors

# Committed to transforming education in Pakistan...

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**David Eades** Howard Davis Ege Manzur Gill/Fidelity Charitable Trust Sam and Jeanie Martin

"I am dedicated to giving to the Presbyterian Education Board because of the commitment and dedication shown by PEB and Friends of PEB to the education of children in Pakistan. It is a continued tradition and mission started over 100 years ago by many dedicated missionaries, including my greatgrandparents. Constructing schools and establishing formal education programming was a fundamental part of the mission now carried on by PEB."

> Sam Martin ~ Friends of PEB Visionary Donor



### **Exploration Trips and Teacher Training Retreat**

#### **PEB Pakistan - Exploration Trip**

In November 2016, Friends of PEB escorted three US citizens to Lahore, Pakistan where they met two PEB supporters from the UK. Together, they explored the schools, met with PEB staff, experienced Pakistani culture and became part of the PEB family. If you are interested in joining a future trip, please contact us at info@friendsofpeb.org.









#### Reminiscing about my time in Pakistan...

Giving a concise account of my 2016 visit to the PEB schools is a nearly impossible task. I pare my thoughts to a sensory core that reflects an ecumenical community faithfully dedicated to the values of nurturing bright minds within the context of Salaam (universal harmony).

I heard the bustle of optimistic, growing minds,
practicing new knowledge, responsibility and self-control.
I saw a team of teaching and support staff dedicated to
holistic, academic, and societal instruction in a posture of kindness, gentleness,
I smelled scents of exquisite Punjab roses
and savored the tang of aromatic spices.
As a stranger, patience, generosity and enormous kindness touched me
in a place where people show love and grace.
A stranger no more, our love-bond continues.

Trish McGehee Sargent Commissioned Lay Pastor Morningside Presbyterian Church - Camden, SC

#### **Teacher Training Retreat in Pakistan - July 2016**

Thank you to Tami Calhoun of First Presbyterian Church, St. Cloud, MN, who generously dedicated 10 days of her summer to teach PEB teachers how to incorporate music into their schools and curriculum, and to explore with them how music provides benefits to students across a broad range of subjects.

Friends of PEB welcomes US educators to join our summer Teacher Training Retreats in Pakistan. For more information, contact us at info@friendsofpeb.org.





# Facts: 2016 PEB Graduates

- 152 students graduated
- ~ 90% are pursuing higher education
- Studying Pre-Med, Pre-Engineering, Psychology, Home Economics, Business, Education & Nursing



#### A Daughter's Gratitude...

I am a daughter of a housekeeper who washed, cleaned and ironed in the homes of rich people. My mother's rough hands bothered me. She always came home late and was very tired, but she encouraged me to study hard. Although my mother would ask to review my notebooks, I was unaware that she was illiterate; somehow she always seemed to notice my mistakes. Later I realized that she recognized my teacher's X marks as wrong answers. I owe much gratitude to my mother for encouraging me, and to PEB for their support. I greatly value the scholarship I received. Now I am studying in my 4th year of medical college. My mother's dream is coming true. We are very thankful to God, to PEB and to our international friends.



Congratulations, Class of 2016!!!



### **New PEB Office Building - a dream come true!**

It was in Fall 2014 that Veda Gill first shared the critical need for a new office building. Like many of PEB's 100+ year-old structures, the building was crumbling, but school construction took higher priority. In August 2014, when a concrete slab fell from the ceiling over the desk of a PEB staff member, it became apparent that the time had come to raise the priority level for a new office building. PEB sent an urgent letter to donors asking for help to raise \$400,000 needed for Phase I. The fundraising drive was completed in 2016 and construction began for the 18-room office facility, expected to be ready for occupancy in 2017.

Phase II will add other space to the office building, including a teacher training center, short-term lodging for teachers from remote sites and international visitors, a retreat center, and a staff development center.

#### **PEB Office Building Phase II**

\$415,000 Total Cost of Phase II
- \$8,000 Funds Received
\$407,000 Balance Still Needed

See www.friendsofpeb.org for details.



#### Why Compete?

PEB organizes five inter-school competitions annually in the areas of Science, Sports, English Debate, Urdu Debate, and Carol Singing. Friendly competition among students in the various PEB schools has widespread benefits. Students learn respect, patience, commitment, determination, team spirit and fair play. They also develop leadership skills and gain confidence as they build new friendships with students from different schools and backgrounds.











#### Science Fair!

The annual Inter-School Science Competition took place on December 3, 2016, at Kinnaird Academy in Lahore with over 400 students participating. Each school displayed four Poster Projects. Judges from local colleges were impressed by the students' ability to communicate what they had done and learned from the projects. They were particularly amazed by the performance of students from rural areas.

The overall winner of the 2016 Inter-School Science Competition was Kinnaird Academy, with CGHS Sangla Hill as runner-up and CGHS Pasrur in third place.

#### PEB Students are Problem Solvers!

There were two Problem Solving competitions. In the junior event, the younger students enjoyed the challenge of using newspaper to build the tallest structure that would support a basketball for at least 20 seconds. In the hour allowed for this competition, most schools were able to accomplish this engineering feat.

Winning designs in the Senior Problem Solving Competition were entered into the international competition run by Practical Action UK. The project related to clean water that was designed by a group of Kinnaird Academy students was chosen by Practical Action UK as one of the Top 50 winning designs. The students received a cash prize and a certificate from Practical Action.





#### What is SHE?

PEB's SHE program (Struggle-Hope-Empowerment) focuses on job training, protection, health training and empowerment for victims of domestic abuse. As a special project last year, the women sewed tote bags for the 2016 PC(USA) General Assembly in Portland, OR. The beautiful bags made of bright Pakistani fabrics were a big hit; nearly 500 people received bags when they visited the PEB exhibit and signed up for more information about PEB.

To purchase exquisite handcrafted items made by the talented women of SHE... contact Friends of SHE, a 501(c)(3) corporation, located in Hershey, PA. www.friendsofshe.com | info@friendsofshe.com

#### What Should I Know About SHA?

PEB's second program, SHA (Self-Help Approach), was founded in 2010 as a small voluntary association of poor people who do not have access to financial institutions. They come together to solve their common problems through self-help and partnership, with a focus on financial literacy and savings. There are now 10 village SHA groups, each assisted by a Community Facilitator. Initial funding was provided by Kindernothilfe (KNH) in Germany, but today the program is proudly self-funded.





Rifat is a resident of Pandorian, a village near Sangla Hill. At age 17, she was forced to marry a 70-year-old man. Following her husband's death four years ago and with limited financial resources from her work as an agricultural laborer earning the equivalent of \$80 per month, Rifat found it difficult to provide nutritious food and an education for her son.

With a strong determination to survive, Rifat joined the SHA project in her village where a group of poor women were all seeking economic empowerment. With a \$300 loan through the group, Rifat was able to establish a micro-business (a mini-mart) in her community. With great effort and hard work, she has seen her store grow rapidly.

And what has been the impact of this SHA-sponsored support?

- I. Rifat's monthly income has increased almost 400%!
- 2. Her family status has improved.
- 3. She has gained confidence.
- 4. Her record-keeping skills are awesome!

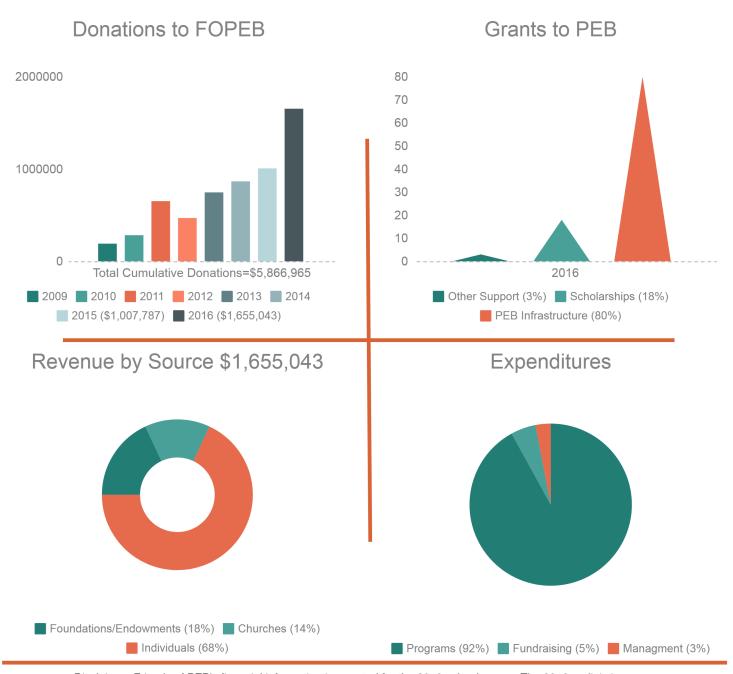
#### Did you know?

~Zor Engineers gave a special gift to the Sangla Hill Boarding House children - a buffalo that the children named Bubblie. Now the girls are stronger and healthier thanks to Bubblie's organic milk. Maybe the additional calcium is making the girls stronger and more athletic - CGHS Sangla Hill won the most recent inter-school sports competition!

-After a lengthy 12-year legal battle, PEB has won the case against illegal occupants at the Principal's Residence in Pasrur. The house has been vacated and is now in PEB's possession.

~Women of the SHE Project at Sangla Hill have started a new "Chicken Project" that provides organic eggs to boarding house girls to combat their protein deficiency. Each day a tasty egg breakfast is giving a joyful and a healthy start to their day.

# Friends of PEB 2016 Financials





# A Note... from our Board President

# "The ultimate gift we extend through Friends of PEB is HOPE!"

The Board of Friends of PEB is pleased to share this Annual Report with you as we strive together to enrich and expand the ministry of academic, cultural, personal and spiritual education enacted through the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan. It is our honor to join with you and the dedicated faculty and staff of PEB to enable the vital ministry that is PEB's, bringing blessing to the present and future of students, families, communities, the country and the world.

Reflecting upon FOPEB's recently concluded year, there is much for which we are thankful, even as the realities and challenges of 2017 arise. At the top of the items of note is YOU! Thanks to you and those who joined with you, FOPEB was blessed with its strongest year ever. We received approximately \$1.6 million to support the educational ministries of PEB. This figure includes approximately \$280,000 in scholarship funding, facilitating an education for a number of the neediest of the needy. We also supported PEB's continuing reclamation and rehabilitation of school properties and facilities, as projects were moved forward and completed, while additional ones began. All of this and more speak to the growth and effectiveness of the vital ministry that is FOPEB's...and ultimately that of PEB.

All of this is made possible by you and your generosity! On behalf of the Board of Friends of PEB, the staff and faculty of PEB, and the students we serve, please accept our most appreciative thanks.

Finally, permit me to remind us of the ultimate gift we extend through FOPEB. HOPE! Through all that we are and everything we do, with your help, FOPEB strives to bring the word of HOPE, the promise of HOPE, as well as a bit of the reality of HOPE fulfilled, to those we serve in Pakistan. May the source of all HOPE, our gracious God, bless and use our efforts to grant new life, not only in Pakistan, but throughout our entire world.



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A very special thank you to Jenny Stoner for her support in producing the PEB newsletter for many years. Jenny's persistence and perseverance helped inspire PEB to reach new heights. Thank you, Jenny, for playing a key role in bringing PEB to its current success and stability.



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Boarding student scholarship 1 year	\$730
Water fountain for a school	\$1,000
Books to upgrade a school's library	\$1,800
Sports equipment for a school	\$3,500
Science equipment for a school	\$3,500
Solar panels for a school	\$12,500
Build and equip a village school	\$14,000
Construct a new classroom	\$30,000

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