

- Greeting from PEB Executive Director -

"In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

This was my father's advice to me when I joined PEB in February 1998. Secondly, drawing on his work as an accountant, he told me not to touch money and to maintain a strictly supervisory role. I began my mission work with fearless commitment, coupled with great strength derived from my trust and faith in God. My passion was to educate young girls – same as my mother Mohanda Bibi who was a young scholarship student educated at Sangla Hill boarding house. Education had positively impacted our family and my life, and my mother encouraged me to make a 2-year commitment to the mission of PEB – a way to “pay it forward” to benefit other deserving girls. I never imagined that I would still be serving PEB 20 years later.

The journey has not been without challenges and difficulties. Along the way, there have been threats, hardships, roadblocks, and much opposition. But it has been a rewarding and miraculous journey as well. I will share some of the awesome moments over the past 20 years:

- In 1998 PEB took responsibility for 7 denationalized schools. Today there are 24 schools.
- At one time the schools had no restrooms; now there are 19 new buildings.
- In 2004 only 12 students from Martinpur Girls' School graduated in science. Now many PEB students are enjoying successful careers as doctors, engineers, nurses, and lawyers.
- The student population has grown from a few hundred students to nearly 6000.
- The staff increased from 40 PEB employees in 1998 to 600 employees today.
- Local resources have increased from 5% to 60%.
- There has been an exponential increase in fundraising, from \$2000 annually to \$1.2M.
- Two US 501(c)(3) organizations with independent boards support PEB and SHE.

I am grateful to the Friends of PEB organization that has been God's hands here on earth. Their guidance and support have been vital in PEB's advancement to ever higher levels over the years and a source of strength for the PEB family.

A Personal Note:

Dear friends, 2018 has been the most difficult year in my personal life. As we celebrate 20 years of PEB's achievements, I am grieving the loss of my husband Javaid, my marital partner of 37 years and an unwavering supporter of PEB. During his hospitalization, I was able to see the fruit of PEB's hard work in the faces of 4 nurses and other medical personnel who were graduates of Martinpur and Sangla Hill schools. This was a blessing to me in the midst of my most trying days.

PEB is committed to following zealously in the footsteps of the early missionaries. Our aim is to provide more and more scholarships for needy children who are among the millions of Pakistani children not enrolled in school. We are developing strategies to sustain our system for the next 100 years. And we envision opening more schools as opportunity allows. Please join hands with us in educating many more Mohanda Bibis for a better Pakistan and a better world. Thank you for your partnership.



Veda with her late husband,
Mr. Javaid Gill



Peace and Prayers,

Veda Javaid Gill
PEB Executive Director