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A Letter from Cheryl

As we head into the summer months, I wanted to tell you a bit about one of the activities that happens every summer with teachers in the PEB schools; the summer teacher training program.

One of the things I often write about is PEB's commitment to providing a high-quality education. That commitment is reflected in every part of the organization. PEB has a dedicated academic department that develops curriculum and resources to ensure students are taught in engaging and effective ways. Academic staff regularly visit schools to provide training, support, and classroom

monitoring. Most importantly, PEB is blessed with teachers and principals who are deeply committed to their students and to the mission of the organization.

The PEB administration considers staff development and training to be a vital part of achieving and maintaining a high quality of education. In addition to ongoing training throughout the school year, PEB hosts an annual teacher training event each summer, typically during the first half of July, however this year it was the second week of June.

Each year, different groups of teachers attend based on the training focus. While the sessions are intensive and designed to build specific skills, it is also a wonderful opportunity for professional and social interaction as well. Because PEB's teachers serve in schools spread across multiple communities, many rarely have opportunities to meet colleagues who teach the same subjects or grade levels. These training sessions allow them to talk to other teachers about issues they face, solutions that others have found, and ideas for using what they are learning during the week when they return to their classrooms.

The annual training program began in 2004 when a small team from Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA traveled to Pakistan to lead the first sessions. Under the leadership of Caroline Haeberle (Ryan), the team focused on classroom management and hands-on learning activities. At that time, PEB had far fewer teachers and no academic department, so for many participants it was their first professional development experience. Held in the cooler climate of Pakistan's hill country, the training provided not only valuable instruction but also a welcome respite from Lahore's summer heat. The week included spirited badminton tournaments and other social activities that helped build lasting relationships among the teachers as well as with the group that had come from the States.

The following year, the training expanded significantly, and over the next fifteen years teams from the United States continued to come, bringing expertise on a wide variety of educational topics. These annual visits continued through 2019 before being interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program resumed in 2023 and has continued since then.

Today, PEB's own academic team is able to provide much of the training and support that once depended on outside volunteers. Even so, visiting trainers continue to play an important role by offering encouragement, fresh perspectives, and specialized expertise. We hope to continue expanding these opportunities in the years ahead as a meaningful way to invest in the dedicated educators who shape the lives of nearly 6,000 students every day.

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P.S. If you have experience teaching Pre-K through 8th grade and would be interested in joining a training team in July 2027, I would love to hear from you. Current training topics include student engagement, classroom management, subject-specific teaching strategies, and supporting students with special needs. Together, we can explore how your skills might help strengthen PEB's schools, and make a lasting difference in the lives of children and teachers alike.

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Security Update



Goal: \$350,000

Currently Raised: \$164,755

Thanks to the incredible generosity of supporters, every PEB school in Pakistan now has important security measures in place, including 24/7 CCTV coverage, walk-through security gates, metal detectors, and armed security guards with six months of salaries fully funded. While significant progress has been made, urgent needs still remain to strengthen school perimeters through **new and reinforced boundary walls and razor wire installation.**

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Kinnaird Academy Expansion

Goal: \$850,000

Currently Raised: \$202,695

The need for space continues to grow at Kinnaird Academy. Every classroom is full, and more than 200 children are still on the waiting list. The next step in construction, following the completion of the new administration building, is a new academic block with nine additional classrooms.

Give today to help us continue building and make room for 200+ more students to attend Kinnaird Academy and receive safe, high-quality education.

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News from Pakistan: Groundbreaking at CGHS Sargodha

Exciting progress is underway at Christian Girls' High School (CGHS) in Sargodha, Pakistan. On May 21, 2026, students, staff, and community members gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of three significant campus development projects that will strengthen the school's ability to serve and empower girls for generations to come.

There are three major projects now underway at the campus:

- **New School Building – Phase 1:** A modern academic facility that will expand learning opportunities and provide a safe, enhanced educational environment for students. The current building is old and bricks are falling apart, which makes this new facility extremely necessary.
- **New School Playground:** A dedicated space for fun, recreation, sports, and healthy development.
- **New Boundary Wall – 1,500 FT:** As PEB's largest educational campus, CGHS requires infrastructure that supports enhanced security. The construction of a new boundary wall represents an important step in strengthening campus security, creating a safer environment where students can learn, play, and thrive with confidence.

These projects are being made possible through the faithful generosity and continued partnership of donors from Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, PA. Their commitment to investing in education is creating lasting opportunities for young women in Pakistan and helping to build a brighter future for the communities they serve.

Across Pakistan, access to quality education remains one of the most powerful tools for transforming lives and strengthening communities. The developments at CGHS Sargodha reflect this vision in action—creating safe, welcoming spaces where girls can receive an excellent education and pursue their God-given potential.

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Parent Story: Christian Girls High School Pasrur

Father of Mehwish, CGHS Pasrur, Class of 2018

“As parents, we have always worried about how we would provide our daughter with the education she deserves. Money has never been easy for us, and honestly, we often felt helpless about her future. We didn't know how we would manage to give her the opportunities she needed to succeed.

When the PEB's CGHS Pasrur offered Mehwish a scholarship, it felt like a glimmer of hope during difficult times. Mehwish worked hard, and made the best use of this opportunity, and now she's not only excelling in her studies but also gaining confidence in herself. Seeing her smile more often and believe in her abilities means the world to us.

We are truly grateful to the donors and everyone at the school who made this possible. Your kindness has made a real difference in our lives. We can't thank you enough for giving Mehwish this chance to dream bigger.

Today, she is working as a lab technician at Children's Hospital in Sialkot, and we are so proud of her accomplishments. This journey would not have been possible without your support.”

Available Student to Sponsor

Boarding Student | \$70 per month

"My name is Maira. I'm in Class 9 at Christian Girls' Boarding House Sangla Hill, and I dream of becoming a doctor."

Maira's father is a farmer, and her mother is a housewife. Maira's family cannot afford school fees on their own. She is waiting for a sponsor to help her continue her education long-term. Would you consider helping her family with tuition costs?



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