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A Letter from Cheryl

Over the past couple of newsletters, we've focused heavily on security, and it was important for us to do that. We will continue to keep you updated on that work, but this month I want to share some of the other things happening across our schools as well.

First, the update. Your response to the emergency need for security improvements has been extraordinary. Your financial gifts, your prayers, and your messages of encouragement have meant so much to all of us at Friends of PEB, and even more to the students and staff of PEB in Pakistan. While we still have funds to raise, we are making steady progress on funding for the boundary walls.

Our hope is that by the end of the summer, most of them will be completed and ready for the new academic year. You'll find more details later in this newsletter.

Now, on to the life of the schools themselves. Classes ended on May 22 this year. This is earlier than usual because the government closed schools due to nationwide fuel shortages. After several weeks of closures in March, schools reopened on a four-day schedule. The government intended for Fridays to be online learning days, but the reality is that most students in Pakistan do not have reliable internet access. Kinnaird was able to manage online Fridays, but the other schools had to adapt.

As always, PEB teachers stepped up. The school day was extended by an hour Monday through Thursday, and assignments were sent home for Fridays, with teachers available by WhatsApp and phone to support students as needed. Despite shortened weeks and an early start to summer break, our students remain on track. Those who need extra help will receive it over the summer.

One of the greatest constants through all this uncertainty has been our teachers. They have gone far above and beyond to provide stability, reassurance, and high-quality education. When schools are open, they greet students at the gates with smiles and hugs, ensuring safety, calming anxious parents, and creating a sense of normalcy. Inside the classrooms, learning continues. Children are free to study, play, and enjoy their friends, even when the world outside feels unsettled.

These teachers are connected in many ways to the communities our schools serve. They know the children and their families well. Many could earn higher salaries elsewhere, but they choose to stay because they believe in this mission. Many are PEB graduates themselves. Their dedication is one of the greatest strengths of our schools.

When you have committed teachers, motivated students, and parents who trust the schools and want the best for their children, very little can stand in the way of education. I know I've said this before, but I believe it wholeheartedly: the only way to change the world for the better is to educate the next generation who will one day lead it.

Thank you for everything you do to help us continue this work.

With gratitude,

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Friends of PEB also welcomes planned gifts, donor-advised funds, IRA distributions, or gifts in other forms. If you have questions about your gift, please contact Cheryl at cheryl@friendsofpeb.org or 678-697-6454. If you've recently added Friends of PEB to your will, please reach out to let us know!

2025 Annual Report

Our 2025 Annual Report is here! We're grateful for all that was made possible this past year through your support. We'd love for you to take a few minutes to celebrate the impact together. Click the button below to view it.

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Security Update

Goal: \$350,000

Currently Raised: \$152,855

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

Construction on the new administration building is expected to be completed in June. When students return after summer break, the new offices and classrooms will be ready for use, freeing up three classrooms in the main school building currently being used as offices.

But the need for space continues to grow. Every classroom at Kinnaird is full, and more than 200 children are still on the waiting list.



The next step is construction of a new academic block with nine additional classrooms.

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

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News from Pakistan: Solar Panels at Gill Nicholson High School

Pakistan continues to face an ongoing energy and power crisis. In response, the government introduced “smart lockdown” schedules that reduced in-person school days, with schools operating on a four-day in-person schedule and holding online classes on Fridays. Despite frequent power outages and internet difficulties in some remote areas, PEB schools, principals, and teachers remained deeply committed to helping students continue learning and growing. In response to this and due to rising temperatures across Punjab, the government announced summer holidays for schools from May 22 through August 24.

One especially encouraging update comes from PEB’s Gill Nicholson Boys High School in Pasrur, where a new 25 KW Hybrid Solar System is now fully installed and operational. With electricity

shortages becoming more frequent, classrooms are now able to function consistently throughout the school day, creating a more comfortable and reliable environment for both students and teachers.

Another exciting milestone recently took place at Christian Girls' High School in Sargodha, where students, staff, and the PEB family celebrated the groundbreaking of a new school building. Construction will begin on Phase 1 of a new academic building as well as a new playground and a 1,500 boundary wall. These much-needed improvements are being made possible through the generosity of supporters from Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Security improvements at PEB schools also continue to remain an important need. Thanks to generous support, significant progress has already been made, but fundraising is still needed for additional boundary wall improvements and barbed wire to help provide greater safety for students, teachers, and families as schools continue serving their communities.

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Student Story: Christian Girls High School Pasrur

Sharyl's story is a powerful reminder of how education can transform a life. Growing up in a small community near Pasrur, where many girls were expected to marry young, she could hardly have imagined that one day she would become a staff nurse at a respected hospital and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

As a young girl, Sharyl would watch students walk by with schoolbags and snacks, quietly wishing she could go to school too. Her life began to change when her father, despite financial struggles, heard about PEB's CGHS Pasrur from a customer and decided to take her there. The warm welcome from the principal and the offer of a



scholarship opened the door to opportunities she had only dreamed about.

Sharyl still remembers her first day of school—wearing a bright frock and carrying biscuits and juice in her hands—as the beginning of a whole new life. School quickly became a place where she felt encouraged and valued. With the support of caring teachers, she grew in confidence, participated in debates, and discovered her love for sports.

Through the support of donors, teachers, and house parents, a girl who once only dreamed of education was able to complete her matriculation, continue onward in her studies, and is now serving others as a qualified nurse. Sharyl's journey stands as a heartfelt tribute to every donor who made it possible, and a reminder that your generosity does not just support education, it changes the course of a life.

Available Student to Sponsor

Day Student | \$35 per month

"My name is Angel. I'm in Class 2 at Christian Girls' High School Kasur, and I dream of becoming a teacher."

Angel's father is deceased, and her mother is a housewife. Angel'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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