

# Anser and Kashi

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## Covenant of Promises: Seeds of Promises

I was reading a book entitled *The God Ask* by Steve Shadrach, in which he writes:

**“God’s Calling Implies Provision:**

**When God calls you to a ministry, He also prepares those who will support your work. Your Job is to be faithful to the calling and trusting God. He Provides.”**

With our conviction that the Lord has called us to the Education ministry for unqualified, untrained teachers and children in the hundreds of Christian community-based schools across Pakistan, we prayerfully committed ourselves to the 3Es Discipleship Training Programme to empower early educators.

In this first year of operation, our aim is to commit to 10 schools, to see their staff develop, the quality of education improve and the schools stand on their own as education providers for the poor in their communities. We aim at a long-term relationship, but not long-term dependency.



## Chopan Trust’s Covenant of Promise

Chopan Trust agrees to provide the following resources, free of cost, to the students of the School enrolled in the Pre-classes (P.G, Nursery & Prep) for the Academic Year 2024-2025:

- ❖ Curriculum and Learning Materials:
  - Five textbooks, chosen and provided by Chopan Trust.
  - Urdu language as the medium of instruction.
  - Textbooks covering Urdu, English, and Mathematics.
  - Integration of critical thinking skills, activity-based learning, and life skills.
  - Incorporation of biblical teachings through the Bible Curriculum.
- ❖ Learning Kit:
  - School bag.
  - Six notebooks for each student.
  - Stationery box with writing instruments.
- ❖ Teacher Development:
  - Quarterly teacher gatherings for all schools participating in the “Seeds of Promise” programme.



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## The Mercy School of Generations

*“Please provide books!”*

**Mercy School of Generations** is the first school we have adopted to empower their teachers with teaching skills and pedagogy strategies towards the holistic development of Christian children in their classes.

On our first visit to the school Kashi left disheartened that at the end of the academic year, more than half of the children in the classes were without books. We had gone in to provide teacher training — but what is the use of this training if the children have no books in their hands? So, we pleaded to God: *“Please provide for books.”*

With our past experience with hundreds of Community-based schools, we knew that the need to provide quality education to our future leaders is huge – and not only we, but every supporter investing in schooling in Pakistan, must take this seriously to invest, to upgrade, train and provide skills to the thousands of teachers who hold the key position to transform the lives of innocent Christian children.

Nehemiah prayed to the Lord in Chapter 2 for the provision of resources for the construction of the wall of Jerusalem — and God answered to make provision.

Kashi’s prayers for these innocent children to have honour



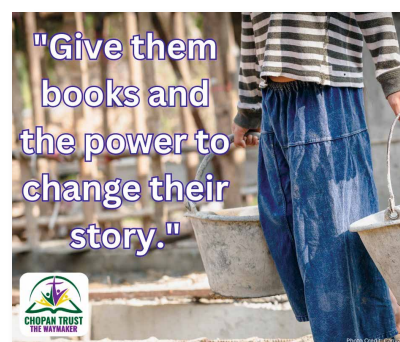
and dignity to start the new academic year with books was not only answered but above and beyond. She prayed for one school. God multiplied it.

We thank God that He is our foundation. He not only provided for us to adopt one school for training but God enabled His anointed donor to give sufficient



funds to provide books, school bags and stationery packs for five more schools.

We can now reach to 5 schools with quarterly Curriculum training and development, plus a Parents’ awareness session in each school. This is our one-year Pilot project, which we have titled: **Seeds of Promises**. We have drawn up a Commitment document for each school. We don’t want to call it an Agreement, which is a legal term but we want to call it a **Covenant of Promises**, referring to the promises God has made with us.



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**“I am again pleased to be able to endorse the vision and commitment of Anser and Kashi, and will do my utmost to ensure they have the resources to fulfil their dreams — and to give fresh hope to some of Pakistan’s poorest and most vulnerable families.” (Mike Wakely)**

**GOOD NEWS**  
You may now support  
Anser and Kashi’s  
project through  
**STARFISH**  
**ASIA**

**Chopan Trust needs the funds to continue**

This is the budget for the first three years for training

Total	1st yr Cost	2nd yr Cost	3rd yr Cost
US \$	\$ 40000	\$ 34000	\$ 36000
Sterling £	£32,500	£27,500	£29,000

We thank God that some funds are being provided by friends in Singapore and in Italy, Up to 1/3 of the yearly costs can now be given through STARFISH ASIA.

You can send a cheque, payable to Starfish Asia, stating “for Chopan Trust” to Starfish Asia, 32 Beck Lane, Beckenham BR3 4RE

You can give directly for the Chopan Trust project through Starfish Asia at:  
<https://donorbox.org/chopan-trust>

If in doubt or you wish to give directly to the Starfish Asia bank account, contact [mike@starfishasia.com](mailto:mike@starfishasia.com)

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