



# The Chopan Trust

The occasional newsletter from Anser & Kashi Javed  
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## Helping Pakistan's Christians to dream again



*“Colours are coming to life in our classrooms!  
Students are exploring the world of reds, blues, yellows,  
and more through fun, hands-on activities.  
Learning has never been this vibrant!”*

### Why Chopan?

*“We believe the Lord has called us to an education ministry for the unqualified, untrained teachers and children in the hundreds of Christian community based schools across Pakistan.”*

Chopan was born out of the conviction that more must be done to help Pakistan's Christians. The Starfish Asia 2016 Survey revealed thousands of Christian children with no schooling — and hundreds of Christian schools with inadequate resources, low morale, and teachers with no training or ambition. Chopan was born to address these cries for help... to say: *“We care!”*

It is easy in today's Pakistan for Christians to lose hope. Born to poverty, few dream of a better tomorrow.

We don't accept that. Our key to restoring hope is to ignite ambition in the hearts of those who hold the keys to the future. Who are they? They are the classroom teachers. Day in, day out they struggle to inspire their students — Chopan's goal is to stand alongside them, to ease their burden, inspire and equip them to enjoy the privilege of preparing the next generation.

*“Our teacher training sessions are a journey of inspiration and empowerment. We are creating a learning environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach for the stars.”*

### Chopan Trust's Covenant of Promises

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.



# Launching the 3Es programme

## Our commitment to work with schools to witness real change

### We have chosen six schools in which to start our 3Es programme

- ✘ **Mercy School of Generations**  
Started With 25 students in 2020, now 134.
- ✘ **The Good Shepherd School**  
Started in 2021 with 25 students, now 200.
- ✘ **EROS School (Educational Reforms of Society)**  
Started in 2020 with 6 students, now 98.
- ✘ **Abundant Life School**  
Started in 2022 with 75 students, now 165.
- ✘ **Edify School**  
Started in 2010 with 20 students, now 95.
- ✘ **Christ School (Essa Nagar, Lahore)**  
Started in 2014 with 14 students, now 180.

We plan to start the first phase of training with these six schools from the end of July and complete it before the schools reopen in August after summer vacations and monthly evaluation visits by the end of September 2024.

This is not a short-term programme. These are the planned outcomes for these six schools after one year of training:

1. To empower the teachers with essential skills in Urdu, English, and Maths to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of pre-class students.
2. To equip teachers with essential pedagogical skills in classroom management and lesson planning.
3. To improve the skills of principals and teachers in leadership, management, and multi-grade teaching.
4. To empower parents and communities through engaging in seminars, workshops, and awareness-raising events on education, child rights and good practices of parenting.

### Parents' Awareness Sessions

Providing books and training to teachers is very crucial, but our aim to provide quality education cannot be achieved unless the parents become active stakeholders, aware of the importance of education.

We arranged parent awareness sessions in the 6 schools in which we plan to do the 3Es training programme. We saw tears and a light in their eyes when we shared the stories of students who had succeeded because of the dedication and commitment of their parents — and we met parents who told us it was an eye-opener for them.



*“One lady had tears in her eyes. Her husband had been sick for a long time. She had lost all hope of sending her children to school. She thanked Chopan Trust for being a shepherd in providing shelter to her children.”*

### Looking forward to Christmas



It all depends on what we can afford. Pakistan's Christians face so many needs as cruel inflation has stripped millions of any hope of change. For us every need is an opportunity.

Here is our dream list for the coming months:

#### Christmas gifts

We aim to give a Happy Christmas to 1,000 poor Christian children. We will gather them from schools and brick kilns around Youhanabad, invite the children to perform a variety programme, celebrate Christmas and lunch at the end. If possible we will give each one a warm jersey.

Needed About £1,500 - £2,000

#### Classroom equipment for 6 schools

A classroom projector serving as an invaluable teaching aid for low-income Christian schools.

Needed: £500 for each school.

TV, classroom décor & teaching aids.

Needed: £500 for each school

#### Educational Conference

We want to gather 50 head teachers for a 3-day conference to build confidence and cement relationships — an ambition to commit to greater ambition for our community.

Needed: £1500



### Effective Teaching Strategies

In July 2024, we conducted a three-day intensive teacher training programme titled “Effective Teaching Strategies,” as part of our 3Es Teacher Training Initiative. We focused on the Preoperational stage of cognitive development, characteristics of effective teachers, and subject mastery. Our training went beyond traditional methods, actively involving all participants in a dynamic and interactive learning experience.

# Investing in the future

To invest in education, is to invest in the future.



“By ensuring our children have access to the tools they need to learn, we're fostering a generation of innovators, thinkers, and leaders.”

We were able to provide school textbooks, together with notebooks (with the Chopan logo) and school bags to 388 children in 5 schools. We need to do more.

**Cost of a set of school books with a bag: Approx. £6**

Many children in low-cost school are sitting on the floor. We wish to provide basic wooden chairs with attached desk to many schools.

**Cost of one chair with attached desk: Approx. £20**

## Values in education

### Our ambition to promote Bible knowledge and Christian commitment

It is extremely important for us that our students grow in their faith in Christ along with academic education. We are thankful that Starfish Asia has provided 3,300 Bible Curriculum books from classes 1 to 7 for the schools we have connections with.

Sajid Hadayat, a pastor of the Full Gospel Assemblies has been appointed as Coordinator for Faith-based learning with Chopan Trust. He will work to promote Bible study among students in many schools, including training for teachers in the use of the Bible Curriculum. Anser ambition is to give 1,000 copies of the Christian history book to teachers.



**Approximate costs required for Sajid's ministry for the promotion of Bible teaching in schools: £200 a month**

## Building the team

As support has begun to grow, so have our need to have more space to operate effectively — and to strengthen our team. It comes with a sense of excitement as we know so well the needs and the opportunities.

### Welcome, Ruby

Kashi has appointed Ruby Sharoon to work with her as her assistant to help her in training sessions and coordination with schools. We have known Ruby for several years, an inspirational teacher once on the staff of the Ghauri Wisdom School who have kindly released her to work with Kashi.



### More space

Our present house is inadequate to set up a proper office. As from the beginning of October we will move to a new rented house, with space for accommodation, office and for teacher training seminars.

This is a huge leap forward for us, and will establish Chopan Trust as a centre of hope for thousands

**Monthly rental cost: £600 a month**



# Dreaming bigger dreams

## Every need presents a wonderful opportunity



### Students that cannot read and write...

In Kashi's research one of the 9th grade teachers said: "Some students in my class cannot read and write." This year again the matric exam results of Christian students were mostly very poor. So many low-cost Christian schools are not equipped to enable students to prepare. Chopan Trust wishes to sponsor 100 poor and needy students for the coming matric exams in March 2025.

- ✘ We would like to publish and distribute a magazine for Christian teachers, similar to *Nai Uraan* magazine that Kashi edited and produced in past years.

**One Uraan edition: £300**



- ✘ We dream of funding 2-year Midwifery courses, leading to a respectful profession, especially targeting less privileged girls from villages and brick kilns — and also to introduce Lab and Xray technician courses for boys. These all will help young boys and girls to even apply for government jobs.

**Courses for the poorest young people: £ unlimited**

*"We continue to dream... Knowledge shouldn't have a price tag!  
We are helping level the playing field for kids from low-income families.  
Every child deserves a shot at a bright future!"*

### Quotes from our ambitions

#### Mango Mission: A sweet fellowship

"Recently we had the delightful opportunity to connect with the principals of our affiliated schools. One of the highlights was to enjoy delicious mangoes together — a symbol of the collaboration between Chopan Trust and our esteemed school principals."

#### How to teach

"Knowing how to teach comes easier when you know who you're teaching. Practical application? Absolutely! Our teachers are already putting their new skills to the test."

#### The Amazing Story ...

"We've distributed *The Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians* in Urdu to teachers nationwide! It takes readers through over 2000 years of Pakistan's Christian history. We believe it will empower teachers to share the rich history of Pakistani Christians with their students. Let's celebrate our heritage together!"

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