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by Walt Mueller

A committed Christian life is full of "job hazards." We can expect flak when we share God's redemption message in enemy territory, but "friendly fire" can cause us the most pain.

James J. Farrell piloted a B-26 bomber on numerous missions over Europe during World War II. Like all other bomber pilots of his day, Farrell named his plane. He chose Flea Bait, after the nickname his brother gave to the Farrell family dog. But after piloting Flea Bait through several hair-raising missions, he decided to change the name. While his squadron's other planes usually returned to the air base without harm, Farrell's Flea Bait always seemed to come back looking like Swiss cheese. Enemy anti-aircraft flak guns ripped so many holes in the plane's body that Farrell renamed his plane Flak Bait.

The plane, now on display at the National Air Museum in Washington, successfully returned from 207 operational missions, more than any other aircraft during World War II. On one mission alone, over 700 metal splinters from enemy flak fire pierced the plane's metal. More than 1,000 visible patches cover the holes flak made in Flak Bait. The flak never became an excuse to stay on the ground. Instead, handling flak became a part of their job. In order to serve his country and complete his mission, Farrell knew he would have to take some flak.

Living the committed Christian life is full of similar "job hazards." As we live out God's rule and reign in this world, it is inevitable that enemy flak will fly all around us. It's to be expected. But there's another kind of unexpected flak we may encounter that catches us off-guard it is usually painful and pretty hard to swallow. It's the occasional flak that comes from those who are on our side.

Be patient & understanding

Those who object are typically people who don't believe they could or should share your call. Some may wonder if



Christian children in Lahore release doves to mark Pakistan's 59th Independence Day

If there is to be
peace in the world

There must be peace
in the nations

If there is to be peace in the nations
There must be peace in the cities

If there is to be peace in the cities
There must be peace between neighbours

If there is to be peace between neighbours
There must be peace in the home

If there is to be peace in the home
There must be peace in the heart.

Lao-tse-6th century Chinese philosopher

your call to fly into enemy territory is even from God. Some hold to a theology that leads them to separate themselves from anything perceived to be "worldly." When you listen to their objections it becomes clear that they wonder how their faith would survive if they were in your shoes. They might also wonder if your faith is surviving. We need to be gracefull in our response. Maybe spending time with non believers would take them too close to a difficult place they left that they're not too ready to revisit. Be patient with them.

Always have an answer

Many "flak firers" have never taken the time to think through "why" they oppose. Perhaps their convictions are rooted in their upbringing, church tradition or general fear of culture – that combine in a reason no better than "That's the way I've always done it." By answering their reasons, you can lead them to see any shaky theological foundations that exist in their conclusions, lead them to reconsider their conclusions by studying the Scriptures, or you can better understand

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Sarah Francis wins President's Pride of Performance Medal

In 2002 Pakistan's Ministry of Culture nominated Sarah for the President's Pride of Performance award. She was the youngest ever nominee and also the first Christian to be nominated for this distinction. She received strong commendation through a personal letter, and later, a meeting with President General Pervez Musharraf at the Royal Albert Hall in England.



Sarah Francis with Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf at the Royal Albert Hall in London

Born and raised in London, England, 18 year old Sarah Francis started performing publicly in April 2001, when she made her astonishing debut before a group of reporters and music lovers at a private concert. By the time she turned 16 Sarah had performed in front on audiences of 35,000 people in Asia. Sarah's songs have been

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broadcast on radio stations in New York, Britain, Europe, Asia and South Africa. Her first recorded song "Voice of Freedom" shot up the charts within three weeks, passing many established artists along the way.

At home in England Sarah was awarded a music scholarship in voice at a private school. Sarah is trained in the performing arts by West End professional coaches. During her holidays she spends long hours in her own London-based studio, composing and producing her original songs. Sarah's high energy songs explore a variety of styles, including 'UK garage', jungle, Latin, pop ballad and some unique fusion music with Pakistani influences. She speaks to her generation in their own words, with rare eloquence and poignancy.

Sarah now has fans and listeners from around the world. At the time of writing, over 27,000 people have accessed her songs over the internet and she has received invitations to perform in Switzerland, the Middle East, the Indian sub-continent, the UK, and the Netherlands. Out of a genuine concern for poor and needy people, Sarah licensed the song "Voice of Freedom" to the Government of Pakistan, all profits to be donated to the President's Relief Fund for Afghan Refugees.

The Ministry of Culture invited her to perform this song in Peshawar, for the

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how they've reasoned themselves into thinking the way they do.

Listen to their objections

This is absolutely necessary and vitally important! God often uses the objections of others as a catalyst for timely self-examination. Seek first to understand the perspective and concerns of those who object. They might raise some necessary issues that may set you straight in areas where your desire to connect with the lost may have caused you to compromise theology or conduct.

Talk about divine protection

Disengagement from the world is often motivated by fear of losing one's spiritual edge or even one's faith. While the Scriptures are clear that we need to be careful, living in fear is evidence of faulty theology and distrust in God's protection. Yes, we shouldn't take advantage of God's protection by wandering foolishly into harm's way. But neither should we use the threat of harm as an excuse to disengage from spiritual battle. Jesus described Himself as the Good Shepherd who protects His sheep from the one who comes to steal, kill and destroy

“...we shouldn't take advantage of God's protection by wandering foolishly into harm's way.”

Take them with you

Many people I know who are scared of non-Christians (whether it be the people themselves or their expressions of themselves through books, music, film, etc.) especially those who are pretty far out on the edge – have never spent significant time getting to know people outside the church. One of the greatest motivators for a stale and inward looking church is to get the people out into the mission field of the world where they can rub elbows with “real” people.

What goes through your mind as you “take off” on the mission of serving as salt and light – “flying” redemptively – through the enemy's territory? Are you single-mindedly committed to that call? Are you using flak – from friend or foe – as an excuse to stay on the ground or go AWOL? Do you see flak as an unavoidable part of your calling? I ask myself these questions all the time as part of the process of self-examination. And each time I come back to the realization that in order to serve God and obediently fulfill His mission and call on my life, I'm going to be flak bait!

Tahira Haider Ali holds concert in Toronto

Toronto: Tahira Haider Ali gave an excellent musical performance at the Rexdale Alliance Church in Etobicoke on Sunday 6 August 2006.

She was ably accompanied by James Luke on tabla and duets; the two sons of the late Thompson Samuel on keyboard and electric guitar; and two Armenian Christian brothers on the drums and guitar.

There were close to 100 people from all walks of life and it was an eclectic group including Christians and non-Christians; Indian, Pakistanis, Bengalis and West Indian; Brown-skinned and White-skinned, who all joined joyously in the Hallelujahs during the closing song.



L to R: Aqob and Nazia Sulaiman, Tahira Haider Ali, Sarah Paul and Feroza Nathaniel at the concert.

Tahira sang hymns, including two Zaburs or Psalms; and Ghazals; and songs from Indian films relating to the majesty of God in her 90 minute performance.

At the end of the concert, there were refreshments to suit everyone and a time of fellowship for an evening that was inspirational and entertaining.

❖ Memorial



Bernard Mascarenhas

Five years ago... remembering Bernard Mascarenhas

Bernard Mascarenhas, the only Pakistani Christian who died in the World Trade Centre, was an executive with Marsh Canada, who had risen steadily up the corporate ladder, and a man who liked to take it easy on weekends with his wife and two kids.

Deeply committed to education, Bernard used to make anonymous donations to a number of different charities, in particular to scholarship funds. Among his causes, he would send scholarship donations to support Christians in Pakistan. He also believed in giving back to the community. On major holidays, Bernard would drive the family Jeep to the grocery store to pick up donations for the Daily Bread Food Bank, his kids often in tow. He never failed to help people who fell upon hard times.

Bernard was in New York for a meeting on September 11. His work on computer systems at the company was known as particularly innovative and wound up being used not only in Canada but in Marsh offices around the world. “He made sure everything he worked on was a first-class product,” said Thomas J. Grimes, managing director at Marsh Canada.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Raynette, and a son and daughter, Jaclyn and Sven.

Waqas Farhat tops Cambridge O Level exams in Pakistan

The University of Cambridge General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) or O level is the national school leaving examination in several countries around the world including Pakistan. O levels are normally taken in 7-10 subjects across the curriculum after 11 years of education. The course usually requires 150 hours of teaching over two years.

Waqas Farhat, a Christian student from Aitchison College, Lahore was recently awarded the Brilliance in Pakistan Award for achieving the highest score (A's) in 10 subjects. To celebrate this distinction, his portrait will be permanently displayed in

Aitchison College. He was also presented with a commemorative blazer and may receive a Presidential Award through the British Council.

In 2003 his elder sister Anam received the Top in the World Award as she, (in addition to achieving the highest score in 10 subjects like her brother), also gained the highest score in the world in Human and Social Biology and Statistics.

In addition to his studies, Waqas is an excellent swimmer, horseman and a powerful debater. He credits his parents for the Christian values they instilled in him and his siblings and to

Pride of Performance Medal

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Grand Opening Ceremony of the North West Frontier Province's centenary celebrations in April 2002. By

early 2003 Sarah had raised

£12,125.45, in aid of displaced Afghan children. On 18th June 2003, in a private ceremony arranged by Pakistan's High Commissioner, at London's Royal Albert Hall, she presented President Musharraf with a cheque for the special President's Relief Fund for Afghan Refugees.

In recognition of her work for world peace and in aid of Afghan refugees, in October 2003, Sarah was the youngest to be awarded the UK's prestigious Beacon Prize for Young Philanthropists.

Sarah Francis is already a powerful role model for young singers of many nations. More information about Sarah and samples of her music can be accessed at www.sarahfrancis.com



Sarah Francis

Pakistan SCM Reunion Planned

A weekend reunion of former members of Pakistan SCM and their spouses is being planned for next summer. If you are a former SCMer or know someone who has been part of the Pakistan SCM, please e-mail their contact information to one of the following:

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his faith in Christ which supports and sustains him. Waqas hopes to continue his studies either at Aitchison College

Lahore or in Canada where the family maintains permanent residency.

Waqas and Anam are the children of Dr(s) Zareena and Farhat Rustam- who work at the United Christian Hospital (UCH) in Lahore.



Waqas Farhat

❖ Profile

S.B. John

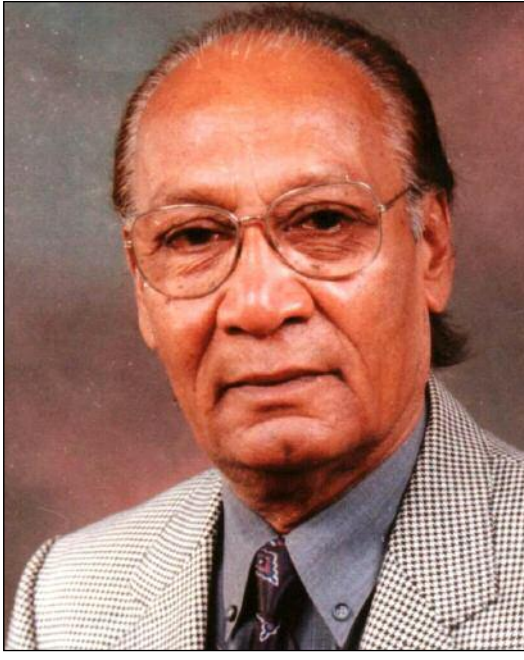
The soul of Pakistani music

Sunny Benjamin John, popularly known as S.B. John spent most of his life in Karachi, Pakistan.

Accompanied with his wife and two sons Robin and Glenn, S.B. John began by singing gospel music on Christmas Eve, over Pakistan Television. Later he started singing on Radio Pakistan Karachi as an 'A' category artist. At the same time, he also made his presence felt in various functions and stage shows in Karachi.

In 1973, S.B. John introduced his son, Robin, to Sohail Rana and asked Rana to get his son a keyboard as young Robin remembered all his father's songs. Robin was seven or eight years of age at the time. Fifteen years later, S.B. John again brought Robin to Sohail Rana. By now, Robin had grown to become a talented singer in his own right. Sohail Rana utilized Robin's singing talents in his shows on Pakistan Television, in private shows and in film recordings. Robin also toured UAE, Turkey and USA with Sohail Rana and participated in several musical programs. Today Robin lives in USA and sings gospel music.

S.B. John rose to immortality by recording the following ghazals which



Sunny Benjamin John

swept throughout the country. 'Kal chaudween ki raat thee, shab bhar raha churha tera,' by poet Ibne Insha and 'Teray milnay kay zamanay Aaye, teri baatain he sunanay Aaye,' by Pakistan's Poet Laureate, Ahmed Faraz. He also sang the famous song 'Tu jo naheen hai to kuchh bhee naheen hai, ye mana keh mehfil jawan hai haseen,' for the film 'Sawera,' pictured on Kamal, Shamim Ara and Kamal with composer Manzoor Ashraf.

Forty-seven-years down the line, these songs are as much in demand as they were when they were first released. No one could come up with the reason for their popularity.

Some things should remain mysterious. The wistful magic of S.B. John is, indeed, one of them. Today SB John leads a retired life in Karachi.

Tu jo naheen hai to kuchh bhee naheen hai
Ye maana ke mehfil jawan hai haseen hai

Nigahoan mein tu hai ye dil jhoomta hai
Na janay mohabbat ki rahoan mein kya hai
Jo tu hum safar hai to kuchh gham naheen hai

Ye maana ke mehfil jawan hai haseen hai
Tu jo naheen hai to kuchh bhee naheen hai

Wo Aa yein na Aa yein jami hain nigahain

Sitaroan nay deikhi hain jhuk jhuk kay rahain
Ye dil bud gumaan hai nazar ko yaqeen hai

Ye maana kay mehfil jawan hai haseen hai
Tu jo naheen hai to kuchh bhee naheen hai



Let's Spread the Message of Peace...

by Kamini David Tikaram

Let one and all this day rejoice
Let's rise and sing aloud with one voice
The anthem of peace and good cheer
Let's sing so loud that all may hear.
Let all knees in reverence bend
To the Almighty God as our prayer we send
For peace on earth and good cheer
On land and sea both far and near.
No more bloodshed or violence to impart
But value life, cherish love, causing hate to depart
With tolerance, patience and trusting without fear
Let's spread the message of peace and good cheer
Let's spread the message of peace and of good cheer...

دھڑکن
اس دھڑکن سے پڑنے کی دھڑکن
تعم جائیگا یہ وقت بھی جو رک جائے یہ دھڑکن

کہتے ہیں اس دھڑکن میں امان ہے اور جذبات بھی
کہانیاں ہیں سب سچی اور سچے ہیں واقعات بھی

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خدمت ہے یہ عوام کی اور قربانی کی مثال بھی

اس دھڑکن میں ہے سب کی دھڑکن
رک جائے اگر یہ تو تعم جائے گا یہ وقت بھی

سر جو تو اک سیپائی ہے یہ آواز بھی
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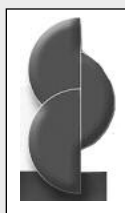
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❖ Editorial

Remembering those we love...

By Paul Pakyam

In September we commemorated the fifth anniversary of the World Trade Centre bombing. On 6 September Pakistanis remembered those who gave their lives for their country as they celebrated Defence of Pakistan Day. With the advent of autumn, the leaves fall, and with them our hearts fall into a time of remembering as we think of autumns past.

November's days will soon be upon us, and we will find ourselves in a season of remembrance. We will celebrate All Souls Day when we remember loved ones no longer with us. For generations, people the world over have marked this time mid-way between the fall equinox and the winter solstice as a time to remember their dear departed. We will recall Remembrance Day when we celebrate

“... A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our words, thoughts and deeds is like that...”

those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. Yes, the days of early November are a time for remembering.

In this issue of Dharkan we celebrate the lives of the many Christian men and women who served in the military services in India and Pakistan. While many of them have passed away, their dedication, passion and zeal remain an example of their faith and we as a community are proud of the high standards they have set for us.

The next time you visit the lake, I invite you to pick up a pebble or two and drop them in the water. Dorothy Day writes, “A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our words, thoughts and deeds is like that.” I believe that each individual life is like that pebble cast into the water. As the ripples flow out from each pebble, let us remember those we love and cherish our continuing memories of them.

❖ Reflection

God's Plan for Your Stress Relief

by Bayless Conley

I am amazed at how many of the people I meet each week are truly stressed out. I am convinced that the time in which we live is more tumultuous than any generation before us.

From the constant low voltage stress of everyday living, to the occasional unavoidable crisis, you and I live in a pressure cooker world. The constant crush of demands on every side has the potential of robbing us of our joy and energy.

All of which leads to horrible consequences – emotional breakdowns, tension in our marriages, physical ailments, and a myriad of psychological disorders.

For millions of Canadians it has gotten so bad that they make it a regular habit to go to a therapist. Through that process they are seeking peace and relief from the stress that is ruling their lives.

Well, I go to a therapist too. Yes, you read that right. I talk to my therapist every day — many times in fact. And what is great is, he is always available and through my sessions with him, I have been empowered to live with greater peace and joy than I could have imagined possible.

My therapist's name is Jesus. And He wants to be your therapist too.

How? Through prayer. In fact, He has made it clear in His Word that He wants you and me to pray so we can experience the peace that can only come from Him, to be released from the stress that so easily depresses us and destroys the joy of life.

God has designed prayer as a stress reliever for your life. God wants us to understand that prayer is not just about asking Him for things, but to unburden our hearts before Him. There is no promise to answer your requests (though it is certainly implied), but there is a promise to grant you peace - His all-powerful peace - if you will talk to Him about your problems.

I don't think it is an accident that you are reading this right now. You may be so filled with anxiety and stress that you are working on an ulcer. Perhaps you can't remember the last time you had a good night's sleep.

Whatever it is that has hold of your life and is stressing you out today, let me encourage you to go to Jesus.

Unburden your heart. Put your requests before Him - and leave them there! You will find He is the greatest

“...You will find He is the greatest therapist in the world. And you will experience peace that goes far beyond any human comprehension...”

therapist in the world. And you will experience peace that goes far beyond any human comprehension.

Are you feeling the stress of life today? Take time to unburden your heart before the Lord. Make Him your therapist... He is a great listener!

Bayless Conley pastors Cottonwood Christian Center, a thriving church located in Orange County, California.

❖ Perspective

REACHING UP AND REACHING OUT

by Jenny Andison

Comments on Mr. Preston Manning's address at the Wycliffe College 7th Annual Principal's Dinner on October 27th, 2005 by the Rev. Jenny Andison.

Mr. Manning's address was entitled, "Dynamics of Faith: Reaching Up, Reaching Out," and he began by outlining two streams of the spiritual life found in the Prairies, which have parallels elsewhere. The first stream, the Social Gospel movement, takes as its biblical foundation Luke chapter 10, the story of the Good Samaritan. This stream, called "the horizontal dimension of faith," is always asking "how can I serve my neighbor?" The second stream is the evangelical stream, and takes as its biblical foundation John chapter 3, where Nicodemus is told that he must be born again. This stream exemplifies "the vertical dimension of faith" which is

“...Mr. Manning believes that there is a renewed urgency in the need to find common ground between people of faith and those engaged in scientific inquiry...”

concerned primarily with the relationship between God and the individual.

These streams of spiritual experience need to be held in balance. Mr. Manning said that he believes Wycliffe has achieved such a balance in its corporate life. The College, therefore, should be able to face what he believes are two of the biggest challenges facing a modern theological college.

The first challenge is to attempt to legitimise the discussion of faith in the public arena, both in the political world and in the academy. Mr. Manning argued that looking at an issue in the public sphere through the eyes of a faith experience is increasingly difficult in Canada and the country is worse off as a result. He continued by saying that Wycliffe needs to train "Christian spokespersons with strong political credentials and personal credibility" to engage in meaningful debate on the issues facing our country.

The second challenge is to handle the tension between faith and science in the secular academy. While not a new tension, Mr. Manning believes that there is a renewed urgency in the need to find common ground between people of faith and those engaged in scientific inquiry. Wycliffe should be at the forefront of the endeavor to expand academic inquiry, which will in turn defend freedom of religious expression – something, which he believes is under attack in such books as Sam Harris' *The End of Faith*.

Mr. Manning ended his talk by reminding those gathered, that while Wycliffe was founded in the 19th century, it is ever more needed in the 21st century as it engages in its vertical and horizontal expressions of the Christian faith.

There are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, its morning."

Can a senior military officer truly follow Jesus and still be an efficient and effective soldier?

An emphatic "yes" is the answer from Major General Tim Cross of the British Army. He lays down five guiding principles for the officer seeking to follow Jesus. And he gives an answer to the question: in war, whose side is God on?

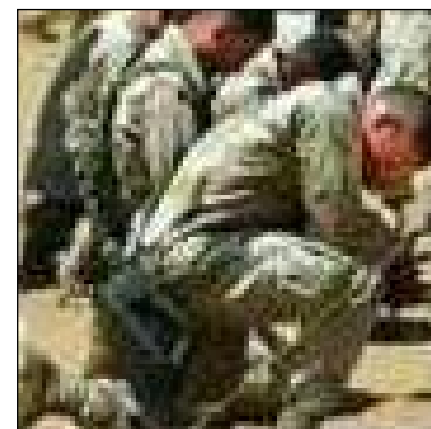
The five principles:

1. God didn't send a committee. He sent a human leader, who had a team of 12, one of whom was a failure. So it's crucial that someone be in charge, with authority and responsibility. "You can't lead by committee – the buck stops with you, the leader."

2. Jesus was a leader who served.
3. Jesus was a leader who developed the gifts of others. He built up self-belief in all He came into contact with.
4. Don't stand aloof from your people. Communicate with them. Listen and consult. Jesus didn't operate from an office.
5. Confront evil and sin, and do so head on. Evil is ever-present. So condemn the sin, but not the sinner.

In the words of Major General Cross:

Too often we expect God to be on our side. But that is not the real issue. It is not



The Praying Soldier

a matter of whose side God is on in warfare, or any other aspect of life. The real question is not, "Whose side is God on", but, "Are we on God's side?"

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Catholic priest killed in Pakistan

RENALA KHURD: Fr. George Abraham, a 38 yr old Roman Catholic priest was gunned down at his parish house in the Catholic Church at Renala Khurd, district Okara, 180 miles south of Lahore.

According to reports, five armed men entered the church compound and were walking towards the parish house. Fr. George was inside the premises with his cook. He went outside to investigate. When the cook heard gunshots, he came out and saw Fr. George in a pool of blood, dead on the spot. The culprits were running towards the main gate. The cook immediately called the police and the Christian elders of the area. They took the body of Fr. George to the Civil Hospital Okara for postmortem, where doctors discovered six bullets inside the body. Fr. George's body was taken to Khushpur village in Faisalabad District for burial.

According to the local Christians of Renala Khurd, Fr. George Abraham was very bold and outspoken. He worked hard for the uplift of Christians in that area. He also denationalized a Christian school in Renala Khurd.

An FIR has been registered against the unknown perpetrators.

Columban Sisters teach poor children in Kunri

KUNRI: Children are one of Pakistan's many treasures. Wherever you go, children are always plentiful. In the town of Kunri, located on Pakistan's southeastern-most tip just across the border from India, education is one of the Columban Sisters most important outreach programs. The Kunri parish administers four village primary schools for about 260 children of different ethnic groups.

Most of the children come from very poor Christian families—farmers working under landlords; vegetable and fruit vendors; laborers who harvest crops such as



Columban Sisters in Kunri

wheat, cotton, sugar cane and peppers; and workers in the sanitation department. They also come from different ethnic groups: Parkari Kholi, Kacchi Kholi, Marwari Bheel and Punjabis.

Urdu is the language spoken at the main school in Kunri. The three smaller village schools use the Sindhi language. Education is not a top priority for people here. This can be attributed to poverty, few schools and few employment opportunities for students who complete secondary education.

The Columban Sisters come from the Philippines and continue to serve the children of southeastern Pakistan.

Church and house burnt near Sheikhpura

SHEIKHPURA: Three Christian men are in hospital in critical condition, one is abducted while several villagers are under death threats in a small village called Moman Pura Thaiki situated at Sharak District Sheikhpura, about 35 km from Lahore.

The village was formed after 1988 floods when several villages lying by the river were flooded out and the new village of Moman Pura was formed. It is made up of about 55 Christian and 12 Muslim families. Most of the villagers worked as field labor for nearby Muslim landlords.

On 7 August 2006 12 armed assailants attacked the church. They shouted and threatened the residents and urged them to leave the village. Three Christian villagers were severely injured in the attack. They were transported to Services Hospital Lahore in critical situation. An investigation is ongoing.

Korean Christians deported from Afghanistan



Korean Christians in Afghanistan

KABUL: Thousands of South Korean Christians traveled to Kabul for a "peace festival and educational and entertainment programs," sponsored by a group called Asian Culture and Development. Hundreds more were en route when Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade announced that the festival was cancelled and all Korean Christians would be deported. Interior Ministry spokesman said: "The program was against the Islamic culture and customs of Afghans."

About 300 Koreans were in India but were forbidden from boarding planes to Kabul.

Russian Orthodox Church opens in Pyongyang

PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA: The first-ever Russian Orthodox church in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, has opened for services. The church celebrated its first mass at Trinity Church in communist North Korea on Sunday, 13 August.

While the mass was attended by North Korea's Vice Premier Kwak Pom Gi and other government officials, there is still no indication Pyongyang is relaxing its policy on religious freedom. The North Korean government will manage and operate the church.

Open Doors in its 2006 "World Watch List," has again ranked North Korea as the "World's Worst Persecutor of Christians" and says there are reports of tens of thousands of Christians suffering in North Korean prison camps. While no precise figures are available, Open Doors estimates hundreds of Christians were killed by the Pyongyang regime last year.

It's 'Time to Deliver' for the Church

TORONTO: Some 24,000 delegates from some 170 countries recently attended the five-day 16th World AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada. Among the global leaders speaking at the event were former President Bill Clinton, as well as Bill and Melinda Gates whose foundation is providing huge funding for the battle against HIV/AIDS.

A number of Christian groups also attended the conference. Probably the most high profile Christian there was Rick Warren, the pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California and author of the bestseller- *The Purpose Driven Life*, who was there with his wife, Kay.

Warren said, "If Jesus were alive today, he would be hanging out with people who have HIV/AIDS. You see the AIDS of the first century was called Leprosy. It was a disease that nobody understood and everybody was afraid of. It was quite stigmatized and people were kept as outcasts. Where did Jesus go when he was here on earth? He hung out with Lepers; with people that society was afraid of. If Jesus were here today, He would be at this convention. No doubt about it. He would be hanging out with people who have HIV/AIDS; who have been stigmatized and ostracized and who've been made fearful".

Faith groups unite in celebration of hope and compassion

TORONTO: A Muslim call to prayer resonated through St. James Cathedral as voices of a choir joined in a



HIV/AIDS Conference Poster

multi-faith celebration on 15 August 2006. The service was the high point in a week of encounters among members of faith-based organizations attending the International AIDS Conference.

Representatives of five faith communities: Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and Christian packed the cathedral for an interfaith observance under the theme "Celebrating Hope and Compassion."

"We all come united by one common theme and that theme is the enormity of human suffering," Dean Douglas Stoute of St. James Cathedral told them. "So we come to pray."

Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum told a story from the Talmud to illustrate "radical compassion" for the sick. He called for a personal connection with people living with AIDS, "to touch, to recognize individual worth, and most of all to urgency."

❖ News Digest

Pandit Roopnauth Sharma, of the Canadian Council of Hindus, prayed in Hindi and English for God's compassion and the strength to be courageous. Stan Middlestadt, representing the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, urged those gathered to never give up.

Members of a Lutheran youth group carried banners down the aisle, which read "Access to treatment for all" in English, French and Spanish. The banners, created by an international ecumenical advocacy group formed for this conference, have been carried in a number of marches at the International AIDS Conference. The service was coordinated and sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

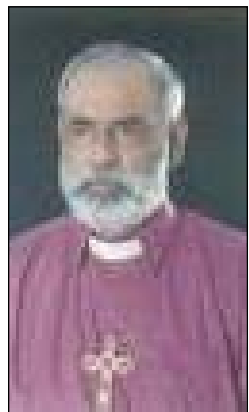
First Sikh Officer commissioned in Pakistan Army

ISLAMABAD: A man hailing from the birth place of Guru Nanak became the first Sikh in Pakistan to be commissioned into the Army.

Wearing a blue turban and sporting a traditional beard, Harcharan Singh of Nanakana Sahib, marched to military tunes at the Pakistan Military Academy in Kakul and was formally commissioned into the Army at a ceremony presided over by Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz.

"I am proud to be a Pakistani and to join the Pakistan Army," APP quoted Singh as saying.

Pakistani bishop forsakes nationality to protest hatred of Christians



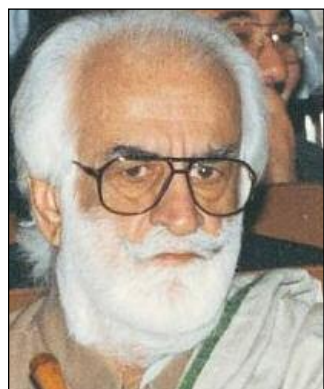
Bishop Timotheus Nasir

GUJRANWALA: A bishop in Pakistan has renounced his nationality in protest against discrimination and hatred he says is suffered by the Christian minority in the world's second largest Muslim nation.

"In Pakistan, Christians, including me, are facing extreme hate, discrimination and detestation by Muslims.

We are unwanted people in Pakistan," Bishop Timotheus Nasir, who heads the United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, wrote in a letter to President Pervez Musharraf.

Pakistani churches call for inquiry into death Akbar Bugti



Akbar Bugti

QUETTA: Churches in Pakistan are supporting demands for an independent inquiry into the death of a popular tribal leader, Akbar Khan Bugti, during an army operation. Unrest has been sparked by the deaths in August of

79-year-old Bugti, a former member of the Pakistan senate and governor of the Baluchistan province, and a number of his supporters while leading a revolt against the Pakistan government for the autonomy of Baluchistan.

Mumbai's Cardinal Dias appointed third most powerful prelate in the Catholic Church



Cardinal Ivan Dias

MUMBAI: Cardinal Dias, 70, archbishop of Mumbai, who was in the Vatican diplomatic service for 33 years, was recently appointed the prefect of the influential Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

He is now the third most important person in the Vatican-after the pope and the Vatican secretary of state. Cardinal Dias, who would now be called the 'Red Pope-as he wears a red cassock and wields tremendous power-will be in charge of the church in almost half of the world where Christianity is in its nascent stage.

The first Asian to become the prefect of that congregation, which was established in 1622, Cardinal Dias has replaced Italian Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe. Now, the church in India would play a significant role in the conduct of the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church which has been traditionally Europe-centric.

In his new role Cardinal Dias will supervise a territory spanning 64 million sq. km across five continents with 185 million Catholics. "He will now have a major say in appointing cardinals and other prelates particularly in Asia and Africa.

Born in Mumbai, Cardinal Dias was ordained a priest in 1958. In 1964, he joined the diplomatic service of the Vatican serving in many countries. In 1996, he was appointed archbishop of Mumbai, which has 5.5 lakh Catholics, and was made a cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 2001.

Pastor killed, five injured at Indian Baptist church shooting

CHURACHANDPUR: One person was killed and five others were injured when unidentified persons fired at a crowded church in Churachandpur district of Manipur. Sources said today that evening services were being held in the church when some armed persons in combat dress came in a vehicle and started firing in the direction of the church at around 8 pm. The pastor, Rev S. Ngaite died on the spot while five others were injured. Sources said the condition of two of the five wounded, was serious. The identities of the armed persons were not known. Condemnation of the shooting has been widespread.

Church turns away biracial boy

SALTILLO: During its scheduled Sunday night business meeting recently, the Fellowship Baptist Church in Saltillo voted not to accept blacks within the church.

The church's pastor, the Rev. John Stevens, resigned, and at least one other family decided not to return to the Baptist Missionary Alliance congregation that averages 30 people.



Archbishop Simeon Pereira

Archbishop Simeon Pereira passes away

KARACHI: Simeon A Pereira, Emeritus Archbishop of Karachi, died here last month. He was 78. He will be laid to rest beside the grave of Cardinal Joseph Cordeiro in the Grotto at the St. Patrick's Cathedral grounds.

Simeon Pereira was born in Karachi on 19 Oct 1927 and ordained priest on 24 Aug 1951. He was ordained Bishop on 7 Oct, 1971.

Four rapists of Christian girl hanged

FAISALABAD: Four men convicted of gang-raping a Christian girl were executed in the district jail here. Umer Hayat, Mubarak Ali, Mohammad Ashraf and Shahzad Ahmed had raped the daughter of Bashir Masih of Chak 144-RB (Chak Jhumra) on Nov 7, 1999.

The local Anti-Terrorism Court had decided the case on Dec 18, 1999, awarding capital punishment to all four rapists. The Lahore High Court and the Supreme Court upheld the ATC's verdict. After much effort, the convicts succeeded in getting pardon from the victim family. The court however refused to accept the pardon offer on the plea that there was no room for it in the Anti-Terrorism Act.

The president also rejected their clemency appeals and the execution was carried out.

Asian Christian Church Edmonton holds Bible Camp



Asian Christian Church Bible Camp in Edmonton

EDMONTON: The Asian Christian Church in Edmonton held its annual Bible camp at the end of June this year. An annual tradition with the church, this year marked the 20th anniversary of this Bible Camp. The camp is held at the Ross Haven Bible Campground. Over sixty people attended the event. Some stayed overnight while others stayed for the day only. A variety of activities, songs, games and bible studies were held for adults, families and children.

Living as a member of a minority group is like growing up in the corner of a yard of beautifully mowed green grass as an unwanted dandelion.

Jung Yung Lee

FACES OF THE FUTURE



Scott Barclay - School Valedictorian

Scott Andrew Barclay, grandson of Roy & Blossy Joshua, was elected valedictorian of his class at the graduating ceremony at the Joseph Howe Senior Public School in Scarborough, Ontario. Scott is the 14 year old son of Sonya & Rob Barclay. Reproduced here is an extract from his speech:

“Today is the tomorrow we were excited for yesterday. It’s finally here. This evening, we graduate! It is a solemn occasion for reflecting and contemplating – a time for celebrating and partying! Planning ahead and reviewing the chapters of our life and all the mistakes we will never make again. You can only see as far as your headlights but you can make the whole trip that way.

It all began in September 2004 when we came to Joseph Howe to begin

Grade 7. Right away, things were different. We had no idea who was in our class, who our teachers were, and where to go. We progressed quickly and soon could actually speak to the teachers without shaking in terror! The first week at Howe was the complete opposite of what I had experienced in junior school. Instead of having one teacher, I had several. Instead of staying in one class all day, I was being herded through the halls, frantically trying to make it to class. Fortunately, for me and my fellow graduates, an overwhelming amount of support from the staff helped us through the difficult adjustment time.

We were introduced to House League with each class having a name and anthem; this was great motivation for some extracurricular activity and introduced us to a variety of sports, clubs and activities. Our principal



work. He wanted school to be fun and believe me, it was. But none of this would be available without teachers volunteering and running the teams and clubs - the commitment of the teachers and the participation of the students have brought many championships to our school.

The year-end trips to Ottawa in Grade 7 and Quebec City in Grade 8 were a blast. Four days of touring, staying in a hotel, hanging with our friends, eating at different restaurants, a dance on a cruise ship as well as a chance to bond with our teachers. A mark of how well the teachers trusted us was when they taped our doors shut at night!

I’d like to share a little something which I think pretty much sums up our time here at Howe and simplifies the final goodbye we are about to make tonight:

As we go on, we remember

All the times we had together

And as our lives change from whatever

We will still be friends forever.

So if we get the big jobs and we make the big money

When we look back now, will that joke still be funny?

has always told us that he prefers a well-rouned student who gets involved as opposed to a student with a higher average who did nothing outside school

Will we still remember everything we learned in school

Still be trying to break every single rule?

I keep thinking that it’s not goodbye

Keep on thinking it’s our time to fly.

Will we think about tomorrow like we think about now,

Can we survive it out there, can we make it somehow?

I guess I thought that this would never end

And suddenly it’s like we’re women and men.

Will the past be a shadow that will follow us around?

Will these memories fade when I leave this town?

I keep thinking that it’s not goodbye

Keep on thinking it’s our time to fly.

Fellow graduates, here it is. We arrived at this school proudly and we will leave it in the same manner, but just a little more so. This school and every single person inside it have given us sturdy and valuable roots that we will take with us to wherever the future leads us. We are prepared and ready to depart with a heavy but stronger heart – it’s our time to fly!”

Jordan Bakhsh



Over 85 juniors from across Ontario are set to tee-off for the third Bowden’s Junior Series at the CJGA Junior at the Rolling Hills Golf Club in Stouffville, Ontario. Jordan Bakhsh, 13, of Newmarket, Ont. has two-top ten finishes to his credit in 2006 and should place well once again.

Over 40 juniors will compete in the Boys 14-16 Division for the two-day tournament, including a number of local golfers.

Joshua and Jeremiah Ghori win awards at Sunday School ceremony



Joshua Ghori

At the end of the Sunday School year 2005-2006 at Wexford Presbyterian Church, Scarborough an awards presentation ceremony was held on Sunday 2 July 2006.

Awards were given to students who learned their biblical passages and consistently displayed their best behaviour in the class room. Items included in the year round contests/quizzes were as follows:

- Recitation of Psalm 23
- Recitation of Psalm 100
- Recitation of Apostle’s Creed

- Recitation of the names of all the Books of the Holy Bible
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Recitation of the Ten Commandments

Jeremiah Ghori aged 5 won the highest award The Covenant Trophy and a gold medal while Joshua Ghori won the second place Trophy and a gold medal. Both these children had learned the above items by heart and presented these in the joint worship service of Wexford Heights United Church and Wexford Presbyterian Church.

We congratulate them and their parents Sylvia and Jasper Ghori on this excellent achievement.

Sarah Bakhsh



Sarah Bakhsh is a resident of Ajax and an honour roll student at Ajax High School. The eldest daughter of Joel and Lorrie Bakhsh, she has received awards for drama, science and English. She received an academic achievement award for attaining a grade average of over 90%. She is a member of the Student Council and was selected class valedictorian this year. She was also voted Student of the Year.

Apart from her studies, Sarah has also won a number of track and field events at her school. She plans to attend university and specialise in medicine, eventually becoming a paediatrician Her peers acknowledge her as a leader in the school and in every task she undertakes.

❖ Jessica's Jottings...

Real Life Heroes

by Jessica Masih

If you ask someone what a hero is, most may name their favourite Hollywood or Bollywood leading stars. True, these are fictional heroes but there are real-life heroes among us every day. A real hero, to me, is someone who makes a difference in the world around us, people who fight to make a difference even if they have little chance in succeeding or little personal benefit to gain. The difference between them and everyone else is that heroes believe they can make a difference.

"Nothing in the world is the way it ought to be, it's harsh and cruel, but then there's us...it doesn't matter where we come from, what we've done or suffered, or even if we make a difference, we live as though the world were as it should be, to show it what it can be..."

Everyone has a hero in their lives- an aunt, a grandparent, soldiers fighting in the war, or a great political figure. There are different reasons these people are burned in our hearts as heroes, but what they all have in common is their fight and a belief in their convictions, small and great! Their impact on those around them is what makes them special, defining them as heroes.

"Everyone has a hero in their lives- an aunt, a grandparent, soldiers fighting in the war, or a great political figure."

This edition of Dharkan falls under the 5th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States, and many heroes were made on that day, so it is important to show appreciation to them for the sacrifices that they made, along with those soldiers currently fighting to create a better world.

"We all make decisions that will change the rest of our lives; it is in these moments that heroes are made."



Fashion File

A model presents a creation at the gala opening of Wedding Asia 2005 Exhibition in Karachi

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Group Captain Cecil Chaudhry



(SITARA-E-JURAT)



Cecil Chaudhry, the younger son of Faustian Elmer Chaudhry, the famous Chief Photographer of Pakistan Times,

Lahore, was born in 1941. His interest in aircraft and flying brought him to the Pakistan Air Force and he graduated from the PAF Academy in 1960. When war broke out on 6 September, 1965, Cecil busied himself flying numerous close support missions to ward off the Indian ground attack against Lahore and Sialkot. For his acts of courage, dedication and professional ability, Cecil was awarded the Sitara-i-Jurat.

During the 1971 war Cecil, now a Squadron Leader, fought again with valor.

On 7 December, his aircraft was hit by ground fire and badly damaged. He ejected into enemy territory but he managed to make good his escape back to Pakistan. In recognition of his professional ability, Cecil was appointed to command the prestigious No 9 Squadron and the Combat Commander's School PAF.

He retired in 1986 in the rank of Group Captain and is currently the Principal of St. Anthony's High School in Lahore.

Squadron Leader Peter Christy



(SITARA-E-JURAT)



Peter Christy served in the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) as a B-57 Navigator and flew a number of

successful operational missions during the 1965 war. For his personal example and complete devotion to duty, he was awarded Sitara-i-Jurat.

In 1971, when war broke again between India and Pakistan, Peter Christy was on deputation to PIA (Pakistan International Airlines) and he volunteered to return to PAF for war duties.

On 6th December, 1971 Squadron Leader Peter Christy was detailed as Navigator for a bombing mission to Jamnagar, India. He failed to return from the mission and was officially declared 'missing in action'.

Lance Naik Albert Ekka

(PARAM VIR CHAKRA)



Lance Naik Albert Ekka enrolled in the 14 Guards in December 1962. During the 1971 Indo-Pak War, the

14 Guards were asked to capture a Pakistani position at Gangasagar. The assaulting Indian troops were subjected to intense shelling and small arms fire.

Albert charged the bunker, bayoneted two soldiers and silenced the light machine gun. Though seriously injured in this encounter, he continued to fight alongside his comrades with courage, securing bunker after bunker. On one occasion, he crawled to the building and hurled a grenade into the bunker. Albert Ekka then scaled the sidewall to enter the bunker. Lance Naik Albert Ekka died of the injuries suffered during this battle

Lance Naik Albert Ekka was awarded Param Vir Chakra, the highest wartime gallantry medal, posthumously, for displaying both conspicuous bravery and determination.



SITARA-E-JURAT



SITARA-E-IMTIAZ

Air Vice Marshal Eric Gordon Hall



(SITARA-E-JURAT)



Born in 1922, Eric Hall migrated to British India from Burma after it was occupied by the Japanese in

1942. Having lost his father, an actively serving British Army officer in the war, Eric enlisted in the ranks of the Royal Air Force. Within weeks his potential was recognized and in December, 1943 he was selected for the officer cadre and was commissioned as a pilot. For the remaining period of the World War II, he saw active duty and served with flying colors.

With the partition of the Sub-Continent in 1947, Flying Officer Eric G Hall opted for Pakistan and was initially posted to Risalpur to help train and build up Pakistan Air Force (PAF). For his valor and vision in the Indo-Pak war, Eric Hall was awarded Sitara-i-Jurat in 1965.

Through his vision, dedication and hard work, Eric rose to the prestigious rank of Air Vice Marshal and was appointed Chief of Staff, PAF. During his service tenure he commanded a number of PAF Bases. He also served as the Commandant of PAF Staff College, and Defence and Air Attaché at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington.

He settled in Maryland, USA after his retirement in 1975 and breathed his last there on June 17, 1998, after a long and heroic life.

Squadron Leader William Desmond Harney



(SITARA-E-JURAT)



Bill Harney was born in Chittagong, Bengal in 1937. After completing his early education,

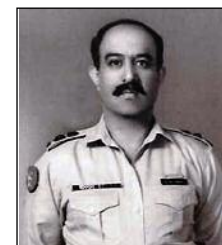
Harney joined the Pakistan Air Force Academy, Risalpur in 1957 and graduated in 1960.

In 1965, Harney was posted as Navigator in a Bomber Squadron. During the Indo-Pakistan war, in spite of a hand injury, he voluntarily undertook 14 bombing missions. In all the missions, he excelled in leadership, courage and devotion to duty. For his display of extreme courage in war and professionalism, Bill Harney was awarded the Sitara-i-Jurat.

Squadron Leader Harney participated in the 1971 war with great distinction and undertook a number of missions. He retired in 1974 and settled in Australia to attend to his ailing father.

Lieutenant Colonel Javed Jalal

(PRISONER OF WAR)



Javed Jalal joined the Pakistan Army in December 1965 in the Baluch Regiment. In April 1971 he had

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REMEMBERING OUR FORGOTTEN HEROES

As a tribute to those we remember, Dharkan is, in this issue, profiling the contributions made by Christians in the defence of their motherland. Thousands of Christians have passionately and, selflessly served with distinction in the Army, Navy and Air Forces of both India and Pakistan.

We received numerous submissions and would, ideally, have liked to profile every one of them. Due to limitations of space, we are restricted to profiling those who received awards, were held prisoners of war or were killed in action.

Through these representative profiles we salute all Christian military men and women who sacrificed personal comfort and

risks their lives to support their nations in times of crisis. We hope we can, in a future issue of Dharkan, publish additional profiles and include other servicemen and women. We also apologise to those military personnel who may fall into our criteria but were inadvertently not included in this section.

Finally we at Dharkan wish to recognise and acknowledge the families of all service personnel who, with their loved ones bear the pangs of extended separation and also share the burden of sacrifice.

**Javaid Rahim Bakhsh, Chair
Dharkan Editorial Board**



TAMGHA-E-BASALAT



PARAM VIR CHAKRA

attained the rank of Captain when his unit moved to the then East Pakistan. The political condition in this part of the country was extremely volatile. The Pakistan Army was trying to contain the situation but there were many skirmishes between the army and local insurgents. Javed received a near fatal injury during one of these skirmishes.

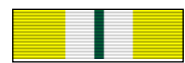
His family in Pakistan was informed that he had been killed. The outbreak of war with India crushed any hopes for his survival and a funeral was carried out in absentia for him. Javed's family were still mourning his death when they received a letter from him, written from a POW camp near Agra, saying that he was alive and well.

It was three years later, in 1974, that the family received Captain Javed Jalal from the Lahore/Wagah border. Javed had suffered a bullet through his chest and the wound had taken three years to heal.

Javed resumed his Army career and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command of a Baluch Regiment in Kohat. During his career he held several operational and staff appointments. In 1988, Lt. Col. Javed Jalal underwent open heart surgery in Rawalpindi. As a result of his medical condition, he retired from the Army in 1991.

Javed Jalal visited Canada to attend the wedding of his nephew, While in Toronto; he underwent another heart surgery at St. Michaels Hospital. Shortly afterwards, he suffered a fatal stroke and passed away. His wife Olive, daughter Sonia and sons Salman & Obaid live in Toronto.

Brigadier Sukumar Ernest Jivanandham



(SITARA-E-IMTIAZ)



Born in December 1934, Brigadier S. E. Jivanandham joined the Pakistan Army as an Ordnance Officer in October 1954. His first posting was in Central Mechanical Transport and Stores Depot, Golra. In 1963, while he was still a Captain, he was selected as an instructor in the Ordnance School.

In February 1977, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and posted to the Directorate General, Defence Procurement (DGDP) as Deputy Director. In July 1979 he was promoted to Brigadier and became Director, Procurement Cell. In 1985, Brigadier Jivanandham was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Military) for his services to the nation.

His last posting was as Director National Logistic Cell Rawalpindi.

Brigadier Jivanandham served the Church and community as well. He was Treasurer of Trinity Church, Karachi and later of Christ Church, Rawalpindi. After his retirement from the Army, he became a Director of St Peters School, Lahore. The science laboratory was named after him when the new school building was completed. He died in Lahore of Leukemia in 2002.

Lieutenant Colonel Derek Joseph



(TAMGHA-E-JURAT/
TAMGHA-E-IMTIAZ)



Lt Col. Derek Joseph was commissioned in 1969. In the 1971 Indo-Pak war, Derek, then a lieutenant was

tank troop leader in the battle fought along the Sialkot-Shakargarh sector. His regiment moved against the Indian Bridge Head occupied by Indian forces. They managed to blunt further Indian penetration and inflicted heavy losses. Lt Derek Joseph's tank was hit five times by enemy fire but he continued to engage the enemy with his partially disabled tank, inflicting casualties on them. For his courage and valor, Lt Derek Joseph was awarded the Tamgha-e-Jurat.

Derek Joseph also served as tactical instructor at the school of Armour and was seconded to the United-Arab-Emirates armed forces. He was promoted Lt. Colonel in 1985 and commanded armoured tank regiments for two and a half years.

Derek Joseph retired in 1995 and was also awarded Tamgha-e-Imtiaz for meritorious service to the Pakistan Army. He lives in Peshawar.

Major Ramon (Roy) Joshua



(TAMGHA-E-BASALAT)



Major Roy Joshua was commissioned into the Pakistan Armoured Corps in September of 1955. During his tenure in the army he served with three tank regiments, 15 Lancers, 20 Lancers and 19 Lancers, in varying staff and command appointments.

During the 1965 Indo-Pakistan War, Roy Joshua commanded the Military

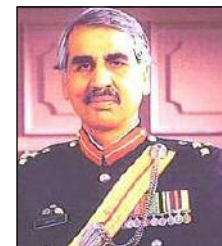
Police Unit, part of the 6 Armoured Division in the Sialkot Sector. Here Roy's primary duty was to position infantry troops, tank regiments, artillery guns and other supporting units for combat, with minimum casualties.

For his role in the successful execution of the plan under hostile conditions, Major Roy Joshua was awarded the Tamgha-i-Basalat. This was the only military medal awarded to a Christian Army officer during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan War.

After the war Roy attended the US Army Advanced Military Police training course in Germany, where he was awarded the MP Directors award. In April 1969 Major Roy Joshua requested early retirement, and immigrated to Canada with his wife Blossom and three children.

Brigadier Javed Hayat Khan

(IMTIAZ-I-SANAD)



Brigadier Javed Hayat Khan was commissioned in the Pakistan Armoured Corp in 1968. He saw action in the 1971

Indo-Pakistan war as a Captain. Leading a tank hunting expedition, he and his party got lost in thick vegetation and stumbled across an Indian Gurkha platoon. The Gurkha platoon were confronted and captured by Captain Javed and his tank hunting party. This courageous action was mentioned in dispatches and Captain Javed Hayat Khan was awarded the Imtiaz-I-Sanad.

A native of Lahore, Javed studied at Cathedral School and is a graduate of the Command and Staff College Quetta. He also served as an instructor of the Tactical Wing at the School of Armour. Among his numerous achievements he played in the Pakistan Army Basketball Team and headed Pakistan's contingent to Namibia as part of the UN Peacekeeping Force.

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HEROES OF OUR TIME

Now retired, Brigadier Javed Hayat Khan currently lives in Windsor Ontario, with his wife Nighat and their daughter Sara.

Air Commodore Nazir Latif



(SITARA-E-JURAT)



Nazir Latif was born in 1927 and joined the 8th General Duties Pilot's course at Risalpur. Because of his high

standard in flying, was upgraded to the 7th GD (P) course and graduated in 1950.

Just prior to the 1965 War, as a Wing Commander, Nazir Latif commanded a Bomber Wing. Under his able command, the bomber wing was well prepared and trained to undertake daring but accurate bombing missions deep inside enemy territory. Wing Commander Nazir Latif led the most challenging raids including the successful attack on Ambala, India. On two occasions, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft guns but he flew back and landed safely. For his exceptional valor and flying skills the Government of Pakistan conferred the Sitara-e-Jurat on him.

He retired from the Pakistan Air Force as Air Commodore in 1972, after a long and meritorious service. He is currently serving as Director Operations in a Charter Air Service in the Middle East.

Group Captain James Luke



(TAMGHA-E-BASALAT)



Group Captain James Luke joined the Pakistan Air Force in 1967 in the Engineering Branch. He was posted to Sargodha Base where he was deployed on Mirage III aircraft. Mirages were the backbone of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and played an important role during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

James Luke climbed the ladder rapidly and held various command appointments. He commanded the Armament Engineering Squadrons in Sargodha, Shorkot, Peshawar and Mauripur, Karachi. He was selected for training in France on ground-to-air missiles. He was also sent on deputation

to Libya as an instructor in the Libyan Air Academy. He held various staff appointments at Air Headquarters and commanded the PAF Ammunitions Depot at Nowshera. His last appointment was as Director of Engineering Development at the Air Headquarters.

For his innovative excellence, James Luke was awarded Tamgha-e-Basalat. He was also awarded the Chief of the Air Staff Commendation Certificate.

In 1992 Group Captain James Luke, his wife Rehana and their three sons migrated to Canada. He currently works as Director Outreach with the Lutheran Church in Canada.

Wing Commander Mervyn Leslie Middlecoat



(SITARA-E-JURAT & BAR)



Mervyn Middlecoat of Lahore was an outstanding pilot who deserves special mention. He was a brilliant

officer right from the beginning. On his graduation with the 16th GD (General Duties (Pilots) course in 1954, he was awarded the trophy for the best performance in Ground Subjects.

Soft spoken and mild mannered, besides being an outstanding pilot, Middlecoat was the epitome of an officer and a gentleman. He was a Squadron Leader during the 1965 War. He uplifted the morale of No. 9 Squadron and guided his pilots in a highly professional manner. For his leadership and devotion to duty, Squadron Leader Middlecoat was awarded the Sitara-i-Jurat in 1965.

During the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war, Wing Commander Middlecoat was training abroad. He returned to Pakistan immediately and joined operations. The day after his arrival he was on a strike mission to the heavily defended Jamnagar airfield. While returning after a successful mission, his aircraft was hit by an enemy missile. He ejected into enemy territory and was officially declared 'missing in action' and later 'presumed dead'. For his devotion to duty, determination and courage, he was awarded a posthumous Bar to his Sitara-i-Jurat.

Vice Admiral Leslie (Jack) Mungavin



(SITARA-E-PAKISTAN)



Vice Admiral Leslie Mungavin (Jack to his friends) joined the Royal Indian Navy in 1945. On

independence in 1947 he opted for the Pakistan Navy where his career gradually progressed till his retirement as Chief of Naval Staff.

During his distinguished 33 years of service with the Pakistan Navy, Admiral Mungavin held a number of command appointments at sea and ashore at Naval Headquarters. He served on various Pakistan Navy ships and was acknowledged as a leading navigation specialist. He commanded the PNS Alamgir and the Pakistan Navy flagship PNS Babur. During the 1971 war Jack Mungavin was Defence and Naval Attaché at the Pakistan High Commission in London where his services and negotiation skills merited him a Sitara-e-Pakistan award.

A distinguished Pakistani, Jack was highly respected and loved by everyone-officers and sailors alike. His natural humility, great sense of duty and humour distinguished him as a very active and positive personality among his peers, family and friends.

Admiral Mungavin passed away in 1995 in England. A diehard Pakistani he wanted his body cremated, ashes taken back to Pakistan and spread in the Arabian Sea. A few years later the Pakistan Navy honored Jack with a full military funeral as his ashes were taken out to sea on board the PNS Babur and scattered there by his only daughter Lesley.

Air Commodore Wladyslaw Turowicz



(TAMGHA-E-PAKISTAN/ SITARA-E-PAKISTAN / SITARA-E-QUAID-E-AZAM)



Air Commodore Wladyslaw Turowicz (an aeronautical engineer) migrated from Poland and headed a group of 30 Polish Air Force Officers and technicians who contributed in establishing PAF. He served with PAF from 1948 to 1967.

Initially, he was based in the Technical Training Section at Drigh Road. His wife served as a civilian gliding instructor for Shaheen Air Cadets. Several other Poles were posted at Air Force Bases Peshawar and Chaklala, and in 1952 Turowicz, in the rank of Wing Commander, became Station Commander of PAF Chaklala. In 1961 he and his wife obtained Pakistani citizenship. From 1955 to 1957, Turowicz served as Station Commander, PAF Kohat and then finally he was posted back to Karachi.

In 1959, he was promoted to Group Captain, then in 1960 to Air Commodore, and joined Air Headquarters, as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Maintenance), one of three ACAS's reporting to the Air Force Commander in Chief. In recognition of his dedicated services, knowledge and experience he was awarded Tamgha-e-Pakistan and later the Sitara-e-Pakistan and Sitara-e-Quaid-e-Azam.

In 1967, he retired from the Pakistan Air Force, and appointed Executive Director of SUPARCO in Karachi, finally retiring in 1970. He died peacefully on January 8, 1980 and was buried in the Christian Cemetery in Karachi. Ms Turowicz, with two of her daughters married to Pakistanis, continues to live in Karachi which, she says, she has known and loved for over half a century.

Lieutenant Daniel Utarid

(KILLED IN ACTION)



Daniel Utarid, son of Major Arthur ("Arty") Utarid was commissioned into the Pakistan Infantry in 1971.

Later that year, with only a few months of service, 2nd Lieutenant Utarid saw action in the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. A tall handsome young man, he volunteered to lead a number of fighting patrols during the war, showing great courage.

On one such patrol, he was shot in the chest by machine gun fire and was killed in action on 13 December 1971. His contemporaries felt that his action should have been cited for a gallantry award. Lieutenant Daniel Utarid's father, uncle and cousin also served the Pakistan Army with distinction.

HEROES OF OUR TIME

Lieutenant Colonel Philip Utarid

(PRISONER OF WAR)



Lt. Col. Philip Utarid served as Ordnance Company Commander in East Pakistan (Bangla Desh)

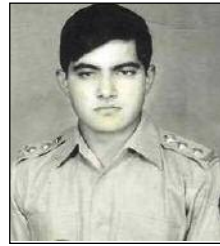
during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. When the Pakistani forces surrendered, Captain Philip Utarid, along with other prisoners of war, was transported across the country to Camp Sagar 54.

Life in the POW camp was extremely dull and uneventful. Meals consisted of watery daal, burnt chappatis and black watery tea. Most of Philip's time was spent walking within the confines of the camp...and playing chess. At night guard dogs patrolled the perimeter while observation towers and searchlights made the camp look like something out of a war movie. Only two Christian officers were imprisoned in this camp and the Indian army provided each with a copy of the Holy Bible.

After 3 years in the camp, Lt. Col. Philip Utarid, along with other prisoners of war, was marched in April 1974 to the Wagah border between India and Pakistan and released. Debriefing at a reassembly camp followed his freedom and he was finally reunited with his family after nearly 30 traumatic months as a POW. Today Philip lives with his family in Ontario Canada.

Captain Michael Wilson

(KILLED IN ACTION)



Captain Michael Wilson, son of Norris and Maria Wilson, was born in Sialkot in 1950 and completed his "O" levels from St. Anthony's High School, Lahore.

In 1967 Michael entered the Pakistan Military Academy and on completion of his training he was posted to 28 Cavalry Regiment, a newly raised regiment of the Pakistan Armoured Corp.

Capt Michael Wilson served with his regiment during the 1971 Indo-Pak war and saw action in the Chamb-Jaurian Kashmir sector. At the young age of 22, with a promising career ahead of him, his life was cut short in an operational accident in the Chamb-Jaurian sector when he was crushed between tanks.

Michael is the younger brother of Col. Nelson Wilson who also served in the Pakistan Army, retired from the Corp of Engineers in 1992 and currently lives in the United States.



Yaad Rakh Yae Baat Sada

by WILBERT ISAACS

Yaad rakh yae baat sada
Khuda aur parosi sae piyar kerae ga
Masihi zindigi basar kerae ga
Barkaat payae ga jo dae ga Khuda
Paraeshanio sae ghira hoon
Fikroon mae bas daba hoon
Yaad rakh yae baat sada

Hoga wohi jo manzoorae Khuda
Iman o bharosa ho tera
Dil sae niklae yea dua
Yaad rakh yae baat sada
Payae ga jo razaae Khuda
Aaram o taselli payae ga
Masiha kae pas jab ayae ga
Yaad rakh yae baat sada

Hafiz Muhafiz tera Khuda
Wilbert sab yahan reh jayae ga
Jab muat kae os par jae ga
Yaad rakh yae baat sada
Amaalo Iman ka phal bakshae Khuda

❖ Hazel's Corner

Afghani Korma

Ingredients:

- 1 kg beef or mutton
- 1 inch ginger, thinly sliced
- 2 cups oil
- 2 tsp ginger paste
- 2 tsp garlic paste
- 2 tsp black pepper powder
- 2 tsp coriander powder
- 4 onions, blended
- 3 green chilies, sliced
- Salt to taste



Method:

Wash and drain the beef. Heat oil in a pan, add onion paste and stir for four to five minutes. Add beef with ginger garlic paste, salt, pepper and coriander powder. Cook the ingredients on low heat till oil separates from the gravy. Transfer to a bowl and garnish with ginger slices and green chilies.

Geet aur Zaboos Online

If you are interested in listening to Urdu, or Punjabi Geet, and Zaboos and Masihi Ghazals, we recommend: www.geetaurzaboosonline.com

This excellent website has been created by three dedicated Christians, two from UK and one from USA. The songs listed on this website are sung mostly by Pakistani professional play back singers and some highly talented Christian singers like Earnest Mall, Subhash Gill, A.Nayyer, Majid Masih, John Ditta and many others.

If you like to listen to Hindi, Telegu, Malayam or English Christian songs, we encourage you to visit www.uecf.net The website of the United Evangelical Christian Fellowship in New Jersey USA, this is an excellent resource and contains songs by a number of talented Indian singers including Vijay Benedict and others. It also contains links to translations of The Bible in a number of Indian languages.

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❖ A COMPILATION OF HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY BY PRIOBALA KHAN ❖

Hope you all enjoyed a busy but beautiful summer. There were a number of weddings, anniversaries and many other happy gatherings in the city to mingle and meet each other. By the grace of God, our community in Toronto is getting bigger so we don't see common friends as often as we used to. when everyone knew everyone. Winters and snow make it impossible to go and meet people but Christmas comes along and it gives us a chance to meet each other again.

❖ Congratulations:

“May your joys continue to keep you close in heart and one in love always.”



Rex and Beulah Samuel

❖ For 55 years **Rex and Beulah Samuel** celebrated life together with all its joys and challenges. On 8 July 2006, family and friends gathered from near and far at Candles Banquet Hall, Mississauga, to celebrate this special milestone in their lives. Their daughter Virginia did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grandson David Samuel paid tribute on behalf of the six children, citing many calculations of the number of meals Beulah had cooked over 55 years. Dr. Christopher Somers (grandson) paid tribute on behalf of the seven grandchildren, stressing that because of Rex and Beulah, significant contributions were being made across Canada, and even thousands of miles away in Pakistan, in the fields of science, medicine, law, finance, social work and transport.

David Dean and Junior entertained the guests with melodious music. Two members of their team performed colorful dances. Letters of congratulations from the Governor General of Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty, and the Lt. Governor of Ontario were presented to the wonderful couple.



Anita Isaac and Robin Fazal Elahi

❖ On a hot summer day on 7 July 1981, **Anita Isaac** married **Robin Fazal Elahi** in Mississauga. This year the couple celebrated their 25th wedding

anniversary on 15 July 2006 at the Bombay Palace. How time flies; they now have two wonderful boys, John and Stephen, who escorted guests to their tables. John also did a wonderful job as the MC for the evening. We wish them all the best in the coming years.



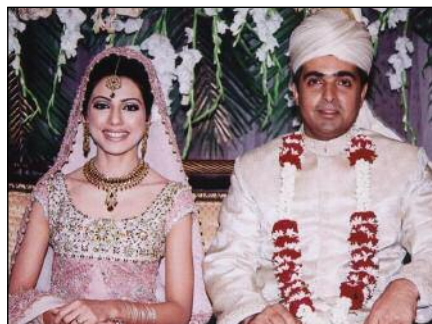
Elishba Shaw and John Robin Elahi

❖ On August 27th 2006 **John Robin Elahi** (son of Anita and Robin Elahi) got engaged to **Elishba Shaw** (daughter of Raphael and Angela Shaw) at the Candles Banquet Hall. The MC for the evening was Shadab Khokhar. Dr. Marcus performed the engagement ceremony. Our prayers and blessings are with you both as you prepare for your future life together.



Rachel and Abiezer Zeeshan

❖ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parshad of Kamloops, British Columbia on the marriage of their daughter, **Rachel** to **Abiezer Zeeshan**, son of Mrs. Taranum Akhtar of Lahore, Pakistan on 31 March 2006. Rev: Dr Majeed Abel performed the marriage ceremony in the Naulakha Church, Pakistan. The guests included many prominent civil and military officers and educationists.



Nadia and Danyaal

❖ Congratulations to Bishop Alexander Malik of Lahore and his wife Shamim on the wedding of their daughter **Nadia Malik** with **Danyaal**. The wedding took place in Lahore on 6 August 2006 and was

widely attended. We wish the couple God's richest blessings in their future life together.

❖ Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Saleem Raza of Williamsville, New York, USA on the wedding of their son, **Salim Samuel Raza** to **Sarah Chaffey Raye** on 1 July 2006 at Samuel's Grand Manor, Williamsville. The wedding was performed outdoors on the beautiful lawns of the golf club. A grand reception followed the wedding.



Sonita Khemchand and Michael Henriques

❖ **Sonita Khemchand**, daughter of Shama and Edward Khemchand was married to **Michael Henriques** on August 5, 2006 at the St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Mississauga. The bride was led down the aisle by her mother, Shama and was joined just before she reached the altar, by her father Edward. Together they gave their daughter away. The bride and groom were lucky to have their grandmothers present - Olive Utarid, Sonita's 88 year old grandmother and 93 year old, Maria Henriques, Michael's grandmother. Sonita is a teacher of English and History in Brampton and the groom is a sales executive. We wish them all the best in their new life and new home in Vaughan, Ontario.



Sabah and Yazdiyari

❖ Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Ivan on the wedding of her daughter **Sabah** with **Yazdiyari**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mumtaz Shah. A simple but moving ceremony was held at the Bramalea

Baptist Church on 12 August 2006, followed by dinner at the National Banquet Hall. Family and friends gathered from across the globe to join in this celebration. The evening was ably compeered by Samir and Jessica Tikaram. It included a number of dances, live music by the groom's band-" Nai Roshni" and a number of crooners. Congratulations to the couple and their families.

❖ Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Zahir Young on the wedding of their daughter **Ryna** who was married to **Jason Blair-Walsh** on 8 September 2006, at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto.



Miriam Veigas and Zenas Salik

❖ Mr. and Mrs. Noel Veigas and Mr. and Mrs. Javed Salik invited family and friends to join them at the Maple Banquet Hall on 4 July 2006 to celebrate the engagement of their children **Miriam** and **Zenas**. Aqob Suleiman entertained the audience with his melodious songs. Hammad and Salman (sons of Rafay and Afshan) spoke about their long friendship with Zenas while Abigail and Zachary (children of Haroon and Farah Abraham) expressed their admiration for Miriam, whom they knew since birth and whom they looked on as their role model. The dancing went on till late in the night.



Julian and Nicola

❖ Congratulations also to Dawn and Joel Abraham on the wedding of their son **Julian Abraham**, who married **Nicola**

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Fernandes on 29 July 2006 in Mississauga. Julian & Nicola's wedding was solemnized at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in the afternoon and followed by a gala dinner reception at Claireport Banquet Center. This fairytale evening, filled with laughter, dancing and fond memories was attended by over 300 guests from within Canada and abroad. We wish Nicola and Julian the very best in their future life as husband and wife.

❖ **Daisy and Isaac Massey** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Edmonton, Alberta recently.



Daisy and Isaac Massey

Family and friends came together from Pakistan, England, and United States & across Canada to celebrate this event which was organized by their children - Sharmin, Shevon & Joshua.

❖ **Aftab and Patricia Rana** celebrated their 25th Anniversary at Speranza Banquet Hall on 2 September 2006. Over 400 guests- family and friends, gathered to celebrate with the happy couple, who also renewed their wedding vows and exchanged rings. The delicious dinner was followed by memorable entertainment which lasted till late in the evening. Our congratulations go to the happy couple. Aftab and Patricia would like to thank their guests for their love, generosity and for joining them on this happy occasion.

❖ Condolences:

**“Hush! Blessed are the dead
In Jesus arms they rest,
And lean their weary head
Forever on His breast.”**

❖ **Onilla Rani Biswas**, beloved daughter of Benoy and Joy Biswas, sister of Koruna Schmidt Mumm, Benita



Onilla Rani Biswas

Black and Mathew Biswas passed a way peacefully in her sleep on 13 July 2006 in Vancouver, British Columbia. A service of Thanksgiving for her life was held on 13 August 2006 at Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto. Biblical passages and Psalms were read by her nieces and nephew Portia Biswas, Hilary Black, Kaspar Schmidt, and her uncle Donald Joshua. Eulogies were offered by her

siblings Mathew Biwas, Benita Black and Koruna Schmidt Mumm followed by a moving homily by The Rev. Lyn Youll.

❖ Senior **Mr. Parshad** of Edmonton died recently at the age of 107. He was the father of Mr. Amir Chand Parshad of Ottawa, brother of Daya Wilson of Delhi and Mr. Parshad, who used to play violin in Lahore Cathedral.

❖ **Mr. Lal Din Bhatti** father of Sheila Dean, (wife of Kanwal Dean) passed away in Christian Town Sialkot. He was 105 years old. Our condolences go out to the bereaved family.

❖ **Mrs. May Umar Khitab**, wife of the late Cecil Umar Khitab, passed away peacefully on 16 September 2006 in Peshawar. Our condolences go to her children, Tahir, Javed and Rita who live in Canada, and to Tariq, Monica and Joyce Shaheen in Pakistan. A memorial mass was held for her at St Josephs Catholic Church in Mississauga. A number of friends, relatives and family members attended the service.

❖ **Mrs. Lily Alwin (Adial)** passed away on Sunday 30 July 2006 in Albany USA. She was the sister of Dr. John Chatu Mall and Mr. Israel Mall and mother of Mrs. Nilam Mathias. She used to teach at Kinnaird School, Lahore.

❖ **Tony Shakeel Albert**, age 38 passed away on 19 August 2006 at the Toronto General Hospital. He leaves behind wife, Kinza and son Joshua. He was the youngest brother of Florence David of Lahore, Noreen Bakhsh, Wellington Albert, Cinderella Albert and Rohella Qadir Bakhsh of Brampton. He will be greatly missed by his family whom we remember them in our prayers.

❖ Former members of the Beanstalk Youth Centre in Karachi will be saddened to hear of the death of **Joshua John** who suffered a fatal heart attack in June this year. He was 43 years old. He leaves behind his wife Angela and two small children who live in New York State. We remember them in our prayers.

❖ **Johnson Massey (Bobby)** son of the late Padri Sardar Masih died in Karachi in August 2006. He developed complications after a kidney transplant operation. Special prayers and condolences go to his sister **Sheryl Jones** in Toronto.

❖ Sympathies to Aqob Suleman, on the death of his aunt **Mrs. Tanvir Wajid**, wife of the Rev. R.F Wajid and former teacher at Elizabeth High School, Peshawar, who passed away in Peshawar recently. Condolences also go to his mother and her sister Mrs. Feroza Harold of Lahore, who is visiting Toronto these days.

❖ **Shirley Vincent**, eldest sister of David Matthias and Elizabeth Amar of Los Angeles passed away in Hyderabad, Sind recently. Our condolences are with the bereaved family at this time of grief.

❖ Our condolences and sympathies are extended to **Yunis Khokhar** of Knoxville Tennessee on the death of his father in Karachi.

❖ Welcome to Canada:

As is usual over the summer - a number of visitors came to Toronto and we welcomed them to our homes and our city.

❖ Among the visitors were **Sam Griffin** from Karachi who along with **Patrick and Sheila Samuels** and their children came to attend their niece Sabah's wedding. Also in town for the same wedding was **Mr. and Mrs. Mumtaz Shah**, the groom's parents and **Mr Safer Alam** formerly of Gordon College Rawalpindi.

❖ Also vacationing in Toronto this summer were **David and Georgina Matthias** from Los Angeles who, together with their children Farah and June, met a number of old friends and acquaintances. **Steven and Preetha Paul** dropped in from Muscat to check out the scene. We also heard that **Javed Paul** and **David Charles** were also around as were **Sammy and Rima Mall** from Washington DC who popped in for the weekend to attend a friend's wedding.

❖ **Professor Inayat Din** from Karachi University's Institute of Business Administration is in Vancouver these days visiting his daughter Florence who has just given birth to a baby girl. It was also good to see **Ameen Paul** who paid a short visit to Toronto from San Francisco. Welcome Ameen.

❖ This summer we said goodbye to **Tinku and Minnie Johnson** who moved back to Karachi after three years in Canada. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them when they visit their children who are still in Canada.

❖ Events:

❖ An inspiring **“Sham-e- Zaboore”** service was held at New Apostolic Church, Brampton on Saturday 19 August 2006. Everybody enjoyed singing “Zaboors”. The highlights of the evening were solo spiritual hymns sung by Aqob Suleman, David Dean and Junior. The service was led by Shariq Sohotra. A

fellowship dinner followed the service and we were surprised to learn it was also Farzana Shariq's birthday. Happy belated birthday, Farzana.

❖ The New Covenant Church of Canada organized the **Toronto Christian Convention** in mid August. A large number of people



Dr. William Johnson

attended the three day event. Dr. William Johnson, Bishop of the Pakistan Gospel Assemblies in Pakistan spoke at the convention. Sister Nasima Khan formerly from Peshawar also gave a powerful testimony



Vijay Benedict

❖ A number of Christians were blessed through the singing and testimony of popular Indian Gospel singer **Vijay Benedict** who held a concert at the Bramalea Baptist Church at the end of September. The event was organized by the South Asian Evangelical Christian Fellowship.

❖ Other News:

❖ For thirty years, **Parkash Samuel** worked at the Library of Congress in Washington, D C. During this time, he was inspired to publish a book, **“Jesus' Select Group”**. It is a descriptive study of the apostles and how Jesus selected his men to do His mission. Copies of the book are available from Wilbert Isaacs (905-820-6444) for \$10.00. The money will be given to National Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, USA.



Michelle Massey - Blind Ambition

❖ **Michelle Massey's** new film **Blind Ambition** will be released in cinemas early next year. This budding Hollywood actress is the daughter of Robert and Barbara Massey. Her two other movies – US Visa and Love in America will soon be available at your local Blockbuster Video. Good luck Michelle. We hope to see you in many more films!

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❖ Prayers and Thanksgiving

❖ **Your prayers** are requested for **Farooq Rahim Bakhsh** who is recovering from colon cancer surgery; **Mrs. Khurshid Alam** who broke her hip and is currently undergoing rehab in Brantford; **Mrs. Stella Mand; Mrs. Joyce Faiz; Mr. and Mrs. Archie James; Mrs. Olive Fazal Elahi**, who is in the hospital, battling cancer; **Rashida Wahab; Chaudhry Albert Ghori, Shamsheer and Rani Rana, Mary Nundy** and others we know who are sick.

❖ We thank God for his healing hand and pray for those recovering from surgery and other illnesses - **Beulah Samuels; Shirin Pakyam, Jennifer Khokhar, Zari Gill, Lynette Alamshah, Vincent Samuel and Olive (Laddi) Jalaluddin** who is recovering from recent knee surgery.

**“If we with all our heart and soul
Devoutly love the Lord,
We’ll talk of Him to those we meet
And share with them His word”
God bless you all.**

Priobala Khan

You are invited to a Christmas Carol Service and Nativity Play

Saturday November 25th, 2006 at
St. Luke's Anglican Church
1513 Dixie Road, Mississauga
3.00 p.m.

Come and share in the Christmas spirit

*with friends and family.
Special features for children*

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Friday 8 December 2006
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For information and tickets call:

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Share Your News...

I would again request you to share your news with us. This paper connects us with friends, family members and other Christians around the world. We send the paper to USA, England, Pakistan and of course, across Canada. This is your paper and we all share in its' success. Some members of the body of Christ are called to serve in places of prominence; others to labour quietly behind the scenes. Regardless of what the Lord asks us to do, let's be willing to do it by serving one another through love, knowing that ultimately we are serving the Lord.

He can use us in wonderful ways when we lay aside our personal differences and pull together on the rope, we can show our love for one another and our Lord by sharing our time, talents, and treasures. So let's pull together and work for the honour of the Master.

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support that have kept his paper going so far. Keep us in your prayers.

Priobala Khan

CLF Seminar highlights plight of Pakistani Christians

On 16 September Christian Liberation Front Canada (CLF) held a Seminar at the World Vision Auditorium in Mississauga to welcome their President Mr. Shahbaz Bhatti to Canada. Bhatti, who is also the President of the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance, was visiting Canada and the United States to create awareness about the plight of Christians in Pakistan. During his visit to Canada, Bhatti met with Stockwell Day, the Minister responsible for Public Security, held an extended phone conversation with Peter McKay, Canada's Foreign Minister and met with members of the Foreign Relations Committee in Ottawa.

A capacity crowd attended the Toronto event which was opened with prayer and a Bible reading. Popular Christian poet Javed Iqbal recited a powerful poem about persecution.

Mr Bhatti began his speech by recalling Quaid-e-Azam's vision for Pakistan – a Pakistan where everyone would be treated equally irrespective of caste or religion. He explained how, along the way the Constitution was changed – and how this

changed the lives of Christians in Pakistan forever. Zia-ul-Haq degraded the status of Christians, making them second class citizens. The Hudood Ordinance further downgraded the legal status of all minorities in Pakistan.

Bhatti spoke at length about a new alarming trend that had arisen in Pakistan where young girls from Christian villages are kidnapped, raped and then forced to convert to Islam. A number of factory workers and domestic servants have been kidnapped this way. When challenged, their cases are referred to Sharia courts that are not accessible to non-Muslim lawyers. He shared how the blasphemy law had become a lethal weapon in the hands of radicals to falsely persecute Christians and other minorities.

Bhatti also told the gathering that Muslim students were given an additional 20 marks in their pre-university examinations for learning the Quran. These marks are reserved for Muslim students only – so non-Muslim students receive a lower aggregate and are often disqualified from admission to professional colleges because of lower marks.

Bhatti acknowledged the efforts of the current government but said that much more needed to be done. He appealed to Pakistani Christian communities living abroad to express their solidarity with their persecuted brothers and sisters. The need for equality for Christians in Pakistan at par with other Pakistani citizens is more important now than ever before. He pointed out that since the death of Justice Shahani, no Christian judge has been appointed to any of the high courts or to the Supreme Court. He appealed for greater solidarity and support for the many difficult challenges that face Christians in Pakistan. It is only when Pakistani Christians across the globe establish an unbreakable bond with the Christians of Pakistan that awareness can be raised and the plight of Christians brought into the limelight.

The evening ended with an informal reception and networking.



Shahbaz Bhatti

❖ Book Reviews

The End of Innocence by Moni Mohsin - Death and dishonour in a Punjabi garden, published by Fig-Tree- Penguin Books, London

Reviewed by Aamer Hussein

When nine-year-old Laila observes that winter trees “are full of sky”, her older, wiser sister corrects her: “They’re not full of sky, they’re naked.” But Laila has an old habit of finding magic in the world around her. When she sees a film based on a legend of star-crossed love, she feels that Heer should be more like her 15-year-old friend Rani, the inventive, pretty granddaughter of a family servant, than like the buxom, hairy movie star who plays her. Like Heer, Rani embarks on a love affair with a stranger. As little Laila knows already, the kind of love that “tears you away from your family... is dangerous”. But Rani wants it all; romance, adventure and the big bright city. Punishment awaits her.

Moni Mohsin’s accomplished and moving first novel deals not only with the aftermath of a dangerous love, but with its effects on an entire community:

retribution, revenge, and the terrible complicity of the heedless in the destruction of innocence. Deeply sensitive to nuances of class and gender, she dissects the diseased psyche of an “honour” killer, showing with patient insight how such crimes are often not so much the result of premeditation as spontaneous violence, with family or clan members conspiring to cover up what has been done rather than colluding with the murderer’s action. Adopting the uncomprehending perspective of a child, she creates a claustrophobic atmosphere of doubt and ambiguity, made all the more compelling by Laila’s unwitting indictment of her playmate.

The End of Innocence is unusual in its setting: the rural farmland of West Punjab delineated in its changing colors and seasons with the minimal brush-

strokes of a Japanese artist. The simple, sensuous prose reflects the multilingual world in which its child protagonist lives, moving easily from Western references to translations of local proverbs and citations of folklore. Sabzbagh, the name of the village, translates as “Greengarden”, which is no doubt symbolic as it can denote, in Urdu, a world of illusion.

The pace of the novel is leisurely and at times hypnotic; dramatic momentum is built up late, crowding events into its last third. Though the central perspective is Laila’s, we see the world through a range of viewpoints. Laila’s liberal father, her well meaning but self-centered mother, her widowed matriarch of a grandmother all have their say. Such a technique demands, perhaps, an inevitable sacrifice of intimacy.



Moni Mohsin

Mohsin’s novel is set in 1971; a careful attempt is made to parallel Laila’s loss of innocence with the division of

Pakistan, when Bangladesh demands independence and India steps in. The threat of war surfaces in conversations. A guest reflects on past and future: “We weren’t meant to split, to shatter. I was there when the country was made.” Echoing her 30 years later, Laila’s father claims: “We will not go to war again. If nothing else, we’ve learnt how ruinously expensive it can be.”

Major General A.A.Rudra by Major General D.K. Palit (Published by Reliance Publishing House, New Delhi 2000)

Reviewed by Don Joshua

As the author explains in his preface “This book is an informal record of the life of Major General Ajit Anil (“Jick”) Rudra as told by him to the author.” So although it cannot be classified as an autobiography it does read like one.

Jick was in the first batch of Indian Officers who were granted a King’s Commission in the Indian Army. This was after Jick had seen action in World War I in Somme in France with the Royal Fusiliers.

In 1914 Jick was studying at Pembroke College in Cambridge when war was declared and he enlisted in the British Army as part of the Universities and Public Schools Brigade, which was formed into 3 battalions of the 16th Middlesex Regiment.

He embarked with his Division to France in November 1915. Their main task was to expand the trench system in preparation for a summer offensive.

He later became part of a machine gun section and while fighting a shell burst and Jick was hit and felt an acute pain in the middle of his back. But there was no blood. Miraculously, a piece of shrapnel hit his back-pack and shredded his iron rations – bully beef, raisins and chocolate - but saved his life.

At the end of the war, Jick was hoping to go to Sandhurst to become an Officer in the Indian Army but instead was sent to Officer Training School in Indore in the

Central Provinces, India in March 1919. Completing his course there, he was posted to the 28 Punjabis, a battalion of the Punjab Irregular Frontier Force (PIFFER), which was then posted in Palestine and saw action in the 3rd Afghan War and World War II.

In his preface the amanuensis of this pseudo autobiography notes that “an auto-biography is a subjective narration and consists mainly of the subject’s view of other people and events.” Two of the events narrated are interesting. Both involved Lt. General Sir Rob Lockhart, the first C-in-C of India under Jawaharlal Nehru.

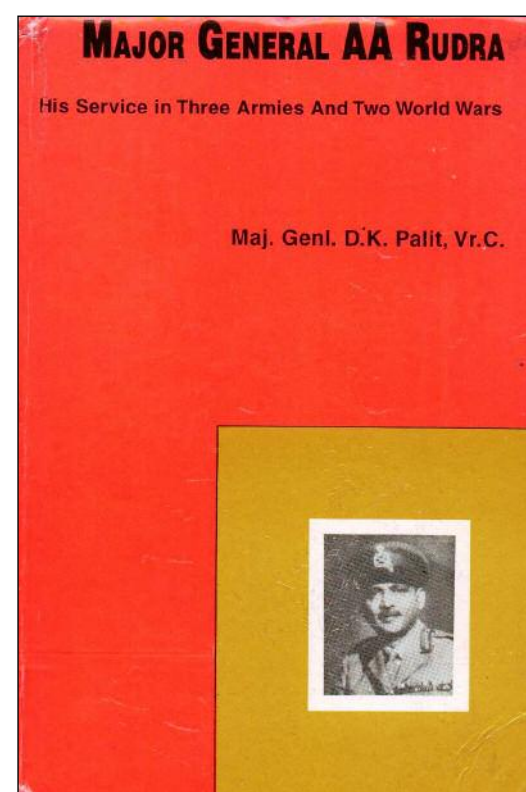
Shortly after Independence, General Lockhart as Army Chief took a strategic plan to the Prime Minister, asking for a Government directive on Defence Policy. He came back to Jick’s office shell-shocked. When asked what happened, he replied, “The P.M. took one look at my paper and blew his top. ‘Rubbish! Total rubbish!’ he shouted. ‘We don’t need a defence plan. Our policy is *ahimsa* (non-violence). We foresee no military threats. Scrap the Army! The police are good enough to meet our security needs.” As Jick notes, the Kashmir War saved the Indian Army.

General Sir Douglas Gracie had been appointed C-in-C of the Pakistan Army and he and General Lockhart daily exchanged information about refugees traversing Punjab in both

directions. One day in late October 1947, Gracie mentioned that he had had reports of tribesmen massing in the area of Attock-Rawalpindi. Both men knew that cross-border raids from Pakistan had been mounted against Poonch. Kashmir was not a part of the Dominion of India and Lockhart felt that the tribesmen posed no threat to India. He did not pass on the information to the Ministry or General Staff.

When confronted by Nehru 3 months later, he admitted this and added that he may have been remiss. Nehru turned to him and asked, “General, are your sympathies with Pakistan?” Aghast, Lockhart replied, “Mr. Prime Minister, if you have to ask me that question, I have no business being the Commander-in-Chief of your forces. I know that there is a boat leaving Bombay in a few days, carrying British Officers and their families to England. I shall be on it.”

He called up his Military Secretary, Jick Rudra the next day, January 26th 1948 and suggested that he should start looking around for a successor since he had resigned his post. Jick felt shell-shocked.



Jick was a Christian and a soldier who rose from a foot soldier to Major General. He served in 3 armies – the British Army; His Majesty’s Indian Land Forces; and the Army of Independent India; and fought in two World Wars. He died in November 1993 at the age of 97 years.

(Major General D.K. “Monty” Patil served with Jick in Landi Kotal in the summer of 1940. This book is a result of their conversations in 1990-91, when “Monty” was Commandant of the 9th Gurkha Rifles Regiment.)

The Bishop and the Protestants

by Linda Walbridge



Bishop John Joseph

Reverend P grew up in Stuntzabad, a village named after the Methodist preacher who founded it. It was the center of the Methodist ministry in the Punjab during the period of the Mass Movement. The settlers of Stuntzabad were from various regions and backgrounds. Reverend P claims that he himself came from a Sikh family. He remembers that on Tuesdays his grandmother and other old members of his family would not do heavy work such as using the spinner. If there was thunder and rain, a person was supposed to throw out a large wooden spoon to make it stop. And there were also people who practiced black magic. He thinks these beliefs are remnants of the Sikh and Hindu faiths. Stuntzabad is not the thriving village it once was. As in Khushpur, many of the children were educated and left the village, leaving behind less successful people who struggle with the not-so-fertile land. He worries that those who have come to the cities are trapped in consumerism; that they have the wrong priorities. They'll rent a video for a week instead of eating nourishing food. They'll build a big house rather than educate their children. But, he said, if a preacher talks about these things from the pulpit, the people will complain that his sermon is not very spiritual. So, the ministers visit people's homes once a month, hoping that in this way they can focus people's attention on social and practical issues.

Thus far, in speaking about Pakistani Christians, I have focused mainly on the Catholics. This is largely because John Joseph was a Catholic. It is also because the Catholic institutional structure makes them an increasingly potent force in Christian life in Pakistan. It is no accident that a Roman Catholic bishop would be viewed as a leader of the Christian community. The centralization of the Catholic Church gives it a stability and uniformity that is not found in Protestantism. On the other hand, Catholics often mention that the Protestants are "doing better" than they are. The Protestants began educating converts at an earlier stage and, in addition, they focused attention on higher education,

such as Murray College and Forman Christian College. Protestants were thus able to attain higher levels of education than Catholics who, at least in the early days, would not have attended Protestant colleges. The Protestants still have a reputation for being better educated. However, it seems that this perception is not based so much on fact as it is on memory of times past. The Protestant colleges in the Punjab were all nationalized and have thus deteriorated significantly. The gap between Catholic and Protestant has clearly narrowed.

Protestantism in Pakistan is as diverse as anywhere else. Not surprisingly the Protestants' primary identity is with a particular congregation; leadership that transcends the congregation lacks real force. Bishop John Joseph came as close as anyone to being the spokesman for Christians. The months following the Bishop's death witnessed more Christian unity than there had ever been in Pakistan. At this juncture, the people on the streets did not care if they were Catholic or Protestant. "Their Bishop"

had died. He was the leader for all the Christians, the "Awami Bishop." There was no question that John Joseph believed that the Catholics and Protestants should be united. He had warm relations with the bishops of the Church of Pakistan, having worked with them on issues vital to the greater Christian community. Judging from the behavior in the streets and in many of the churches, it would have been easy to assume during those months following his death that all Christians were united; that they all believed in the oneness of Christianity and in the struggle for human rights. But visits to some of the smaller denominations and to out-of-the-way churches revealed a somewhat different picture. I found that major divisions among Christians of Pakistan cut across various dimensions: some had to do with style, some with substance and some simply with issues of personal power. And I was not always certain which issue was paramount.

Challenges within the Church of Pakistan

In 1970 a confederation of Anglican, Methodist, Lutheran, and Scotch Presbyterian churches formed the Church of Pakistan. It probably goes without saying that the Church of Pakistan has a major challenge in bringing together such disparate churches. The Anglicans tend to be quite "high church," so a service at the Church of the Resurrection, the Protestant cathedral in Lahore, led by its Anglican bishop, Alexander Malik, does not look that different from a service at the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Cathedral across the street. On the other hand, a service at St. Thomas Church in Islamabad, a member of the Church of Pakistan but originally a Presbyterian congregation, is far more partisan.

Bishop Alexander Malik explained that the union of the churches was "very hurried" and it had not resolved "some of the very sticky problems." The union was seen as a way to strengthen a fractured Christianity in Pakistan. But the problems that have arisen from the union have been significant. The issue

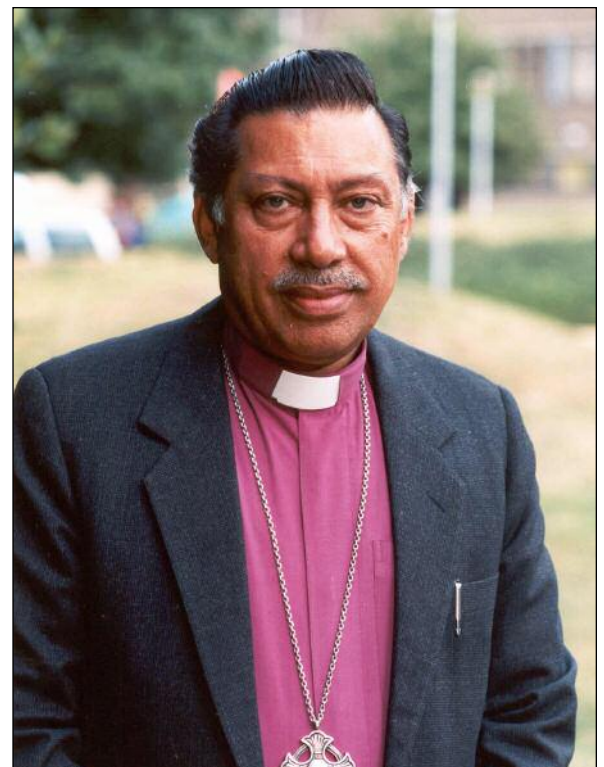
of bishops is almost insurmountable. As Bishop Malik said, "Anglicans have their own understanding of episcopacy. Presbyterians don't know how to exercise the office of a bishop. Methodists also - they have bishops - but their concept of episcopacy is very different. So, these are the problems that still exist"

As a result of these differing concepts of the episcopacy, churches and entire villages have completely different ideas about the role the bishop plays in their affairs. Some churches or villages abide by whatever a bishop decides. Others seem far more independent of the bishop. Thus, I found great

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variation in ritual and in attitudes among the congregations of the Church of Pakistan.

For example, a padre at St. Thomas Church in Islamabad sounded nothing like Bishop Alexander Malik when talking about the Bishop's death and the condition of the Christians in Pakistan. While Bishop Malik talked about the possibility of resorting to desperate measures to change discriminatory laws in the country, the padre at St. Mary's tended to lay blame within the church itself. "We are representing Christianity the wrong way to our people," he said. "We don't educate people rightly." He personally felt that the Christians in Islamabad and in Rawalpindi, a city adjacent to, but older than, Islamabad, were protected by the government. For the past fifteen years, he told me, many people from his congregation have taken out processions on Easter morning. They sing hymns and stop at every corner to do Stations of the Cross. They had not



Bishop Alexander Malik

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encountered any problems. He had to admit, however, that this was probably not due to a liberal attitude, but simply to the fact that the government did not want to appear to be “picking on Christians” so close to the capitol city. Even so, he saw no justification for protesting against the government.

As for Bishop John Joseph, he said, “People don’t think Bishop John Joseph committed suicide. About half the people think this. It would be stupid for him to shoot himself.” He conceded that the people loved the Bishop, but added that they “do not consider him a martyr.” He had not discussed the Bishop’s death with his congregation and said he did not “want any politics in his church.” This statement was a far cry from Bishop Malik’s expressions of praise and admiration for Bishop John and his outspoken opposition to the blasphemy laws.

The Church of Pakistan has eight bishops in the country, one of whom serves as a moderator. But the moderator has little power. After Bishop John Joseph’s death there was a flurry of negative publicity both in Pakistan and abroad regarding the blasphemy laws and the conditions of minorities. Though the Islamist groups and the ulema were vociferous in their refusals to permit a change in the laws, there were some overtures that might have been perceived as conciliatory. On the other hand, these overtures could also simply be viewed as empty gestures. Bishop Malik leaned toward the latter interpretation. When the bishops were invited to attend a nationwide, highly publicized meeting to discuss minority rights, he chose to stay away. He explained that a former Christian MNA had organized the meeting, a man who “is very friendly with the mullas.”

But two of the eight bishops did attend; something that annoyed Bishop Malik greatly.

“Why should we meet the mullas? They are the ones who have made things complicated for us. It is not a communal issue. It is a national issue. We are saying “repeal the law.” The mullas are saying that no one will repeal the law. [In that case] we say, “O.K., don’t repeal the law but then don’t make it applicable to us [Christians]. How about, if in Christian countries they said, ‘Unless you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, you will be prosecuted under blasphemy. This is what you are trying to do with us.’”

The lack of consensus over what type of church and community the Church of Pakistan should be was revealed in my conversations with various padres associated with it. (“Padre” is the usually Pakistani word for Protestant clergy). One example

was the assistant to the bishop at St. John’s Cathedral in Peshawar. His education had consisted of Biblical training, the study of Islam, and preaching - far less broad and deep than that of a Catholic seminarian or the older Protestant padres. He had received what he called “padre training,” which consisted of two years of study in the Protestant seminary in Karachi. Unlike the priests whom I had come to know, this padre spoke about the importance of teaching Christianity to the Muslims. He felt it was unacceptable that Jews and Muslims did not believe that Christ was the Son of God. He proudly showed me photographs of himself in the local jails where he taught the gospel. He was not, he assured me, openly preaching, but was showing “love and fellowship” to Muslims in the belief that this will convince them of the truth of Christianity. Aside from prisoners, he and his fellow padres and workers were ministering to the Afghans in refugee camps, providing them with food and clothes and teaching them the gospel.

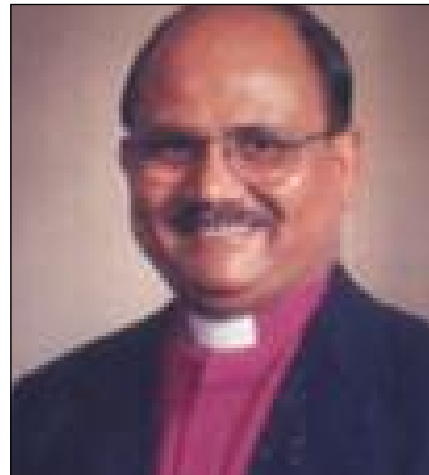
The padre’s training had been based on a Pentecostal model, something that makes many of the church leaders uncomfortable. Several people told me that American Pentecostals contribute heavily to promoting their view of Christianity and have had their influence felt in the Protestant seminaries. The dislike of Pentecostals for Catholics was clearly reflected in this padre’s life. He himself had been raised a Catholic. But, he told me, “The Holy Spirit came to me, and my life has changed in the Church of Pakistan.” It was a “tragedy” he said that his family remained Roman Catholics.

Thus, while the leaders of the main churches in Pakistan focused entirely on their own congregations and on finding a basis for harmony between Christianity and Islam, the padres did not always follow suit. Local control over their activities, as we will see later, is made more difficult when the padres are funded by foreign proselytizing churches.

After speaking to the padre, I spoke with the wife of his superior, the bishop of the North-West Frontier Province. She is from India, where her husband received his initial training. After that they lived in Britain for twenty years. She is aware of the problems facing her church. She attributes them to poor education found in the seminaries these days. “If you want rigorous theological training,” she said, “we really have no choice. In India they have good education, but we can’t go there. We can’t afford to send our priests abroad.

The general quality of education in Pakistan is low so you can’t expect the seminaries to be much better.”

Bishop Samuel Azariah of the Church of Pakistan’s Raiwind diocese reiterated these sentiments. He was especially concerned with the fact that St. Thomas Seminary in Karachi



Bishop Samuel Azariah

was not training seminarians to deal with the special needs of Pakistan. It is still based on a “colonial” model, one that does not focus on the development of the people.

The Awami Bishop

Bishop John Joseph apparently saw himself as the leader of all Pakistani Christians. As the years went by he became increasingly ecumenical in his approach, realizing that sectarian divisions among the Christians in Pakistan only hurt their position in society. Even when the leaders of various Protestant churches and denominations spurned his politics, their congregations were likely to follow John Joseph out into the streets. These urban and rural poor, regardless of denomination, were the people John Joseph became increasingly concerned about in the 1990s. No other religious leader, legitimate or not, had the prestige of Bishop John Joseph. While

his reputation as the leader of the poor increased, however, so did criticism of his activities. There was, of course, the church hierarchy that felt his activism both inappropriate and dangerous. And there were the people he had left behind in his own village. Was he not paying too much attention to people who were “not his own” - not relatives, not fellow villagers, perhaps not even Catholics? And perhaps most important, they were not members of his “caste.” Bishop John Joseph was clearly associating on a close, personal level with people well beneath his station in life. The “Churhas” had become “his people.”

After John Joseph’s death, Christians of all denominations were left to sort out for themselves whether they should stand up to the government or try a more gradual approach to change. Should they go back out onto the streets and carry out hunger strikes, or should they pray and leave the arbitration to the bishops?

After the Bishop’s death, they were also left in another quandary. Did the bishop actually shoot himself or was he murdered? If he shot himself, did he do so as an act of protest? And if he shot himself, how should his memory be treated? For most rank-and-file Christians in Pakistan, the first question was the most difficult.

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