

STEP OUT IN FAITH



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WONDERFUL NEWS FROM PAKISTAN

We saw hundreds of people saved and outstanding miracles of healing. This is only because you have sent me and stood with me in finance and prayer. Thank you.

“Oh Lord, give me faith to go! If you do not want me to go, please stop me now.” I leave the check-in line at the airport. I then step back in. “It’s the wrong time to go to Pakistan,” I don’t want to go, I want to come home alive. “Oh Lord,” I call out again, then I hear Him speak, “I have called you and I will not forsake you.” I go.

In Pakistan I am collected by Nazish and head for Sailcot. I am given Pakistani dresses to wear all the time. I have to travel with my face covered and I am not allowed out of the car. I am invited to speak at the largest Anglican cathedral in Sailcot which went well. We then head for a village and walk through handfuls of rose petals into a large courtyard of several hundred people. I preach the Gospel to today’s situation, the people respond and get excited. Soon more and more people come; the balconies of the surrounding houses fill up, then the roofs fill up with people as Jesus heals the sick. Suddenly two people born deaf and dumb are healed and repeat English words after me and everyone explodes into praise to God. The joy was so ecstatic that we all began to jump and dance for joy. No-one wanted to go home and as I leave for the next meeting, children run beside us to the end of the village. We had seen over 300 conversions that day.

Next day the same thing happens. A Moslem walking past the church suddenly gets healed on the street and hearing us preach Jesus came straight in and testified that Jesus had just healed him. This too caused much excitement and resulted in many invitations to preach in more villages.

We spent 2 days training pastors and evangelists and anointed 30 to go out to the villages and then went to Lahore for the 3-day crusade. The crusade welcomed me with fireworks and had closed off two streets for the conference, as I would not pay for a hall. I gave the Gospel and 32 people responded to Jesus.

Next morning at 5.30 a.m. the Lord spoke and said “You have preached the Gospel, now get out.” Never has the Lord spoken to me like that, there was an urgency about it that had to be obeyed promptly. I would have to let people down. I go to breakfast. They put on the news, the US embassy has just been blown up, and more churches burnt down. All public transport in Lahore has already stopped.

We phone to cancel the crusade and the Pastor understands. We then head straight out of Lahore and drive round the outskirts to meet the highway. Pastor Shakeels who had tried to join us was stuck on the outskirts, when the local transport had stopped. We picked up the very relieved pastor pleased that at the fact that we had made it out of Lahore safely and drive straight back to Sailcot. The next day, Friday the 3rd, planned for the demonstrations and the visit of George Bush, caused all the Christians to fast and pray for the situation. God answered and the day went amazingly peacefully, so much so that I was allowed to preach at a house church where 200 people squashed into the courtyard of a house. We also then accepted the invitations of the villages and visited 3 each day, until we had to come home. Everywhere there was excitement, healings and response to Jesus. Huge welcome banners, chalk showing the way down narrow alleys, rose petals floating down on me from the rooftops and then up to 7 garlands of roses put round my neck as I entered the crowds of villagers waiting to hear the Word from God. I thanked them for the welcome and the garlands and I said “But only One Person is worthy of such honour.” and I took off the garlands and placed them on the cross of Jesus and said in a loud voice, “Now let us welcome Jesus.” Clapping and response echoed out and they got more and more excited as I shared how much Jesus loved them, what He had done for us on the cross and what He still wants to do for us today. I then prayed for the sick and they were healed and testified to the reality and healings of Jesus in our midst. Many accepted Jesus, they did not care that as Christians they would only get the road sweepers jobs, be denied education and many other things. They had Jesus and Jesus is everything. The hunger for Jesus was greater than I have ever seen and I believe I was seeing revival break out in our midst. On Sunday morning, a burnt Bible inside a bag was found on the church steps where I was to speak, but we took no notice and just carried on. Even the Moslem guarding us with a gun responded to Jesus and joined us in the sinners’ prayer from outside the church. One man testified of a healing from TB of 7 years and brought the doctor’s evidence of healing with him. Two more deaf and dumb were healed, strokes, chests, sore limbs all instantly healed.

The translation of my book was now completed and joyfully received. The Correspondence Bible School was introduced and is being translated by Nazish at present. We have numerous invitations to return. We thank all of you for making this outreach possible and also ask you to pray for protection finance and successful crusades as we leave for Ghana, Liberia and Togo on Friday 17th March. God bless you all richly. From Suzanne and team.