

# Blessed children orphan center / Lahore, Pakistan

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## Annual report

The orphanage “blessed children orphan center” in Lahore / Pakistan was created in November 2019 through a private initiative. The young Pakistani woman Sahrish Pervez, who belongs to the Christian minority, founded the orphanage together with her brothers and sisters and with the support of her family. An uncle gave them a piece of land with an old house in the Lahore neighborhood. But the house was in bad shape, it had to be demolished and rebuilt. In the meantime, Sahrish Pervez and her brother Nabeel had taken in the first orphans, who had to move into the unfinished building.

At first the work was financed exclusively by donations from friends, but the Corona crisis made it increasingly difficult to get money because many people got into need themselves. In May 2020, the Swiss pastor Matthias Müller Kuhn's commitment to the project began, which he became aware of on Facebook. A close cooperation was established with the team that works on site. First, the interior of the house could be completed: a kitchen was installed, the sanitary facilities were put into operation and a floor was laid. The living conditions of the now twenty children who have found a home there improved noticeably.

The space in the house of the orphanage is still limited. There is a bedroom with ten bunk beds;

the children stay in the same room during the day and do their homework. There is a large, easily accessible terrace where the children can play. The kitchen and an adjoining room that is used as a lounge are located on the ground floor. All children attend a public school, where they are well integrated into regular classes. Since the school is not within walking distance, the children are brought there and picked up again by bus. Most of the time they leave early in the morning and come back in the afternoon. After that, a teacher comes to the orphanage every day and supports the children individually in their tasks. Thanks to this good care, many children have made great progress and can now follow well in their classes. Unfortunately, the schools were closed from July to mid-October due to the Corona crisis. This was a great challenge for the team, because most of the time the children had to be looked after and taught in the house.

Many of the children lived in very poor conditions under the most difficult of circumstances before they were sent to the orphanage. That's why many of them are affected by highly contagious diseases that cause inflammation of the eyes and skin. Since the children can now go to the doctor regularly and receive the necessary medication, their health has improved enormously.

Before they went to the orphanage, some of the children had traumatic experiences. They come from broken family backgrounds, their parents have either died or the families are so affected by poverty or domestic violence that their children have had to live on the streets. It is therefore important that these children receive a lot of care and attention in the orphanage. The team takes care of every single child and tries to get back in touch with the original family if possible and to clarify the situation.

The children are provided with everything they need so that they can integrate well in their school: They are given a school uniform, a backpack, writing utensils and shoes. The orphanage "blessed children orphan center" can offer the children a good environment thanks to secure financial support. This took some effort: The climate in Lahore is extreme, in summer it is up to 40 degrees. Fans were installed in the rooms of the orphanage, the water and electricity supply was expanded and a refrigerator

was purchased. In winter it can get cold, up to three degrees at night. So blankets and warm clothes had to be bought for the children and a heater had to be installed in the bedroom.

Thanks to the great effort of the team, which is there for the children day and night, a good atmosphere was created. The children receive psychological and emotional support, love and attention, that helps the children to cope with their difficult experiences. This makes the children look happy, they play a lot, learn eagerly and help each other with tasks. In a short time the orphanage has gained a good reputation. The team receives many inquiries from relatives who want to bring their children to the orphanage. The number of children had to be limited to twenty, the age is between three and twelve years. There is currently a long waiting list.



The children are happy, they have just unpacked the new refrigerator



Here the new mattresses are transported home



The children proudly show their drawings, which were created in a painting workshop. Creative work is fun for the children and promotes their talents.

## Annual billing

(Juli bis Dezember 2020)

Laufende Kosten / 1.7.-31.12.20		Acquisitions / Building 2020	
Food, personal care, Medical treatment, Clothes, shoes, school uniform	3720.00	Refrigerator, freezer	400.00
Wages: cook, bus driver, laundress, teacher, task assistant, overall management	2900.00	10 mattresses	380.00
School fee	650.00	Kitchen / work surface, stove	1850.00
Additional costs: gas, electricity, Water, internet,	250.00	Slab floor, sanitary installations	2210.00
Various: Birthday present etc.	600.00	Painting work	150.00
<b>Total running costs 2020</b>	<b>8120.00</b>	fans	290.00
costs per month	1353.00	Laptop for administration/ LED TV	480.00
Costs per child and month	68.00	<b>Total purchases in 2020</b>	<b>5'760.-</b>

Total expenses 2020 (July to Dec)	<b>13880.00</b>		
donations 2020	<b>14500.00</b>		
Donate excess	620.00		
<b>Budget 2021</b>			
running costs 2021	16236.00	Building: floor on the first floor, Kitchen door, water filter system, chairs, tables,	1320.00
Increase in wages of the team	3000.00	Extension: new bedroom	6500.00
School books, clothes, shoes,	740.00		
<b>Total expenses in 2021</b>			<b>27'796.-</b>



The children are examined by the doctor so that diseases can be recognized quickly and treated properly.



Painting and design is encouraged, it is fun and empowering their confidence



The Christmas present is great fun: everyone receives a plush toy





Sahrish, Nabeel, Maria,  
Team of the orphanage



The children of the orphanage dance and sing at  
a performance at the school

The team of the orphanage "blessed children orphan center" would like to thank everyone who supports their work and makes a contribution so that the children can grow up in a good and loving environment.

Sahrish Pervez, head of orphanage  
Pastor Matthias Müller Kuhn, finance



#### circle of friends „hope for children“

We are a growing group of people who want to do something against poverty. We want to improve the living conditions of the orphans in Pakistan and support the work of the orphanage "blessed children orphan center" in Lahore financially and morally:

We can help directly and without bureaucracy. Our donation goes directly to those in need Children.

If you want to belong to the circle of friends, send us an email. We will add you to our address file and inform you regularly about our activities by newsletter. Donations are always welcome and are thanked. With a small amount you can help.

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Drawing by Rachel, she has lived in the orphanage in Lahore from the start