

Introducing The Qazis



Nadeem and Jamila Qazi

Fellowship International
missionaries to Pakistan



Introducing *Nadeem and Jamila Qazi*



Nadeem was born into a committed Muslim family in India and was raised in Pakistan. He grew up observing the Muslim traditions and studying the Quran. Upon graduation from University he moved to Europe to seek employment but failed in that attempt. He writes, *“I found that my hopes and interests were concentrated solely in my educational degrees; my religious traditions had failed me; there was nothing left to hold on to. I was desperate; not knowing where to go or what to do. Without money and my career in tatters my life had lost all meaning and purpose...the only thought that attracted me was suicide, in a hope that I could find a way out of the rat race.”*

As he wandered the streets of Copenhagen late one evening, his path crossed with a man and woman who asked if he wanted to find love, peace and joy. Filled with great interest, Nadeem went with them to a nearby coffee bar where the two spoke to him about Christianity. What he heard sounded good, but his background and belief in Islam made it difficult for him to be open to the possibilities of a loving God who sent His son to die for his sins. He left the coffee bar with a copy of the Gospel of John in his hands and although he had been taught that Muslims are forbidden to read the Bible, he took it home and read it anyway. The more he read the more questions he had: why was Jesus born in such an extraordinary way? Why was he killed by such a terrible method as crucifixion? Why did he rise again from the dead on the third day? Nadeem returned to the coffee bar to further discuss his readings with the people there. During that visit he learned how these people sought God for direction in their lives and that they deeply expected Him to answer them! Nadeem writes, *“This ... changed my life. Up to that point I had trusted in religion, my studies and my ambitions. All these had failed me when I needed them most. As I considered the implications of this dramatic statement I surrendered my life to Jesus and asked Him to forgive me and come into my life. What a peace came upon me!”*

Nadeem attended a discipleship training center in Germany and then traveled to the Netherlands where he lived with, and worked for a Christian family. It was during that time that he met and married a Dutch woman and they had a family together.

Through a chain of events Nadeem and his family were appointed to WEC (World Evangelism Centre) to serve in Pakistan. His ministry was based in Karachi and while there, his wife and children were living in Murree, 1500 km away, where the children attended Murree Christian School. It was while in north Pakistan that his beloved wife was killed by a landslide accident. Returning to the Netherlands, Nadeem was able to settle the children and for a number of years he used that location as a base for short trips into Pakistan.

(Continued...)

(Introducing Nadeem and Jamila, continued...)

It was during those trips that he met Jamila, a Pakistani missionary, who shared a passion for missions, having been involved in numerous mission opportunities.

Jamila was born into a Christian family and it was in her teen years that she sensed God leading her into service for Him. That sense was confirmed at a Campus Crusade for Christ conference; she writes, “...*during different (conference) sessions God spoke to me and revealed to me that He had a plan for me to go ahead bravely for His opportunities*”.

She completed a Bachelor of Arts and gained experience in the work-world through a number of job opportunities that cemented her studies and helped her broaden her depth of skill and understanding in various components of administration.

Already having a solid administrative background, Jamila was able to receive Bible training when she attended a missionary training centre (Bible College) in the Netherlands; she also served on a number of mission team projects. God provided her the opportunity to study, and be involved in missions in England, Holland, Scotland, Turkey, Germany, Cyprus and Kazakhstan.

Nadeem and Jamila were married in 2001 and moved to Canada several years later where they were involved in a ministry to south Asians in Brampton.

Sensing a calling to return to Pakistan, they spent a year in the country investigating ministry opportunities and applied to serve with Fellowship International. They have been appointed as long-term missionaries and will work as a part of the Indus Christian Fellowship (ICF) team and be involved in a disciple-making and church planting ministry in the densely-populated city of Karachi.

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure, through this letter, to relay the news that Nadeem and Jamila Qazi are formally appointed as missionaries with Fellowship International. As Canadian citizens and now members of our team, they will be deployed to Pakistan, their home country, to catalyze Disciple Making Movements in the Sindh province.

I commend them to you as seasoned workers who have developed skills for their work in both short- and long-term settings. They have demonstrated their passion for disciple-making throughout their lives. They have remarkable stories as to how they have come to Christ as well as how they have been used by Him.

Pakistan is a country that needs spiritual awakening. With a population now exceeding 190 million, Pakistan has less than 1% professing Christian, and no clear figures for the number of evangelicals exists. Currently there are no indigenous evangelical churches from the majority community which is estimated to be 98% Muslim in the Sindh province. Can you imagine that the Qazi's service in the great city of Karachi can change this? I am asking you to pray for a church composed of Pakistani people who have turned to Christ and who will, in turn, win others for Him. The Qazis will join our Indus Christian Fellowship team in the Sindh and work with missionaries in order to see God form the first believing and professing church ever to be established in this province of Pakistan. Can you please consider being part of their team?

I anticipate that as soon as the Qazis have raised their support that they will be deployed to Pakistan and take up their ministries in Karachi.

The Qazis are a godly couple, formed through the Gospel and ready to serve the Lord in the harvest field of Pakistan. I am confident that with your prayers and financial support they will make a God-honoring impact in the years to come.

With you in the grip of God's amazing grace and for His glory,



David Marttunen
Fellowship International Director

Qazi's Vision for Ministry in Karachi

With a population of over 25 million, Karachi is a strategic city and a challenging environment in which to do ministry.

We recognize that each Pakistani is an image of God and is precious to Him. Our vision and desire is to impact Karachi with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by transforming the lives of Pakistanis in creative ways including:

- Vacation Bible school (VBS) for children
- ESL and computer classes
- Out-reach to the marginalized living in Karachi
- Provide micro-finance for small businesses
- Provide assistance with the “ladies-for-crafts” training
- Provide sewing machines for ladies learning crafts
- Develop a community center for women and children to enjoy and have a peaceful environment and to provide a base from which a church can begin meeting in the future.
- Build relationships with local churches.

We recognize that with the tenuous situation in Pakistan there is great need to take advantage of the opportunities that are currently present and to accomplish the tasks God has assigned for us.

—Nadeem and Jamila Qazi



PAKISTAN

At a Glance

(as of 2013)

Geography: Area: 796,095 sq km
Arid mountains in the north and west; desert in the east and southeast

Population: 182 million; Karachi's population is 23.5 million
Urbanites: 37% Population under 15 years: 37%
Life expectancy: 66 years

Peoples:
Pakistan's ethnic population and the groups enumerated must be understood in the context of ethnicity, language and caste—a far more complex arrangement than in most nations.

Literacy: Officially 56% but a more realistic estimate is 25-45%, depending on socio-economic and religious group.

Official language: English is the official government language, Urdu is the national language and becoming widely understood by most Pakistanis. In all, there are 77 languages.

Languages with the scriptures: six with the complete Bible; nine with only the New Testament; 14 with portions of scripture available.

Economy:
Agriculture, light industry and the service sector dominate. High inflation, huge budget deficits and widespread corruption are all crippling factors in economic development. Severe shortages of electricity and gas disrupt normal life and reduce the effectiveness of industry. Poverty affects much of the population, especially in rural areas. Rapid population growth, limited land and water and a crumbling infrastructure are factors that must be addressed. The devastation of the August 2010 floods not only brought immediate havoc, but caused damage to development and infrastructure that will take years from which to recover.

Public debt: 51% of GDP

Income/person: \$1,022 (2% of the US)

Politics:
Muslim politicians lobbied for a separate state, resulting in the partition of British-ruled India at independence in 1947. Pakistan's subsequent history includes four conflicts with India, the loss of East Pakistan (which became Bangladesh), the destabilizing effects of decades of war in Afghanistan and almost constant political upheaval. A series of governments have each been as corrupt as their predecessors. Most recently, politics is increasingly

KARACHI

— At a Glance —

Karachi is the largest and most populous city in Pakistan and sixth most populous city in the world. It is the capital of Sindh province of Pakistan. It is the main seaport and financial center of Pakistan. Karachi is also known as *City of Lights* mainly due to the city's night life; it is famous for being a city that never sleeps. Karachi metro has an estimated population of over 23.5 million people as of 2013 and a population density of more than 6,000 people per square kilometer.

Karachi is the seventh largest urban agglomeration in the world, and the second largest in the Muslim world. It is also the world's seventh least expensive city to live based on cost of living. It is Pakistan's centre of banking, industry, economic activity and trade and is home to Pakistan's largest corporations, include those involved in textiles, shipping, the automotive industry, entertainment, the arts, fashion, advertising, publishing, software development and medical research. The city is a hub of higher education in South Asia and the Muslim world.

Karachi is also ranked as a beta world city. It was the capital of Pakistan until Islamabad was constructed as a capital to spread development evenly across the country and to prevent it from being concentrated in Karachi. Karachi is the location of the Port of Karachi and Port Bin Qasim, two of the region's largest and busiest ports. After the independence of Pakistan, the city population increased dramatically when hundreds of thousands of Muslim Muhajirs from India and from other parts of South Asia came to settle in Karachi.

(Continued...)

polarized between modern secularists and an Islamist extremist minority that has close ties with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Religion:

An Islamic republic with a Sunni majority. Shari'a law is increasingly applied, even to Christians and Hindus, especially in areas where Islamist groups have control or influence. There is a notable degree of religious freedom promised to minorities by law, but in practice, non-Muslims and non-Sunnis must practice their faith cautiously and under varying degrees of threat from Islamists.

- Muslim: 95.8% of the population
- Christian: 2.45% of the population
- Evangelicals: 0.6% of the population

Challenges for Prayer in Pakistan

1. Pakistan's government alternates between inept civilian parties crippled by infighting and corruption, and autocratic military dictatorships. Economic and social development is then hindered, while too much power and wealth lies in the hands of a few elite. The country is under stress from fundamentalist forces in Pakistan's west and neighbouring Afghanistan as well as in the Punjab. Tensions with India and long-standing troubles in Kashmir, a region driven by religious and political divisions, also threaten stability. **Pray for the raising of leaders of integrity and a government that will be effective in moving the nation forward and uplifting those who most need their protection and assistance.**
2. The 2010 monsoon floods wrought devastation from north to south as a gorging Indus River swept away homes, farmland and even entire villages. At least 1,500 people were killed, hundreds of thousands left homeless and an estimated 20 million affected by disease or lack of basic resources. **Pray for Christians—those from Pakistan and those bringing aid from outside—to demonstrate the love of Jesus in meeting both the short- and long-term needs created by this disaster. Pray also that God might use this tragedy to open new doors for the Gospel into these regions among the least-reached in the world.**
3. Fundamentalist Islam, driven by the Taliban, is upheld by a minority, but impacts the whole nation. It has escalated violence against religious minorities, shattered social cohesion and divided the country. It also disables economic development and keeps millions in poverty through the disruption it causes and the values it endorses. **Pray that the true nature of such an expression of Islam might be exposed for all to see, and thereby rendered powerless. Pray for safety for those most at risk under the rule of shari'a. Pray for the government to have insight in how to deal with this force that appears impossible to root out.**
4. Discrimination and persecution against religious minorities take many forms and are directed not only against Christians but also against Hindus, Ahmaddiyas and Shi'a Muslims. The list of wrongs perpetrated makes for very sobering reading. Pray that religious freedom might be maintained, both in law and in practice. **Pray that those seeking to abuse Pakistan's laws to foment terror and hate might themselves be subject to justice. Pray that Christians might always be prepared to share about Jesus, and to repay prejudice with forgiveness and violence with love.**



P.O. Box 457
Guelph, Ontario N1H 6K9

Commitment Form

To be completed by donors wishing to participate on a regular basis (monthly/quarterly/yearly).

Churches or individuals interested in supporting a Fellowship missionary are requested to supply the following information:

1. Name of missionary you wish to support: **Nadeem and Jamila Qazi**
2. Amount of yearly commitment purposed: \$ _____
3. I/We would like to use the Pre-authorized Chequing Plan ____ *(complete section in box below)*

(complete this section if you are interested in using the Pre-Authorized Chequing Plan)

Pre-Authorized Chequing allows donors to give monthly to the missionary(ies) of their choice on a regular monthly basis. On the 15th of each month, your requested contribution will be drawn automatically from your bank account. You can make changes or cancel the plan at any time by writing to the Fellowship Office.

Banking Information:

Branch Transit Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Monthly donation amount: \$ _____

*****PLEASE ATTACH A VOID CHEQUE TO THIS APPLICATION.*****

4. I would like to make my contribution by credit card each month: ____
(if you do not wish to use a credit card, proceed to #5)
____ VISA ____ MasterCard
Card Name (as it appears on the card): _____
Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____
5. This commitment will be sent in: Monthly ____ Quarterly ____ Yearly ____
6. Donor Information (if you are completing this form on behalf of a church, please give church name and address):
Donor Name *(to whom receipt should be made)*: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____ Code: _____
7. I would like to receive my tax receipts *(please check one)*: ____ every month ____ at the end of the year

Signature: _____ Date: _____

It is understood that this commitment will continue until further notice _____.



Return this completed form to:
The Fellowship
P.O. Box 457
Guelph, Ontario N1H 6K9



the fellowship

P.O. Box 457
Guelph, Ontario N1H 6K9

One-Time Donation Form

To be completed by donors wishing to make a one-time donation.

Please print

Personal Information (for receipting purposes)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Province : _____
Postal code: _____ Telephone : (_____) _____
Email: _____

Donation Information

I wish to make a donation towards the ministry of:

Missionary name/Project: **Nadeem and Jamila Qazi** Amount: \$_____

Payment Options – please choose one

☐ Enclosed is my cheque in the amount of \$_____.
☐ Please put my donation on my credit card:
 ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
Card number: _____ Expiry date: _____
Name on the card: _____
Signature of card holder: _____

Other Information

☐ I would like to be a regular donor.
☐ Please send me my tax receipt to me at the end of the year.



the fellowship
SERVE • UNITE • THRIVE

Return this completed form to:
The Fellowship
P.O. Box 457, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6K9