



# The Chopan Trust

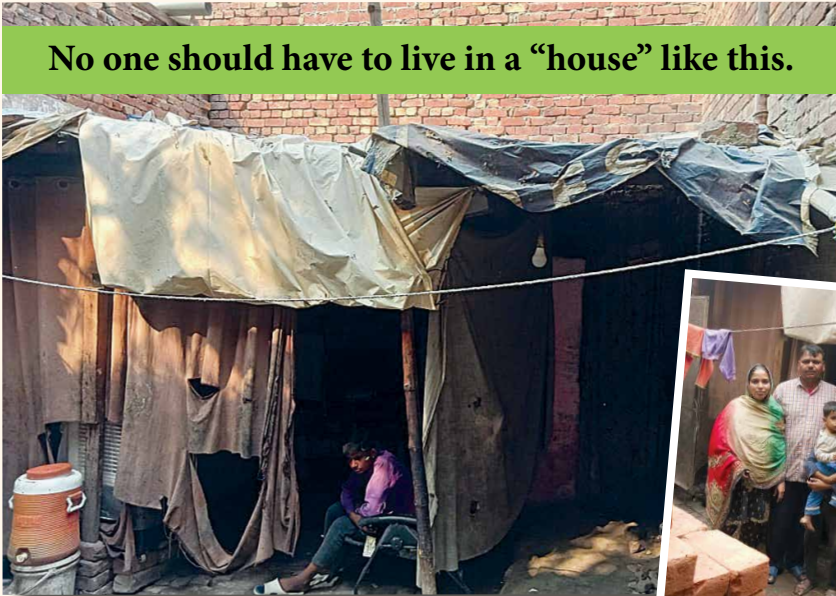
The occasional newsletter from Anser & Kashi Javed  
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Sometimes it is right to be angry about poverty,  
especially among God's children

## Chopan's Action against Poverty

No one should have to live in a "house" like this.



We received this appeal from a friend of Chopan:

*"Sir, we need your help for this lady because she has no good shelter. She is living in flex shelter. When rain comes everything wet by rain... Please prayer must for this lady, she is so much helpless..."*

Kamran, a painter on daily wages, his wife Kiran and their two children, lived in this condition for 17 Years. The Chopan Trust found donors to help construct a small room for them. It didn't cost much but it made a home for the winter for this small family.

### Chopan's Compassion Care

At the heart of our vision is a commitment to extend compassionate outreach to Christians in need — from providing free lunches through Chopan Kitchen to support for widows and orphans.

### Chopan's Child Development Plan

Chopan's *Empower Early Education* programme is working with private schools serving some of Pakistan's poorest children to provide quality education with a strong Christian emphasis.

### Chopan's Spiritual Growth Vision

Chopan promotes the study of the Bible and personal faith through widespread use of the Bible Curriculum in schools across Pakistan. The Chopan team is introducing the books to many Christian schools.

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## Giving a Happy Christmas to 1,000 children

Chopan means "Shepherd" in Urdu. The Angels brought Good News to Bethlehem's shepherds so long ago. This Christmas the Chopan team plans to bring Good News (a festival, food and a warm sweater) to 1,000 poor children from villages and brick kilns. See page 2 for more Good News.



# Chopan's Compassion Care

## Giving a Happy Christmas to 1,000 children



Moved by the photo of these children of brick kiln workers in Village Hangarwal, Anser determined to give them a Happy Christmas.

He wrote:

“We can gather all the children from schools and brick kilns, give opportunities for the children to perform a variety program, celebrating Christmas — and lunch at the end. If possible we will give a gift of a warm school sweater to use during the winter weather (cost: about £3 / \$4 each).



## Planning for the celebration

Anser, Kashi and the team of volunteers planning for the Great Christmas event: 17th December, Don Bosco Technical Training Centre, Youhanabad, Lahore

*“So far reached to 1200 children for the Christmas programme from 7 schools – still not included children from the Hangarwal brick kiln.”*

## Our dreams for 2025

Many of Pakistan's Christians face a bleak future, as the economy shrinks, inflation bites and poverty threatens millions. Here are some of Chopan's dreams.

“In line with Chopan's Compassion Care we receive frequent requests for help for housing, medical needs and food. We would love to launch a regular food program for the poorest Christian families.

Could we also provide 1000 warm quilts to the families of low-paid brick kiln workers (cost: £8 or \$10 each)

No dream will help anyone without money. Can you gift a few Rupees, Pounds or Dollars to make our dreams come true and give a happy New Year to 1,000 families?”



## Meal Project

A local business man came to know the passion of the Chopan Trust.

As director of a factory producing Indomie Instant Noodles ([indomie.com.pk/](http://indomie.com.pk/)), he was able to give us 5,000 packets of noodles for the children of several Christian schools.

With Chopan co-operation he is going further to launch a “Child Development Programme” in Faisalabad.

*“Knowledge is power and a full belly fuels the journey. Textbooks and noodles: simple gifts, endless possibilities!”*



“Ever seen someone light up at something you take for granted? Zain is an orphan child. He was so excited that he would eat noodles for the first time! What seems ordinary to you could be extraordinary for someone else.”



# Chopan's Child Development Plan

To give hope to the poor :: To give strength to the weak  
To let light into darkened minds :: To awaken faith in young lives

Formerly known as the **Chopan 3Es Discipleship Programme (Empowering Early Educators)**, we now prefer to call it our **Child Development Plan**.

Our vision is to empower Pakistan's underprivileged children with the knowledge and skills that can only be given by compassionate and inspired teachers. We believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future for generations to come.

It takes an inspired teacher to inspire a child. Chopan's team of teachers, led by Kashi Javed, now operate from an office in Lahore with facilities and space for 30 trainees.

We aim to develop teaching skills with regular monitoring, train school leaders, and instil a positive mindset.

## Discipleship Centre for Educators

The Chopan Centre is the hub of Anser and Kashi's ambition to make a positive difference to the lives of the next generation. In November they welcomed old friends from Singapore and Malaysia — Geraldine, Shantini and Rajan — to visit and join in training and entertaining. This is the Chopan ambition for 2025 :

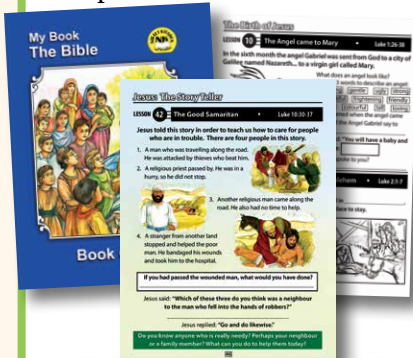
“We aim to provide more than 30 schools with furniture, classroom decoration, projectors for junior classes and libraries. Many poor children need uniforms, school bags and supplies... We wish to give text books to more than 3000 children. Only with your help...”



# Chopan's Spiritual Growth Vision

## Bible books in full colour

Until now the Bible Curriculum textbooks for students have been low cost and in black and white. This month the first book (Class 1 primary) is available enlarged, improved and in full colour.



The old Book 1 and the new: 60 pages in full colour. Books cost about £1 or \$1.25

## The heart of our ambition

A generation of young men and women of faith and hope

We will never be satisfied if we achieve academic success for young people without giving them a reason for living — knowledge of the Bible, faith in Christ and a clear acknowledgement of their Christian identity.

We have built a strong working relationship with the Christian publisher, Nirali Kitaben. They publish the 7 Bible Curriculum books written for Christian students to know the Bible and the life of faith — and also *the Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians* in Urdu. We have already distributed 2500 books this year.

Our goal for 2025 is to provide books free of cost to 90 Christian schools — and to give training to their teachers in the use of the books. A full-time Chopan staff member is dedicated to this ministry. Please help us make it possible!



# Chopan dreaming bigger dreams

Strategic Planning Retreat (Oct 25th to Nov 1st 2024) @ Lahore, Pakistan

## Rajan and Shantini from Malaysia

Rajan and Shantini have been long-term friends and supporters of Anser and Kashi. They were in Pakistan in late October to attend a Chopan Trust planning retreat. This is Rajan's report:



“ We had an opportunity to visit the four schools under the 3E's program. We were encouraged to see the enthusiastic way the principals, teachers and children embraced the new ways of teaching and learning. This was evident from the level of engagement that we witnessed.

**The Seeds of Promise Initiative:** A donor from Singapore blessed the children with school bags and brand-new textbooks. This was very meaningful to children who were used to sharing textbooks and had no proper school bags.

**Chopan Trust is now looking at a few other areas both in the short and long term. This includes:**

- A Scholarship fund for deserving students
- Literacy centres for parents and siblings of the children (not attending school)
- School development fund (school infrastructure / teaching resources)

- Educational resource centre
- Sourcing for a 4 wheel drive as the schools are in areas with poor accessibility
- Buying a building which can become a permanent site for Chopan Trust. It is unfortunate that Chopan Trust has needed to move 3 times within the last year due to issues with various landlords.

We realize that this is only the beginning and the journey forward will be challenging. Even so we are thankful and give glory to God in Christ Jesus for His provision and pray that He will continue to direct and provide in accordance with His will.

**Thank you,  
Rajan**



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Fill in the form (as a Stewardship Guest or if you have a Stewardship Giving Account)

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<https://www.compassionunited.com/search>



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