



# The Chopan Trust

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## 2000 pairs of shoes and a *happy Christmas* for 2000 Pakistani children



### The Christmas Miracle

On 4<sup>th</sup> December Anser wrote: “We can hardly manage shoes for 900 children. We are short of funds for 1100 children.” It looked as if it would be a disappointment for many children. We needed a miracle. God provided!

On 5<sup>th</sup> December a donor wrote: “...trustees just approved a £5000 gift for the shoe appeal” and on 6<sup>th</sup> December: “...trustees gave another £5000... so total £10,000”. On 8<sup>th</sup> December Anser paid for 2000 pairs of shoes.



# A very happy Christmas

for more than 2000 excited young people

**17th December:**

They came in their hundreds — more than 1200 children, some with their teachers or parents, some volunteers or performers — and all excited and expecting a Day to Remember.

**Christmas 2025**

This was just the beginning....



They came to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus with a unique and effective display...



## After the Big Event

The Chopan team was not finished. They went to schools for poor students in villages and brick kilns outside Lahore.

*“Our staff were so excited to see children coming without shoes — and we gave them shoes and bags, with food parcels as the children sang and danced.”*



They also came to eat cake. Christmas gifts were given to everyone: Shoes, a school bag and snacks for the young, and a Christmas cash gift for 90 teachers and happy parents.



## Shoes and school bags



The Chopan target was for 2000 pairs of shoes and 2000 school bags.

As Christmas gifts, they gave away

- ❖ 2200 pairs of shoes
- ❖ 2500 school bags
- ❖ 120 cash gifts and food parcels
- ❖ And a very Happy Christmas to everyone



And last — but by no means least — for every student a New Testament with the Psalms, courtesy of the Gideons...



## Now the loudest request...

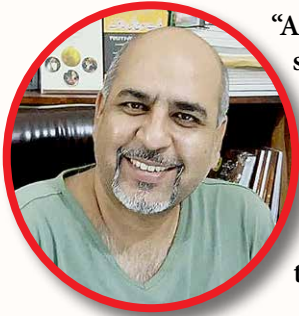
*“Thank you for the school bags.*

*We have bags, but now we want school books!”*

School books will be needed in March. Chopan Trust needs the funds to provide books to 3000 children.



# “Chaotic need and Quiet hope”



“At the threshold of a new year, we sense that Pakistan is standing between chaotic need and quiet hope. It is not a time for despair. It is a time to sow seeds of hope. Education, compassion and partnership promise a brighter tomorrow.”

Our Chopan story that began as simple acts of compassion has grown into stories of dignity restored. Children who once walked barefoot now walk to school with shoes, bags, and confidence. Classrooms once empty of resources are slowly filling with learning, laughter, and Scripture. Behind every number is a child who feels seen and valued.

## Pakistan at the start of 2026

The current population of Pakistan is 257 million, 3 million more than a year ago;  
An annual increase of about 1.6%.  
Christians form officially 1.37% of the population, approx. 3,500,000 (and possibly more).

Young people like Lishba and Yashwa remind us why this work matters. Born into poverty, burdened by daily survival, their dreams seemed out of reach. Yet with timely support, those dreams are now becoming real paths toward education, skills, and a future built on faith and purpose.

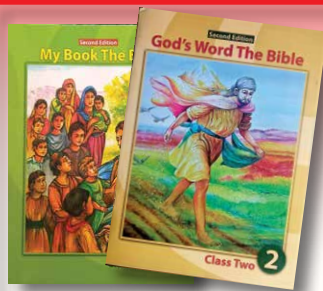
The challenges remain real. Thousands of children still need books to fill their school bags. Many capable students wait for scholarships that could change the direction of their lives. Teachers in low-cost schools continue to seek training, encouragement, and the tools to serve better.

Every gift, every prayer, and every act of generosity moves Pakistan one step closer to hope for the neglected and dignity for the forgotten.

2026 can be a year where faith with action and small sacrifices will lead to lasting change.”



Adult literacy class:  
EROS School



## The next Challenge: Books to fill those bags

The opportunities to make a difference are huge and endless, but we really want to help those children with their studies. We aim to provide 3000 sets of essential books before March — plus books for their Bible studies.

Cost for a set: £7 / Cost for 100 sets £700



## Hope for the neglected

Chopan Trust continues to receive new applications for the “Neglected Ones” Scholarship Initiative.

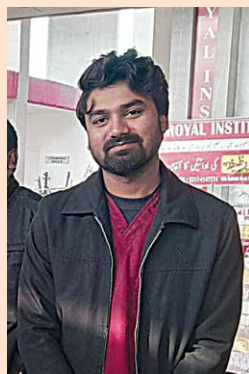
Young Christians whose dreams were dashed now hope again to pursue BSN Nursing and other advanced programmes. We cannot yet support them all, but with the help of compassionate partners, many more will rise to build lives of dignity and faith. Every scholarship is a seed of hope. Each dream is seen.

### Toward a brighter future

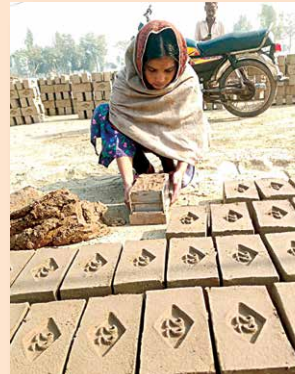
Yashwa’s father drives a rickshaw and the family lives in a rented house. He has three siblings and completed his Class 10 Matriculation exams in 2021.

His father had ambition for his son and wanted him to continue his studies, but their financial situation made it impossible. To support the family, Yashwa began working every evening in a restaurant.

Then he came to know about the Chopan scholarship scheme and his hopes were raised. He applied and was accepted to pursue a Diploma in Operation Theatre Technology — a step toward a brighter and more stable future.



### A dream come true



Lishba Maqbool was brought up in rural Raiwind where her parents work on a Brick Kiln. She has to help them meet their financial needs, so she goes with them to make bricks every day after her school and college.

She is a bright student and got admission to college. Her parents tried to pay her fee by taking loans from the Brick Kiln owner.

Then she came to know about the Chopan Trust. She applied and is now enrolled in Superior University as a student of Dental Technology on a four year programme. Chopan Trust is committed to pay her fee for the rest of her course.

# Personal reflections

## A special day for Chopan's 3Es Programme

9th December, Kashi's report:

"We just wrapped up a full day of training at the Chopan Trust Teacher Training Hall as part of the Chopan 3Es Program. It was an energizing session where teachers explored early physical development, the Reggio Emilia approach, movement-based learning, emotional support strategies, and nature-focused activities.



"What made the day special were the personal reflections. One teacher shared that the strategies she learned will help her not only in the classroom but also at home with her own children. Another comment came from Akash of the Mercy School. His school had grown from 100 children to 175 as a result of the improvement in teaching. He also said that their parents are now more willing to pay the school fees."



### "I never taught a class before.."



Hina from the Knowledge Zone School had just finished school herself and had no training. The children she taught came from families earning less than a pound a day. She wanted to help but didn't know how. Chopan Trust's 3Es Program changed everything. It trained her, encouraged her, and helped her become the confident teacher she is today.

# Hygiene and health

"Thank you for your generosity!"



Wilshire Laboratories, an established pharmaceutical company in Lahore, generously donated 7000 hand sanitizers to Chopan Trust. We have distributed them to orphan homes and schools in Lahore.

They have further provided 20 cartons of medical supplies, so that we now are able to plan medical camps in poor areas of the country in coming weeks.



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