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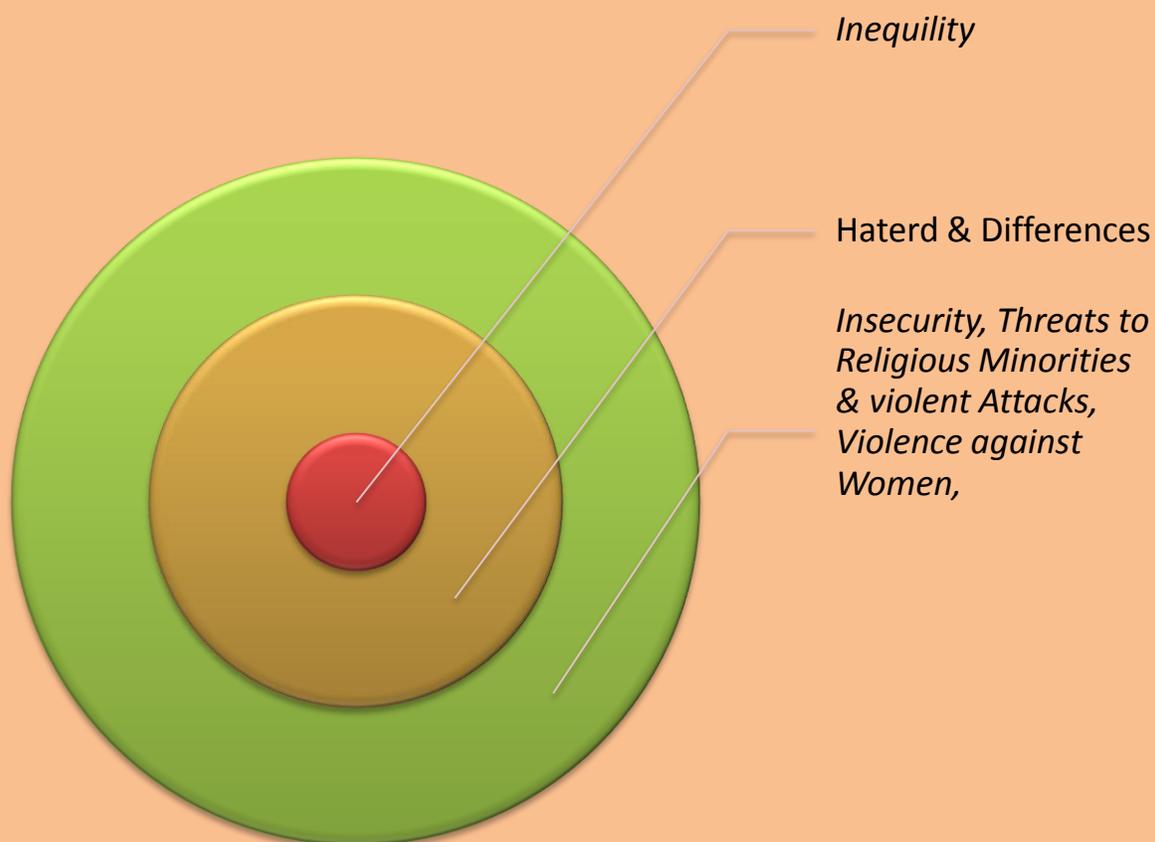
Executive Summary

The exploitation, violence and persecution against Christians are that of increasing across the country, throughout the greatest threat to fundamental rights of the non-Muslim citizens of Pakistan. The critical rising situation of inflation, unemployment, worst law and order situation, political instability, extra judicial killings, target killings, enforced disappearances, violence against women, discriminatory practices against religious minorities such as misuse of blasphemy laws, Hudood Ordinances, injustices at workplace against non-Muslims and attacks on places of worships are alarming for great threats to peace and security. The depressing fact is that the parliament did not pay adequate attention to the vital issues, quite a few of which affected national security, except for an initiative it took to address the uprising militancy and law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhaw, Punjab, Sindh and Baluchistan. In the senate of Pakistan, majority community had never provided the representation to Christian Proportional to the population and it was basically a denial with equal basic democratic rights in the country.

The failure of the administration of the criminal justice system is also reflecting in the increased incidence of crimes against women - the number of honour killings, rape, domestic torture and acid attacks etc. An outright disrespect for fundamental rights, both by the state and the communal elements, was also visible in the crimes and excesses perpetrated against religious minorities. The protection of all citizens is a fundamental responsibility of the state and its subsidiaries. Nor do they absolve the government of its primary duty to protect all citizens.' Effective prosecution would serve as a deterrent to future attacks of this nature. The government was again too timid to take on the obscurantist elements and make amendments in the law.

Article 2 of the Constitution of Pakistan declares that Islam will be the state religion and Article 2-A makes the Objectives Resolution a substantive part of the Constitution. Non-Muslim citizens cannot hold two of the highest public offices of the state and Islamic provisions of the Constitution (Articles 227-230) are designed to ensure that all laws conform to the Holy Quran and Sunhah. Citizens belonging to other faiths are systemically excluded and relegated to a secondary position. The increasingly religious character of the Constitution, with General Zia's

Eighth Amendment protecting his draconian vision and measures violates the principle of equal citizenship on which the entire edifice of democracy rests. Every provision that reduces the citizenship status of groups of people contradicts Article 25 (1) of the fundamental rights chapter which pronounces that all citizens are equal before the law. Similarly, Article 8 (1) avers that any law, custom or usage that is inconsistent with the rights conferred by this chapter shall be null and void. It follows that all the provisions that create discrimination and inequality among citizens should be removed.



The accusations of religious offences are numerous. Laws based on religion are relatively easy to enact but virtually impossible to reform or repeal in an atmosphere of religiosity. Since independence, Pakistan's civil society is locked in the debate regarding the influence of religious norms in the laws of the country. Most of the people find comfort in concluding that the

misinterpretation in religion is the root cause of the problem, rather than the fusion between religion and State policies and laws.

CTS visited Brick kilns in Sheikhpura

On 24 September 2015 CTS visited Lalo Fmun District Shaikhupura. The visit was assisted by a local Pastor Ulfat Anjum who is working with CTS in Sheikhpura. CTS team promoted the value of education among the disadvantaged people on the brick companies and bounded labors.

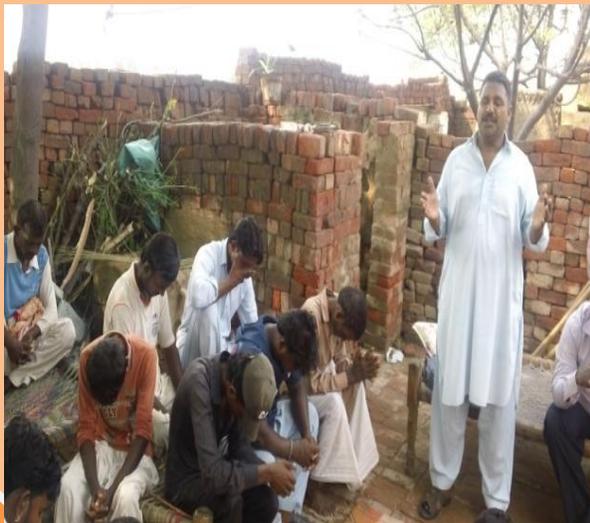
People showed interest to go to school but they are deprived of facilities. Children complained that schools are far away from their resident place and they are not allowed by parents to go to school at such a difference. People are afraid of mishaps among children and especially girls because of kidnapping rape and forced marriages with the teen aged girls.

Parents requested CTS team if they can avail opportunity of School at their brick kiln, would be easy approach for children to go for studies.

They also asked help for the skill training of young girls and women and also for the youth development. CTS Team was happy to see the interest of people to get education and gain trainings and technical skills to change their socio-economic situation. CTS is committed to the people for opening a school for the children on the brick kiln and also to arrange technical trainings for a selected group of young boys at technical college in the city, to gain proper skills and trainings.

Same as CTS is committed to do for girls for their self trainings and other courses that may help them in earning respectably.

Few Pictures of the People on the Brick kiln in Sheikhpura





Suicide Bombs blasted in Youhanabad Churches

It was Sunday morning of March 16, 2015, a big number of Christian community in Youhanabad (a biggest area populated with a big number of Christian community in Lahore) were gathered in the churches for worship in routine. A group of four terrorists entered to the church compounds of St. John's Catholic Church and Christ Church of Protestants' community and the opened fire on the security. Two of them were armed with the bombs as they were suicide bombers. They tried to enter into the church as they aimed to attack people inside the church. A few Police constables including the youth of the church were on the church gate as security. Christian youth stopped attackers some foot away from the church gate, when terrorist failed to reach their target and they were caught by the police and people, there was not any other choice for them except they blasted themselves at the gate and two young Christians named Qaiser Masih aged 24, Akash Bashir aged 20 and two police constables who stopped them to enter in to the Church were also shattered in to pieces along many others who were around and their body parts flew in the air.



It was terrible to be on the scene when 15 died on the spot and hundreds were critically wounded. The injured were immediately shifted in the General Hospital Lahore and few other hospitals for emergency treatment through ambulances and private vehicles.

A heavy police force was alert around Youhanabad including Captan Usman Deputy City Police Officer Lahore, Senior Superintendent Police, for Operations in Lahore. Tahir Khalil Sindu (Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs) Kamran Michael (Minister of Ports and Shipping) was all present at the spot. But the aggressive

Christians did not accept their solidarity and did not let them enter in to the Youhanabad to see the occurrence place. The mob has have been chanting slogans against Tahir Sindhu and Karman Michael and called them touts of the government.



Soon after the bomb blasts in the churches Christians' True Spirit (CTS) team including Sunil Karamat and Ms. Nomee and four volunteers rushed towards the occurrence place to help and rescue injured. A crowd of Christian youth, and young Christian residents of Youhanabad took gathered at the spot. They became aggressive and they started to raise slogans against the terrorists, police and the government as well. They became aggressive and held responsible police and the Punjab government for the law in order situation because of their negligence and ignorance.

Meanwhile police arrested two suspicious young men armed with guns who were found running away from the church boundary and they were involved in attack on churches. Later CTS got the word that aggressive mob snatched those arrested men from the

police custody and burn them alive inhumanly on the road, to take revenge of Shama and Shahzad who were burnt alive in the brick kiln at Kot Radha Kishin Kasur which is unbelievable that Christians killed someone brutally.

Since 9/11 and after the cartoon Issue in 2005 (cartoon made by a journalist in Denmark) when several churches were attacked and burnt by the extremists groups in all over Pakistan and mostly in Punjab, militants and Pakistani Taliban used to attack worship places of minorities including Christians. Since the time Christians persecuted, Christian colonies and churches were burnt in Shanti Nagar, Sangla Hill, Christian Colony Gojra- Toba Take Sing, village Korean, Bahmani Wala Kasur, Jeathike Samberyal-Sialkot, Aziz Colony Khokher Ki Gujranwala, Francis Abad Gujranwala, Joseph Colony Lahore and recently attack on innocent Christians at All Saints Church Peshawar through bomb blast. The culprits of attacks were set free by the courts without punishment but the Christians in Pakistan always kept silent as they follow Jesus Christ The King of Peace.



Talking to the news Ms. Nomee Coordinator CTS said that killing of two Muslims is condemnable. It is inhuman attitude to kill someone brutally. She further said that she cannot believe that Christians can kill people like this as they do not have enough courage to kill someone like this as they ask peace and want to promote peace and harmony. Pakistani Taliban had accept the crime that they blasted the bombs in the churches, and she

was sure that they himself killed the two arrested when the police arrested them to avoid any investigation of police otherwise police could find clue of the master mind behind this attack, she said. It is also point that when police arrested terrorists why they did not take them to the police station or away from the mob as police kept them among the mob for almost half hour, which clearly indicate that there was something wrong and police was involved in killing them, Nomee said.

During this bomb attack on the churches not only in Youhanabad Lahore but in different other places in Province Punjab, the angry Christians showed their grieved and aggression, come out of houses, blocked main roads, threw stones over the vehicles,

break the windows of the cars to show pain and solidarity with the innocent Christians killed. A crowd of over 5000 Christians was in Youhanabad out of police control therefore police has had to do shelling of teargas. Christian NGOs, Church Organizations and individuals staged protest demonstration against the government and held Government responsible for this brutal attack as the Pakistan government is failed to protect Christians and other minorities in Pakistan.



Due to the fear of terrorist's attacks on churches since 2005, Christians asked government to provide sufficient security to avoid any unpleasant incident. In every country Police is responsible to provide security to the masses and to control the law and order situation, as the police department is considered a strong institution of the state but police in Pakistan do not bother to take responsibility. It is prejudice that due to the religious matters minority communities suffered. They provide few constables as security to the churches, which are not only insufficient but also not alert. They not doing their jobs fairly therefore every small and big church in Punjab has appointed their youth as security of the church. Because of Christian youth terrorists could not entered in to the church and they blasted themselves at some distance and they saved thousands of people's life by sacrificing of their own lives.

On March 17, 2015 a big crowd of Christian community attended funerals and burial of the Martyrs under the heavy security of Ranger's police.



After funerals and burial of Martyrs of Youhanabad attack Masiha Milat Party (MMP) called an urgent meeting of Christian NGOs including CTS, Qumi Mahaz and few others and prepare a press briefing for the news papers and electronic media. They said that Pakistani Christians are not timid, they are not less in power but they are peaceful and calmed. They also asked the government to ensure life security and demanded justice and peace to live peacefully in Pakistan.

There is a serious threat by Muslim extremists groups to the residents of Youhanabad after the killing of two terrorist burnt by the Christians on the spot as they claimed the terrorists were innocent. The Muslims had have been staging protest demonstration for the arrest of Christians as the police has already arrested 80 Christians from Youhanabad and they warned police that if they failed to arrest them they will take the law in their own hands to punish them. It is terrible and tense situation in Lahore,

Christians in Pakistan are afraid after this occurrence as they are openly threatened by extremists groups.

Majority of Christian residents in Youhanabad has fled for safety as they are afraid for their lives. According to a few T.V news channels extremists have prepared a list of people who are on target as they killed Muslim brothers. Police and the Government of Punjab is directly or indirectly involve and responsible for this atrocious attack on Christians in the church. Four FIRs has have been registered at Nishter Town police station, Lahore against 250 Christians. Several Christians are arrested and beaten by the police in the police stations.

Christians faced crucial time in Pakistan after brutal attacks on Churches in Youhanabad, Lahore

On March 15, 2015 two suicide bombs blasted in two main big churches, Catholic Church and a Church of Pakistan at Youhanabad Lahore, 15 Christians killed at the spot and several injured who were taken to the hospitals for emergency medical treatment. More died in the hospitals and the total number of casualties increased to 30.while a number of people were in ICU in a critical situation, dying after one another. There are about 10 injured of the incident still under observation in the General Hospital Lahore.

It is fact that after terrorist attack on Churches, Christians became aggressive and they staged protest demonstration against the government administration held them responsible for attacks and blamed for not providing proper security to the church when they worship. Christian community was still in mourning because they lost their love ones in the bomb attack at All Saints Church Peshawar 2 years ago. The survivors of Peshawar attack are still under medical treatment and many of them become paralyze because of fractures.

When Christians heard about the bomb attack on churches in Youhanabad they came out on the roads. The eye witnesses told that there were four attackers two of them were suicide bombers while other two were armed with deadly weapons. They append fire over the church security as helping to the suicide bombers to make possible entry in the churches. Because of the resistance of church youth security the bombers could not entered in to the church and they had to blast themselves outside otherwise they get arrested by the police. Church youth security saved thousands of people inside the churches but could not protect those killed outside while they sacrifice themselves.

Police squad of different police stations in Lahore and Rangers police reached the spot within 20 to 30 minutes. Christian youth helped police to arrest two terrorists armed with weapon who opened fire on church security. Later the angry mob snatched those two culprits from police and killed them at the spot and then burns their bodies. Not only this but they locked the roads, beat the common people passing through on the roads, break the vehicles, damaged public transport stations and also broke the windows of public buses which seems a wrongful and condemned able act of Christian community.

To control the mob SSP investigation Lahore, CPO, DPO's and some politicians of present government including Federal Minister Kamran Michael and Tahir Khalil Sindhu Minister for Human Rights and Minority Affairs also visited the occurrence place. But the angry mob showed their grievance to Kamran and Tahir Khalil and did not allowed them to enter in to Youhanabad as they are government touts not community representatives.

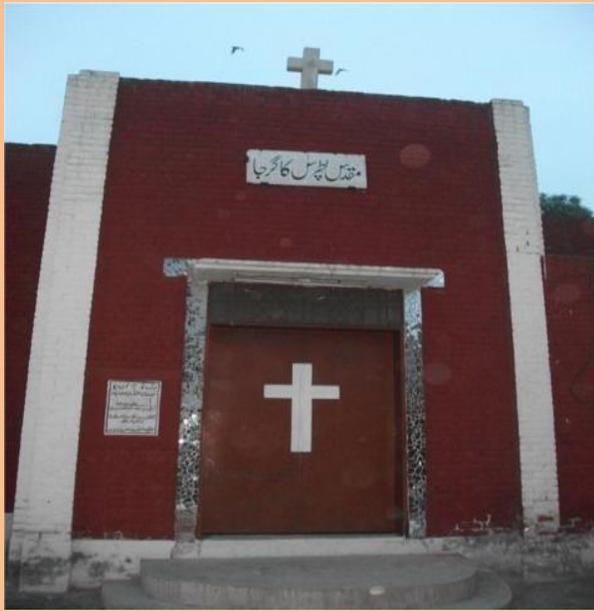
The news of killing Muslims spread like fire and was an open threat by the Muslims that they will attack Christian and burns them alive to take revenge of those two Muslims (terrorist) killed by Christians. Extremists groups have warned Christians for attack, they waiting for the chance to attack Christians, presently security forces of Rangers' Police protecting Christians in Youhanabad. This incident has turned in to cool war among Christians and Muslims. To keep control on Muslims sentiments Punjab government has ordered for the possible arrest of all Christian youth at Youhanabad and surroundings involved in the killing of 2 Muslims. Kamran Michael said that it is a policy of Government to arrest Christians to calm down Muslim's aggression. He assured the community that soon the matter would be clearer after the formal investigation of Christians in Youhanabad.

But we see that [Intelligence Agency](#) (CIA police) arresting innocent young Christian boys of 15 to 30 age by raiding at the houses on daily bases. They are arresting them after seen mobile photage, movie clips and other evidences and torture them in the torture cells. Many of Christian families left to safe places after they threatened for attack on the houses by the Muslim extremists.

People belong to Christian NGOs and Christian leaders are also on list to arrest, for instigating the mob to kill Muslims and burn them at occurrence place. Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement (CTS) helping poor Christians in this regard by filling writ petitions in the High Court against the CIA police severe torture to the arrested. In this regard some young boys were released in terrible and pity condition. Their nails were pulled out and their ribs broken, they hardly stand, could not speak and seem mentally disturbed after severe torture by CIA.

Police operation to arrest Christians is still on work. Christians are afraid and helpless; their Christian political representatives in present government are not ready to help them in this hard time.

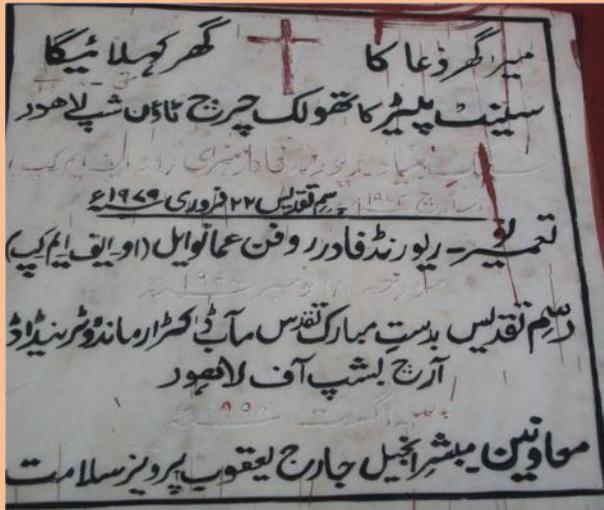
Attack on Church



as well to investigate the matter.

Helpless Christians are facing hurdles by the police and the other hand big Christian colonies in Lahore are on threat by the extremists groups for another brutal attack. In this context on Tuesday March 24, 2015 two motorcyclists opened fire at Saint Peter's Catholic Church Township, Lahore to threat and harass local Christians.

As CTS got the info and team including Ms. Nomee Coordinator, Mr. Suneel Karamat Field Officer and Qaiser Yousaf Assistant Field Officer rushed towards the place on March 25, 2015 to collect the real facts as there are many roamer news these days. Team met with the Parish Priest St. Peter's Catholic Church Township and a few locals



Fr. Clarnes informed the team that he was appointed as Parish Priest Saint Peter's Catholic Church Township about four months ago. The said Church established in 1973 and probably more than 700 families are regular members.

He enjoyed good environment for four months as he did not receive any threat. After Youhanabad incident on March 24, 2015 at about 2 p.m. two armed unknown motorcyclists (bike no. LEM 3494 model 2013) entered the Christians colony and opened firing at the main gate of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

There were two policemen engaged for security of the Church opened fire in answer and they also tried to catch them but the culprits managed to escape.

Due to firing two men Imran and Majeed got injured while passing through. Fr, showed his concern for the school students who were in the school and could be injured because of firing. Though it was not a big incident but the local

Christians are worried and curious about their safety.

CTS team met Muhammad Shahid (Police constable) said that he is deputed for church security in second shift; he came to the place after the incident. He happily said that positive and on time response of the police security worked. It is the duty of police to save civilians without care their own lives; they protected Church as they are on duty he added.

There was a workshop (Motorbike repairing) in Township near the church, Muhammad Shakeel (Motor Mechanic) resident of Fatteh Garh, is the owner. He informed CTS team that he was afraid when culprits opened fire on the church; he put the shutter down of his workshop to save his life. Later about 15 minutes it was quite outside, attackers escaped, then he came out of his shop and saw two familiar people from locality were injured.

Team visited Aziz Sahotra a local Christian, lives close to St. Peter's Church. He said that he was at home; he rushed out when he heard firing. He saw two unknown between ages 22 - 23 aggressively firing on the cross fixed on the Church. They disappeared when police security at Church opened cross firing. Police tried to get them arrested but they ran away he added.

Aslam alias Kami is President of Christian Youth and permanent resident of Township, Lahore. He is a regular member of St. Peter's Church, he informed CTS team that he is not the eye witness but he reached at occurrence place in 5 to 10 minutes and saw two injured with firing, and took them to Jinnah Hospital for emergency treatment.

John Karamat aged 19, shared that he was at the main Church gate along with his elder brother Aslam when suddenly two unknown appeared on motorbike, they suddenly opened fire on the Church. John and his brother saved them in a small shop closed to the church whereas two other were injured who passing through.

It is crucial time for Christians' in Pakistan, after the killing of Muslim terrorist Christians facing a lot. Young boys are physically tortured, families are disturbed and in pain due to their children. They have to flee for their safety to safe places. Those students who have final examinations can't appear in the exams, as they fled or they are arrested by the police. Severe physical torture has made them unable to leave a normal life.

CTS strongly ask your continue prayers and moral support to Christians in Pakistan especially those who live in Lahore as this incident has made them miserable life.

Young Christian Nauman Masih attacked by Muslim extremists in Lahore



the condition of Nauman Masih (a young Christian).

On April 10, 2015, at about 7:30 pm Christians True Spirit (CTS) was informed through sources that a young Christian youth named Nauman Masih aged 13, was severely beaten and burnt by unknown while going to the Market. Nauman was 55% burnt when he was taken to the Meo Hospital by his tailor master (his teacher). A fact finding team comprised on Ms. Nomee Coordinator CTS, Mr. Suneel Karamat Field officer and Ms. Katherine Sapna along with PCNP and CTS team members rushed to the Meo Hospital Lahore to collect the real facts of the case and to see



The team reached at the Meo Hospital and met with the concerned doctor. Dr. Shoaib an expert one who dealing the case of Nauman Masih in emergency Unit. Doctor informed the Team that Nauman was 55 % burn and it was difficult to survive because his chest was severely injured. CTS Team met Nauman in the ICU/emergency unit.

Team met with the helpless family members who were alone in the hospital, and no one there to support them morally. Asharaf Masih one of the parental uncles informed that Nauman s/o Razaqat

Masih lived his at Gulshan Ravi, 60feet Road Shera Kot Lahore as his father Razaqat Masih died about three years ago due to disease, he was on Kidney dialysis (a life-support). Meanwhile Nauman's young mother Shazia Bibi gets married to a Muslim rich man. As she do not wanted to live with a sick man and not to care him. Later Razaqat Masih died. Nauman left alone either he has an elder sister (step sister) named Saba Razaqat, and she was married.



Nadeem Masih and Ashraf Masih alias Ashiq (uncles) informed CTS that they are three brothers and they love Nauman as their own children. They said Nauman was not school going. To make him in-dependent in future they sent him to Munir Masih a tailor Master in locality to learn tailoring skills. Munir Masih was happy with an intelligent pupil and used to give him little responsibilities as sending him to the market to do small things, like over locks of the stitched cloths and also to buy some material for stitching.



On April 10, 2015 between 12: 30 to 1:00 PM Nauman Masih went to the market for over lock the cloths. It was Friday and Muslims were going to the mosques. On the way to the market two unknown motorbike riders stopped him and inquired about his religion, when he said that he is a Christian, they started beating him severely and later threw petrol on him and set him on fire. Nauman's whole body burnt and he was unconscious. The attackers escaped when they saw Nauman burning. The people in the market rescued him and informed his master Munir Masih and his Uncle Nadeem Masih about the incident, Munir rushed to the place and took Nauman to the Meo Hospital Lahore at about 2:00 pm.



The local police immediately get involved and the Superintendent of Police (SP) personally visited Nauman Masih in the hospital. Nauman Masih was in senses that time and he recorded his statement and did the formal investigation of the case. He informed the SP that two unknown motorbike riders inquired him about his belief/religion, he was beaten severely because he is Christian, later those cruel men threw petrol on Nauman Masih and burn him in the market to show they hate and cruelty for Christians in

Pakistan.



Christian NGO's including, CTS, PCNP, Christian TV Channels, Religious leaders including Arch Bishop Sebastian Shaw, Fr. Samson Delawar etc and political members gathered in solidarity with the victim's family and for the moral and all kind of support.



Through support of CTS and CTS team the first information report No: 308/15 has been registered under sections 324/34 PPC against the unknown upon the complaint of Nadeem Masih (parental uncle of Nauman Masih). Mohammad Hussian the Station House Officer (SHO) and Safdar Ali In-charge Investigation Officer (I O) Police Station Gulshan Ravi Lahore, were very cooperative. They assured the team that police will do a fair investigation as an innocent and young boy was burnt. It does not matter what belief he has. IO asked Mr. Francis that police would like to ask guidance and help from him as CTS has expertise in dealing these kinds of cases and providing relief to the victims of intolerance. SHO and Investigation officer also informed the team that soon after the incident grandfather (maternal) approached the local police station and filed a complaint against parental uncles of Nauman Masih that they burn Nauman to kill him as they not willing to



give him share in his father's property.

Police also informed the team that they would have to investigate Nauman's parental and maternal relatives. Police will also call inquiry of Munir Masih (tailor Master) which is an important process. The team assured the victim's family for all kind of morally,

financial and free Legal help in this case. The family was satisfied and thankful to the team for helping them in all means and to be remained in prayers and solidarity.

There is a threat to all Christians for life especially in Lahore by radical Islamists outfits after the incident of Youhanabad Churches on March 15, 2015 a month ago. As the angry Christian mob killed two terrorists who were firing on the church to help their companion suicide bombers who wanted to enter the church and kill maximum worshipers. Since the incident Christian youth in Youhanabad get arrested by CIA police and tortured.

The Punjab government declared those suspected terrorists innocent and ordered to get arrest Christian boys in Youhanabad and neighbor areas Asif Town, Hamza Town and Nishtar Colony and to punish them.

Till the date about 70 innocent Christian has been sent to the judicial lock up. And more than 200 Christian young boys still in CIA police custody. The mostly family members in the families are arrested. Local shopkeepers did the social boycott and denied to supply food and other basic needs, several are denied for work in the factories near Youhanabad as they are Christians.

Police with the consult of Chief Minister Punjab has nominated more 100 people on April 8, 2015 to get them arrested and investigated for the murder of two Muslims and burn them at the occurrence place. The list has been given to the pastors and the church leaders for the possible arrest of those listed. The other side individual Christians are attacked and killed by the Muslims, like Nauman Masih a young Christian as they taking grudge for the killing to Muslims during Youhanabad Incident.

CTS team visiting those arrested Christians in the judicial lock up (prison) and providing them basic needs/supplies including towel, toothpaste, bath soap, hair oil, tooth brush and some eatable things including bread, Jam, butter, cookies, cake, milk and tea bags.

Situation of Christians becoming worst in Pakistan, individual Christians are attacked like Nauman Masih and secretly and killed. Christians in Punjab and other provinces are disheartened because of the radical, cruel, Intolerance and injustice attitude of Chief Minister Mian Mohammad Shahbaz Sharif.

The team observed that on April 10, 2015 in the evening at about 6:00 pm there was news on electronic media that Nauman Masih was burnt because of his Christian faith. But later the same T V Channel said that the boy committed suicide as he was denied to give property share. It means that media hiding the real facts and the government do not want to highlight the minority issues.

Nauman's family request prayers of all national and international church for complete healing and life, being 55% burnt, Nauman is in critical situation.

Atrocious situation in Dhop Sari Gulshan Ravi Lahore

On May 24, 2015 CTS Director Ms. Katherine Sapna came to know through sources that a Christian Colony at Gulshan Ravi Dhooop Sari Lahore attacked by Muslim extremists at about 6:00 pm. They started threatened Christians for burning houses and the Church (a big catholic church in the area) after they alleged an addicted and mentally disordered Christian name Humayun Faisal for burning the Holy Quran. Police lodged complain and arrested Humayun the same day.



CTS team including Ms. Nomee Coordinator, Sunil Karamat Field Officer and Qaiser Yousaf Field Officer, reached at the spot at 8:30 pm to collect the real facts of the incident.

Christians True Spirit (CTS) was the first NGO reached at the spot and reported that there are about 70-80 Christian families populated among the Muslims. There are three big Madrassas in this area and the team found mostly people religious and fanatic. They were chanting slogans against Christians and used abusive language. There was tense situation in the area as the Muslim mob attacked Christian's houses break the windows and the doors of the houses as they have been stoned the houses. Christian families were threatened to burn alive in the houses therefore they fled for safety. Heavy security was called in the area to hold on situation while DIG Operations, SSP operations and Rana Mashood Khan MNA were also present at the spot to control the growing situation. Police security provided protection to the Christians and helped them to flee safely. Muslim extremists were gathered in the area till late night, they looted Christian houses and steel valuable belongings of Christians.

Situation was going to be worse and out of control of the police therefore District Inspector General of Police (DIG Operations) Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP Operations) and Rana Mashood Khan MNA Member of National Assembly (area politician) who were present at the spot tried to control the mob by negotiating with the Mullas, local Islamic leaders and Ullamas for peace and to make the situation better in this area.



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DIG operations called more Elite Force and Ranger Police for the security of Christians and to control the mob. CTS team noticed that Muslim neighbors helped Christians and protected them at their places. CTS team met Mohammad Khalil a Local who protected 4 Christian families at his house and managed their safe escape later. Mohammad Khalil informed the team that Muslims wanted to burn the houses and also burn alive the Christian man (recently accused of blasphemy) without any investigation of the incident and just to take revenge of two Muslims criminals and attackers of Youhanabad Churches who were burnt by Christians. He further stated that it is not good that public at large take the law in their hands and harass innocent residents, only accused should be punished. He said that people should wait for the police investigation and legal procedure to punish someone.

CTS Team also pointed that media is prejudiced, neither press media nor electronic media came to the place to cover the incident as it was a matter of Christian Community. Minorities are frequently victimized in all over Pakistan especially in Punjab but after the incident of Youhanabad the Punjab Government is very conscious and not allow media to highlight minority issues as they avoid international media to report or highlight issues related to minorities.

Since four days this area missed laugh of children, noise of residents and there is quietness in the street. Only a few police men sting outside the Christian houses to protect them from the extremists as they looted the house on the day of incident and damaged Christians household.

Christians True Spirit (CTS) is is monitoring the situation in the area and also in contact with the concerned Investigation Officer in the Gulshan Ravi Police Station Lahore.

On May 25, 2014 CTS team visited IO in the local police station and showed worries about the safety of Humayun Faisal. IO informed the team that he is in safe hands and Police is responsible for his life protection. IO assured the team that Police is concerned for the life safety of people at Doop Sari either they are Christians but they are human being. He also said that Police has control the situation with the help of local Muslim leaders from Madrassas. He further stated that Christians are afraid that is why the left, otherwise Police is in the area for 24 hours to protect them from any harm.

IO investigation Gulshan Ravi said that due to the pressure of locals Police have to registered case FIR no. 424/15 offense under section 295-B PPC against Humayun Faisal s/o Allah Rakha on the same day May 24, 2015 in the police station Gulshan Ravi Lahore on the complaint of Syeed Zeeshan Al-Haq s/o Syeed Razwan Al-Haq and took him in custody.

IO informed that police has also lodged FIR no. 627/15 offense under section 452/440, 436/395, 431/353, 186/148, 149/295B PPC, 7ATA against 47 Muslim attackers by name

in the Police Station Sandha Lahore for attack on St. Joseph Catholic Church, break the gate and windows of the church and harm the building, further that the State is complainant of the FIR.

CTS team was informed that police of the police station Gulshan Ravi is responsible for the Investigation of the both cases as police station Sandha has referred the case to Gulshan Ravi police station Lahore.



According to the FIR Humayun Faisal is accused of Blasphemy as he was blamed to burn the Holy pages of Quran from the box which was fixed on the road for public to save Quranic papers and other paper with verses. Humayun was an addicted and also insane person who just wanted to collect the boxes to sale them for money to fulfill his need of intoxication. When Muslims including Syeed Zeeshan Al-Haq and others saw him stealing Paper box they accused him for burning the pages of Quran.

It is worth mentioned that Humayun is arrested under section 295-B and the same charge has been imposed on 47 Muslim accused by the police for attacking and disgracing St. Joseph Catholic Church. CTS team assumes that police has lodged a counter FIR which can be helpful to release Humayun Faisal from the charges soon. Presently Christians are afraid of the threats by the Muslim extremists; they do not want to come back to homes till Friday May 29, 2015 because there is an apprehension that Muslims can attack Christians after Friday prayers. On Friday more than thousand people took gather in the Mosque or Madrassas for prayers in routine and they can attack Christians. Though police security has been provided but Christians do not trust police protection.

Blasphemy case against Awais Qamar

On Wednesday July 01, 2015 CTS was informed about an incident of blasphemy occurred in a small village chak 480 Matiky, Farooqabad District Sheikhpura. The sources informed that a local Christian Awaise Qamar s/o Saraj Masih was alleged by his neighbors for using a flex-sheet/ banner in his room as a mat on the floor. His neighbors informed the local Imam Masjid /Mosque (Mulla or prayer leader) and accused Awaise for blasphemy. The Mulla made announcement in the Loud Speaker of the Mosque and called upon the Muslims to gather and kill Awaise and his family. The Mob of 200-300 took gathered in the village, they started shouting and chanting slogans against the accused family and the other local Christians. The angry mob beat severely Awaise Family including his wife Rukhsana and his sister in-law Farhana. The mob cut their hairs and cleaned their heads with sharp blades and painted their faces with black ink and paraded them around the village.

The family is escaped and safe with an organization. Mostly Christian families are escaped for safety.

Mr. Asher Sarfraz Chief Executive CTS is in contact with the local sources to get the real facts about the incident and hopefully we will update you with correct information soon.

Pastor Yousaf Khokhar:

Pastor Yousaf Khokhar, better known as Rev. Bishop Dr. Yousaf aged between 65 to 70 years old, a Christian belong to village Khabeeky, Tehseel & District Gujranwala. He is a retired Head Master of a government school in locality and worked long time with headship. He has eight (8) children including (2) daughters and (6) sons. Pastor Yousaf Khokhar did M.A in Islamiyat (Islamic studies), and doctorate in The Holy Bible. Being a Senior citizen and headmaster of school every one respects him a lot not only in the village but in the surroundings as well.

Three of his sons are doing as male nursing in hospitals, and other three are engineer. One of his son Ashknaz doing in Shoukat Khanum hospital in Lahore, who has had friendship with Muslim boy Arslan Ahmed s / o Mohammad Ilyas (Jutt by cast). Ashknaz gave a big amount of 4 lac to Arslan Ahmed as a loan, and Arslan promised him to give back soon.

After few months later, when Ashknaz was in need and wanted his money back , he contacted Arslan Ahmed and asked him for his money back, but Arslan made an excuse and asked for some more time. Ashknaz got agreed and came back without getting money. After some time, gon asking his father Yousaf Khokhar, Ashknaz went to Arslan's place and asked him for his money, but once again, he made excuses and also gave him abuses and yelled at him that he will return his money later or sooner.

It is worth to mention that it was a season of elections at that time and an MPA Mohammad Nasir Cheema (MLQ) had influence over the natives and people were being pressurized to cast vote according to the Chaudries of the area. There are about 70 – 80 Christian families in the said village and living in poor condition. Most of these families were doing at their Dera because of illiteracy.

Ashknaz and his father Yousaf Khokhar were very upset and wanted to make a peaceful way to solve the matter calmly. So, both Ashknaz and his father decided to go their Dera (A sitting place of Land lords outside the village) and wanted to talk with Arslan's father Mohammad Ilyas.

On 14th November, 2014 Ashknaz went at Mohammad Ilyas's Dera along with his father Yousaf Khokhar, there were all together at Dera. As they asked for their money, all the people who were present there, started to beat them severely. They were only two where as Arslan's people were more in numbers. During this quarrel one Ashknaz got sever injuries and lost his one of tooth.

Ashknaz and his father Pastor Yousaf went to Police station and asked to lodge an FIR against the accused but as it is already mentioned that the opposition party had influence and no one was ready to take step against them even Police was not ready to

write down a complaint against the accused. Victims (Yousaf Khokher and his son) were disheartened and wanted justice.

District coordinator CTS for Gujranwala, dialed, Ms. Katheirne Sapna Director CTS, Lahore office and told the entire situation of helplessness. The Director CTS, made an urgent call direct to Mohammad Iqbal Cheema Station House Officer and to ASI Mohammad Nawaz Chatta the SHO of the concerned police station to lodge an FIR against the accused and also pressurized for the medical of Ashknaz and his father Pastor Yousaf Khokhar. According to the medical reports doctors confirmed that the victims were tortured.

The opponent party claimed for re-investigation but the SSP investigation told that investigation is cleared and there is no need of re-investigation, as the facts are clear.

The accused party filed a writ in Session's Court Gujranwala to challenge the Medical and asked for re-examine; meanwhile on behalf of victims CTS hired Mr. Gulzar Hanjrah Advocate High Court to precede the case, CTS lawyer also contested a petition of pre-arrest bails of the accused and bails were successfully dismissed.

The court ordered the Police to arrest the accused but they got escaped. The very next day through the concern of local police the accused party approached Pastor Yousaf and asked for reconciliation. Accused Mohammad Ilyas apologies to Pastor Yousaf for all what he did in front of number of people, police and CTS team and also compensate the victim family.

A written agreement of re-conciliation between parties was made by Police, and the case was dismissed.

CTS team is in regular contact with Pastor Yousaf Khokhar and following up the matter, Pastor Yousaf could live in the locality with honor and respect till now.

Zakia Bibi

On July 09, 2015 a Christian lady named Zakia Bibi approached CTS for help. She shared her worries with CTS coordinator Lahore and other staff and said while weeping and crying that her husband was admitted at Meo Hospital Lahore as he had a heart surgery (by pass) and she herself is a patient with high Blod Pressure (BP). She said that she has no money to buy her medicines and no food for her children at home since her husband is sick as he was the only source of income in the family. She has four children and need food for them and also need to buy medicine for her survival.

CTS staff helped her with some money to buy medicine and also food for her children.

Through small contributions CTS Trying to help people in their problems and supporting them in their needs.

We ask your prayers for sources as CTS could help more and more vulnerable and disadvantaged Christian brothers and sisters.

Survey report

On August 2015 Christians' True Spirit (CTS) staff Nomee Karamat Social Mobilizer/Coordinator Lahore District and Sunil Karamat Field Officer visited Christian Colony Kutcha Ghulam Muhammad Muzang Lahore to note the problems of poor Christians who have minimum sources to maintain education of their children. CTS also noted that there are many children who are talented and keen to education but due to poverty they are unable to manage their school expenses.

CTS visited many families

The family has low income on monthly bases therefore they hardly manage their daily food and seeking help the education of their daughters.



They asked help in basic needs and need help for their children's education.



Younis Masih is poor work on low salary and hardly managing their daily bread. His children's were going to school but because he could not manage their school fees therefore Zainish left about 6 years ago when she was in grad 7th when the Muslim class mates started hooting when she could not pay her school fee. The moment she is 18 and wants to learn some technical skills like beautician to earn respectfully. Parent requested for the fee of training of Zainish. And also ask help for the education of Tumultuous and Jezebel



Sam soon Masih a poor Christian has to remove his kidney when he could not go to hospital for proper treatment. He works hard for meet daily bread and butter for the family. It is very difficult for meet with the family needs in this time when the things are going on high rates. The family asked financially sport on monthly bases. And help in their children's sport in education



Shaukat Masih is a poor Christian work on daily bases .H e hardly manages expenses of 4 children .All children have stopped going school because of financial crises .The children want to get some technical and skills trainings to start their own small businesses to help their poor parents .Daughters want to learn stitching and beautician skills to work respectfully .They ask help for training fees.



Another problem family that their Roof/calling of house is damaged which can be the cause of casualties of the family members any Time. Miriam Bibi informed the team that his children are scared and cannot sleep in the evening peacefully .They are mantle disturbed and worried about their lives

Miriam Bibi was weeping and crying and request for emergency help. She also request for her children to learn skills training for their business to earn and sport their parents.

After meeting families and visiting their houses CTS team observed that these Christians are living a difficult and hard life. Children are seeking help to mold their lives to the better future by learning some skill trainings i.e Beauty parlor, stitching and embroidery, short courses in computer and get a proper education in schools and high classes.

CTS team did counseling of the miserable parents and gives them hope to do some help to these families and assured them that CTS will raise funds for these families to fulfill their basic needs and for the proper education of their school going.

CTS Survey at Manga Mandi Lahore Brick Kilns

Pastor Zulifqar Masih, Pastor of independent Church in Manga Mandi Lahore approached Christians' True Spirit (CTS) on September 05, and draws intention towards the need of education in Chah Tamoli 1 and chah Tamoli 2 Manga Mundi Lahore. Pastor Zulifqar invited CTS team to visit the area and see that children are keen interested to get education but they are disadvantaged.

He requested to open a school for children education as there are around 50 children who waiting for opportunity to get education. Pastor also demanded for the adult education of youth over the brick kilns and informed that 15 to 20 young boys on the brick kiln are interested for education but they are helpless to go for education while they work on the brick kiln as bounded labors and cannot go anywhere to get education.

On 25 September 2015 CTS team visited the place and observed the need of education in this area. CTS is encouraged by the children to open school for children and also to find sources to open adult education center for the youth.

The girls youth also demanded for the adults education and requested to open a swing center for girls training.

CTS promised the people and committed to provide opportunity of education and skills to these children to contribute for change in their life. CTS has got list of 50 children for school education from Nursery to Grade 2, list of 18 boys for adult education, list of 15 young girls for adult education and swing center.

CTS is very hopeful and prayerful for the sources to provide better opportunities to the disadvantaged children at Manga Mundi to avail job opportunities to become financially strong in future.





Police Murdered a Christian young man during investigation in a fake case

Christians' True Spirit (CTS) strongly condemned the recent extra judicial killing of Christian's youth in Green Town Lahore, Pakistan. Police has adopted inhuman attitude towards minorities especially Christians.

We can no more tolerate these kinds of advances of Punjab Government through police and ask Prime Minister Pakistan and Chief Minister Punjab that how long they will promote criminals and militants in the police uniform.

Katherine Sapna Director CTS, urge Chief Minister to take notice of the killing of innocent Christians and this young man in Green Town Lahore killed due to severe police torture. CM should take Legal action against the responsible police officers and do Justice with the mourning family/dependents/children she added.

CTS ask Prime Minister Pakistan and Chief Minister Punjab for Justice, Peace, Equal rights of religious freedom for minorities in Pakistan.

CTS call HRCP, Civil Society, Human Rights NGOs, Interfaith Organizations and individual liberals to work jointly for the safe future of Pakistan.....for the Peace of citizens and for the protection of minorities the most vulnerable sector in Pakistan. Come and be the voice of voiceless and disadvantaged.

CTS Team

Christmas 2015

On December 14, 2015 Christians' True Spirit (CTS) celebrated Christmas with deserving, poor and persecuted Christians at CTS office in Lahore and distribute gifts (food and clothes) among 5 families including converts. CTS started program with prayer for the families and for the sources the God provides to CTS to help the helpless and oppressed.

The families were thankful and happy to celebrate small Christmas while sharing Christmas carols and prayers.

The children were very excited to cut the Christmas cake and enjoyed it among the other refreshments and tea. CTS could distribute gifts (warm clothes) among 4 men, 5 women, 4 young girls and 9 children from ages 6 months to 10 years. CTS also provided food for Christmas to the families.

Following are a few pictures of gifts distribution program







CTS is grateful to all helping us through prayers, morally and financially to serve these precious people on this great occasion to show them the love of Jesus and to make them realize that God cares them and they no need to be worried as God provides.



On Wednesday, December 16, 2015 through the support of international friends and Church, CTS celebrated Christmas with families and children including Brick Kiln worker families and children from Yashwa Cadet School Verpal Chatta district Gujranwala.

Sunday School Children Participated in Choir to singing Christmas carols and also participated in the quiz program. CTS team cut the Christmas cake among the small children and wishes them Merry Christmas. Afterwards Santa Claus distributed candies and gifts among more than 60 children; it was very exciting for children as they

saw Santa Claus first time in their life. Children were very happy and enjoyed a lot. They were grateful for the small gift they received.

CTS distributed food among the most deserving families for Christmas as we consider that brick kiln workers are poor and need help not only on the occasions but also in routine life.

Following are few pictures of the Christmas program CTS celebrated with poor.









CTS Christmas Celebration with disadvantaged Christians at Manga Mandi Lahore

On December 24, 2015 Christians' True Spirit (CTS) team including Katherine Sapna Director CTS, Suneel Karamat field staff and Qaiser Yousaf field staff celebrated Christmas among the poor, needy and disadvantaged children at Manga Mandi Lahore. CTS team cut the Christmas cakes with more than 50 children and distributed small presents among them to revise an idea of Santa Claus to distribute gifts among needy and poor to give them happiness and joyful Christmas.

Below are a few pictures from the event at Cha Tamoli Manga Mandi village



Children shared the word of God by singing Christmas Carols and through reading Bible





CTS team cutting cake among the children and distributing gifts



After cake cutting the CTS team distributed gifts among children



Christmas Celebration at Brick kiln Manga Mandi Lahore



On December 24, 2015 team member of Christians' True Spirit (CTS) including Katherine Sapna Director CTS, Suneel Karamat Field Staff, Qaiser Yousaf Field Staff and Pastor Zulafqar (pastor deputed by CTS to visit brick kiln workers to share word of God with them) reached at Brick Kiln in Manag Mandi about 45 kilo meter from Lahore. It was not a planned visit but surprise

for the children who were excited to spend time with the team and receive gifts. CTS team enjoyed the day with these poor children playing games with them and distributed small gifts. They were thankful while receiving gifts.

A few pictures from the good time CTS team had with Brick kiln children.













School fee paid from March 2015 to July 2016

N o.	Name of Student	Class	Monthly fee Total fee paid	Grand total
1-	Rama Qaiser	FSC II	1500 monthly fee Jan 2015 – Feb 2016 Admission fee: 3000	29,500
2-	Mushal Karamat	Prep	5,00 (Tuition fee) Jan-Nov 2015	5,500
3-	Rajeel Ghosh	Prep	Fee: 5,00 Oct-Dec 2015 Fee: 1100 April Books: 1,327 Oct –Dec 2015	3,927
4-	Rahul Ghosh	3 rd	Fee: 5,00 Oct – Dec 2015 Fee: 1100 Books: 1300	3,900
5-	Musa Tariq	Play Group	Fee 8,00 from June-Sep 2015	3,200
6-	Temotious Younas	10 th	Fee:1,500 from Feb-July 2015 Academy Admission Fee: 1,500 Examination Fee in March 2016: 3,000	13,500
7-	Sajal Shahid	9 th	5,00 per month April –May 2015	1,000
8-	Sawera Shahid	5 th	5,00 per month April –May 2015	1,000
9-	Jazibal Younas	Prep	9,00 per month Admission Free: 2,700	April –Aug 2015 6,200
10-	Imseal Qaisar	Nursery	School fee per month 1,400 from April - September 2015 School fee per month 2,000 from Oct – Dec 2015 School Admission Fee 12,000	26,400

11-	Carol Shahid	Nursery	Monthly fee 5,50 from April 2014 –April 2015 Monthly fee 600 from May 2016	7,200
12-	Freedom Asad	4 th	250 per month from Sep –Dec 2015	1,000
13-	Hillin Asad	1 st	2,50 per month from Sep-Dec 2015	1,000
14-	Stifous	4 th	Admission fee 3,950 April 2016	3,950
15-	Shekina	4 th	Monthly school fee: 1,400 Admission Fee: 3,950 June-July 2015	5,350
16-	Anaya	1 st	Monthly fee: 1,400 Admission Fee:3,950 June –July2015	5,350
17-	Aleeza	10 th	Monthly fee: 8,00 Jan –May 2015	4,800
18-	Francis	9 th	Monthly fee: 6,00 Jan –May 2015	3,600
19-	Samuel	6 th	Monthly fee: 6,00 Jan –May 2015	3,6 00
20-	Yashwa Cadet Foundation		Monthly fee in Sep 15: 14,000 Monthly fee Nov 15- Feb 16: 112,000	1,26,000
21-	Pinky Busharat	B. A	Examination Fee Qaid-e-Azam Universty	3,000
22-	Simran, Saher and Aizik Sunny	6 th , Nursery and 3 rd	Books and Admission fee, School fee: 5,000	5,000
23-	Obaid Francis	8 th	Books & copies	1,750
24-	Nida Francis	5 th	Books & copies	1,750
25-	Mahnoor Francis	8 th	Books & copies	1,750
26-	Liba Francis	7 th	Books & copies	1,750
			Total	268,277

**CTS participation in the 3rd World Conference of Women's Shelters | 3 – 6 November 2015
| Conference Center World Forum | The Hague (Den Haag) | The Netherlands**



On request of the Global Network of Women's Shelters (GNWS), the Dutch Foundation of Women's Shelters and its partners organized the 3rd World Conference of Women's Shelters (3WCWS) from 3-6 November 2015 in Conference Center World Forum, The Hague (Den Haag) in The Netherlands.

CTS team members, who work closely with women and provide shelter to young girls and women in Pakistan, attended this worldwide event. Through this platform, CTS acquired a prolific opportunity to

share/exchange knowledge and experience with different individuals around the globe. CTS is optimistically looking forward to work with international organizations working for the common cause of ending violence against the women and children. Likewise, in the course of the conference, CTS staff met with German women shelter workers and planned and then visited one women's shelter home situated in Hamburg, Germany.

This conference 3rd world conference of Women's Shelters was attended by over 1000 advocates and activists representing 115 countries, call upon Governments, UN Agencies, International Organizations, non – profitable organizations, the Private Sector and Civil Society to take urgent and effective action to prevent and end violence against women and children over the globe.

The theme of the conference mainly focused on **Connect & Act, to end violence against women** as violence against women and girls is a human rights violation. One in every three women worldwide experience physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lives, usually by an intimate partner. During 3WCWS, United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has proclaimed the elimination of violence against women as a top priority of the UN's work. Achieving "gender





equality and empowering women and girls” is one of the Goals of *Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development*, adopted by the 193 member states of the UN during the annual General Assembly (25 September 2015). One of the important targets of the goal is the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. UN representatives emphasize on commitment to contributing to the realization of this Goal, which will transform the lives of women and girls.

Official opening programme

commenced with deliberate speech of Hina Jilani – Pakistani women’s rights activist & lawyer and the member of elders. She emphasized that over the last decades many countries have made considerable progress in introducing legislation and institutionalizing policy frameworks. However, implementation, monitoring and accountability are weak, slow or lacking.



A special guest speaker HER ROYAL HIGHNESS Crown Princess Mary of Denmark underlined the need of strengthening global and regional networks to eliminate the root causes of all forms of violence. Consequently, as members of the Global Network of Women’s Shelters and participants of the 3rd World Conference of Women’s Shelters, (all participants together) bear witness to the imperative global work of shelters in mitigating and preventing violence. Women’s shelters are critical partners not only in providing safety to women and children, but also in the overall prevention of violence against women and girls.

The 2015 Data Count of the Global Network of Women’s Shelters, in which 2497 shelters and agencies in 46 countries took part, states that on one day, 53,230 women and 34,794 children sought and acquired shelter services. However, 7,337 women and 4,410 children were turned away due to limited resources and capacity. This validates the need for increased resources and capacity for existing shelters, as well as the need for more shelters. Therefore, 3WCWS call upon all key stakeholders to considerably strengthen efforts to prevent violence and to effectively protect women and girls. Particularly, we demand that states and all other relevant stakeholders:

Sign, ratify and effectively implement relevant conventions and agendas, including:

- **The Convention on Ending all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and it's optional protocol;**
- **The Beijing Platform for Action;**
- **The International Convention on Population and Development (ICPD) and it's Program of Action;**
- **All other relevant documents and regional policies and instruments;**
- **Provide adequate funding for women's shelters, including by considerably increasing the capacity of women's shelters;**
- **Redirect military spending towards funding for social and economic development, including shelter spaces to save women and children fleeing violence, as outlined in Beijing Platform for Action strategic objective E.2.;**
- **Implement a standalone Convention on Violence Against Women which is internationally binding;**
- **Hold perpetrators to account and to provide services to assist perpetrators to transform their behavior and become peer educators.**

The following are the main burning issues developed in the regional networks meeting at the 3rdWorld Conference of Women's Shelters in The Hague. 3WCWS fully support these regional recommendations.

Inter-America Region

- Provide sustainable funding for women's support services;
- Work with women and girls during and after armed conflict;
- Create special international measures for exceptional violence against women in organized crime territories;
- Strengthen international cooperation;

Asia Region

- Ensure economic empowerment through well-funded employment, housing and community programs that help women after they leave the shelter to become independent;
- Give women equal property rights, rights to inheritance, affordable housing for survivors of domestic violence, and guarantee the property rights of widows;
- Ensure sufficient funding for shelters;

Europe Region

- Ratify and implement the Istanbul Convention in all countries and implement the CEDAW;
- Focus on CEDAW Article 6 on Trafficking and Prostitution, which reads “States shall take all measures to stop all forms of trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution of women;”

Africa Region

- Enact and implement policies and legislation to establish and support shelters and safe spaces for women and girls in Africa;
- Strengthen political will and invest/allocate funds for survivors of violence to guarantee service provision and access to safe space;
- Increase the number of women’s shelters and specialist women’s services and implement sustainable funding for women’s and children support services, with commitments from Governments to finance specific support services for victims;

MENA Region

- Highlight the impact of violence on women as individuals, acknowledging their humanity and shedding light on them as well as the family and society;
- Recognize female victims of harmful cultural practices, such as honor killings and Female Genital Mutilation;
- Ensure that women’s rights to privacy are not violated in the name of security measures;
- Draw attention to the role of media, which portrays a stereotyped image of women and enhances violence;

Indigenous Network

- Call for an international strategy to prevent murdered and missing Indigenous women and children worldwide;
- Demand that all states recognize and apply the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- Ensure sufficient support for the Indigenous Women’s Shelters Network;

Oceania Region

- Ensure proper resourcing to redress violence against women that is exempt from political cycles, including increased ongoing resourcing for specialist women’s domestic and family violence services for women and their children;

□ Provide consistent criminal justice responses that hold perpetrators to account and enable opportunities for change;

□ Make Governments accountable for transformative change which focuses on gender, social, political and economic inequalities and Indigenous rights, with a focus on gender and intersectionality, including women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ women, and honoring Indigenous rights.

Church Presentation | Christians in Pakistan & Introduction of Christian's True Spirit | The Sunday Holy Mass in Pentecostal Church | 8 November 2015 | Hannover | Germany



The CTS Staff was invited by the Pentecostal Church of Hannover, capital of the federal state of Lower Saxony Germany. CTS Staff members 1) Asher Sarfraz, 2) Katherine Sapna and 3) Sunita Javed warmly welcomed by the church pastors and all present-day members during the Sunday's holy mass service. Since few church members were incapable to fully understand English language, therefore, an interpreter was arranged to translate orally from English language into German language.



CTS Staff shared a brief overview of the situation of Christians in Pakistan regarding how the Christian community is subjected to physical, political, social, economic and cultural oppression in their home country. They also shared the Christian's role in nation building and constitution /legislation rights to the minorities in the Pakistan and subsequently, political and constitutional prejudice in the current phenomena. The educational status, employment opportunities, political participation, legal protection and miseries of Christian's women in Pakistan were also highlighted in the discussion.



Besides this, CTS Staff shared the Christians' True Spirit vision/mission, objectives, motivation (reasons and need for setting up CTS), Areas of work and CTS network.

All present-day participants in the church, prayed for a CTS prosperity in the Pakistan and especially they prayed for the Pakistan's Christians who have lost their loved ones in the past-present riots. After the Holy Mass church members personally met with CTS staff and showed their moral and spiritual support for the well-being and betterment of CTS work.

Visit to Women Shelter Home - Hamburg |8 November 2015 |Hamburg | Germany

CTS Staff, Katherine Sapna Karamat and Sunita Javed visited Women's Shelter Homes in Hamburg Germany. It is well designed/organized, peaceful, secure and a huge place to accommodate about 200 women at a time who are emotional, financial, spiritual, sexual or physical abused, forced to get married and faced domestic violence. This women shelter is functional according to the Standardized rules and regulations cited by the government. CTS met with the staff and also visited women at their places but due to security and confidentiality concerns, CTS staff could not get the pictures inside the shelter houses. The main purpose of visit is that CTS is now in partnership with this Shelter and look forward to work together in the networking of foreign shelters in the future reference.

Visit to Refugee Camp |11 November 2015 |Freidland | Germany



CTS Director Katherine Sapna visited refugee camp in Freidland along with the members of CTS Germany and saw the situation of refugees in the camps. In spite of a rising number of violent incidents in German refugee shelters and various difficulties from officials, Alyssum seekers are finding creative ways to make life more tolerable in the asylum homes. After hearing and understanding the problems of confronting refugees in camps

CTS Germany initiate a thinking of the possibilities and the appropriate ways that how CTS can assist the deserving helpless refugees in the refugee camps.

Meeting with Theological Seminary Students and Pastors |10 November 2015 |Hodenhagen Germany



CTS staff were invited by the Theological Seminary Students and Pastors. CTS Director, Deputy Director and Chief Executive shared the work of CTS among Theological Seminary Students and Pastors to give the awareness and mobilize the situation of Christians in Pakistan. CTS shared the situation of Christians, including social and government attitudes towards the minority groups in Pakistan. CTS also conducted a small activity for the students. In point of fact, this activity passed a deep impact on all participants regarding a current scenario of challenges faced by minorities groups in their home country.



The purpose of this meeting was to create a wakefulness on situation of Christian in Pakistan and appeal for the prayers for all minorities groups especially persecuted Christian in Pakistan, also all students were requested to create a lobbying groups among different NGOs, as well as raise

their voice among government official regarding the rights of protection for the Pakistani Christians on the international level.

Your feedback and suggestions are valuable for CTS, please share.

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