

FR. Ejaz - Pakistan Orphans & Poor Children's Fund.
Report for Qtr - 30th Sept - 31st Dec. 2018.

We are always in close touch with Fr. Ejaz. He telephones regularly, sends E. Mails, and lots of photographs.

As you are probably aware, our Christian brothers and sisters, in Pakistan, suffer intimidation, discrimination, and outright persecution, in different forms, every day. Over recent months, the situation has been very dangerous, and Fr. Ejaz has spoken about how he had to cancel church services & board up the church windows. The government of Pakistan tries to give protection against the extremists, and as a result of this, the churches are checked, and surrounded by a protective cordon for services, - the Police even patrol the aisles during Holy Mass.

Thankfully the Christmas celebrations have passed without serious incident, & hopefully the situation will remain calm. - However, the latest disaster to affect these poor people, is a severe shortage of water. They are forced to supplement inadequate supplies by buying water from unscrupulous traders operating tankers.

In the midst of the hatred and chaos, Fr. Ejaz & his people show great faith. - Perhaps a depth of faith to which we can only aspire.

Father is convinced that the only way his people can be lifted out of poverty is by Education. So many people and their families are trapped in menial or casual jobs because they have never been to school and cannot read or write.

And so we can see why Fr. Ejaz is so desperately concerned about children. ALL children, but especially those who are orphaned and abandoned .

Father sees the Orphanage "Nazareth House" , as a shining example of what can be achieved with the physical help of volunteers on the ground, and the financial help of good people like yourselves.

The Orphanage continues to thrive. It is full to capacity, with extra beds now placed in rooms that were previously used for meetings or functions. Children study , or even sleep, on the balconies - with awnings providing shelter.

The fortunate children who live in Nazareth House are fed, clothed, & kept as safe as is possible within the culture in which they live. Most importantly they go to school !!! - Our contributions go directly to the Nazareth House account, to pay for this care & to pay the school fees (About £15. Per month for each child). We should also mention that the Orphanage is represented, by the children, in various sports and other gatherings, held in the Diocese etc.

Every child thus saved , has a chance of a better life.

On behalf of Fr. Ejaz and the children, we sincerely thank you for the faithful financial help which you have already given, in such a generous and committed manner, and we pray that this Charity (which Father calls "God's Cause"), may continue to flourish.

Father Ejaz constantly asks for prayers and spiritual support for his people. It is very very important to him and to them, to know that we think about them and that we are aware of their struggle to maintain Christianity in a hostile world.

They are very very grateful for everything that we do.

Father sends his prayers and his blessings and the good people here, (especially those who are sick), are constantly included in his intentions, at Holy Mass.

We give below a short summary of our Income and Transfers during the last Quarter.

C. M. H. January 2019.

Statement of Receipts & Payments - Quarter 30th Sept to 31st December 2018.

RECEIPTS.

<u>MONTHLY</u> - Standing Orders & Cash Envelopes Received from FIVE Parishes.	1589.60.
<u>INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS</u> -	
- Private Cash & Cheques.	440.00.
Child - Pocket Money.	1.00.
<u>SPECIAL EFFORTS</u> -	
- Sale of Crosses & Donation Cards.	119.00.
Bonfire Night (Inc. Donations)	600.65.
Pop Up Coffee Day.	427.60.

Total Income for Quarter --- **3177.85.**

PAYMENTS.

TRANSFERS TO PAKISTAN - Nov/Dec 2018.	3000.00.
Bank Charge .	1.00.

Total Payments in Quarter --- **3001.00.**

Add Opening Balance 30th Sept. 2018. **1268.14.**

Closing Balance 31st Dec. 2018. **1444.99.**

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