

Parishes of Crook, Wolsingham, Tow Law, Willington, & L'Moor.
Fr. Ejaz, Pakistan Orphans & Poor Children's Fund.
Report & Financial Statement for the 6 months ending 30th Sept.
2020.

We are all living through a strange and difficult time !!! In the last six months the Corona Virus has invaded our lives, and changed our way of living, but however difficult and irksome our lives have become, we must consider ourselves to be fortunate when compared with our brothers and sisters in poorer, less civilised, countries.

The Nazareth House Orphanage, in Faisalabad, Pakistan, is surviving and is full to capacity. The children have been kept safe and protected and, because they have been isolated in the Orphanage, none of them, (or staff or volunteers), have suffered from the effects of the virus. However, they are just now returning to school and they may well be exposed to grave risks. Also, it is increasingly difficult to purchase sufficient food and necessities to provide basic living for the 50+ children in the care of the Orphanage. Also, it is (mostly) impossible to extend that care to any more children who "knock on the door" and ask for help nearly every day.

Fr. Ejaz is now back in his home Diocese of Faisalabad and is in constant touch with the orphanage staff and with the children for whom he is responsible and for whom he cares so much, - He telephones regularly and very often we can hear young voices in the background all wanting to say "Hello" and "God bless you" to all of us in England.

However, the Orphanage is only a part of Father's onerous duties. He has been appointed to the largest and most extremely poor Parish in the Diocese of Faisalabad. He has help from one other priest, but the task ahead of him, in this Parish of St. Albert, is monumental !! He is constantly ministering and trying to help many many people who are existing on the edge of starvation and sickness - (very much exacerbated by Covid 19). For the first time, on the telephone, we have heard Father describe his daily round of visits in the Parish as "desperate" or "heart breaking". We are helping wherever we can and thanks to some personal donations (separate from the Orphanage), we have managed to provide some funds for medicines and some very basic provisions for the most destitute.

We fully realise that the function of our Charity is to try to continue to support the Orphanage, and this we do, to the very best of our ability. However it is impossible not to have sympathy and compassion when we hear of the circumstances surrounding the daily life of devotion, which our dear friend Fr. Ejaz gives to his people. Please pray for him constantly, and pray also for all of the people that he tries to help.

In yet another part of his life, Fr. Ejaz is working on behalf of Bishop Andrew of Faisalabad. - As always, Father tries to improve the prospects for Education, which is so often denied to so many Christians in Pakistan. One of the reasons he may have been sent to St. Albert's Parish is perhaps because the school, for the

poorest in that Parish, has fallen into a dire state of neglect and there is an on going dispute over land, previously given to the school, but now claimed by the Muslim Community. The children are at risk of having no school, and therefore growing up completely illiterate.

Father has been preparing a full report, and possible rescue plan for the school, for Bishop Andrew in the hope that some, even basic, educational facility may be rescued. He is convinced that Education is the only way forward in any endeavour to lift the Christians out of extreme poverty and deprivation.

Also, Father is helping the Bishop in negotiations with the Pakistan Government Officials, on many issues eg Land Ownership, Housing etc. He continues to be the Canon Law and Civil Law Expert and can be called upon to act in disputes. Finally, he still finds some snatches of time to continue writing his books which are published all over Pakistan. (Any profits, going to the Orphanage).

Throughout his every day difficulties and hectic way of life, Father Ejaz still maintains his dream of, one day, returning to England for a visit. Let us hope and pray that one day, we may see him again.

We give below a Resume of Income and Transfers arising in the last six months. In this connection, once again, we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the kind and generous people in our five Parishes and beyond who faithfully contribute to this worthy charity, which Fr. Ejaz calls "Gods Cause". - Even in the present reduced circumstances, when all charities are suffering we are just about managing to survive.

Thank you all again and again !! C. M. H. - September 2020.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period 1st April to 30 Sept. 2020.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
<u>RECEIPTS. (Orphanage)</u>		
Monthly Standing Orders & Some Cash Envelopes Arising from FIVE Parishes.	2830.10.	
Individual Donations ,Private Cash & Cheques From Parishioners and Supporters.	1110.00.	
Easy Funding.	<u>20.06.</u>	
<u>Total Receipts.</u>	£3960.16.	
 <u>PAYMENTS.</u>		
Transfers to Nazareth House Account. May		2500.00.
Aug		2300.00.
Bank Charges		<u>53.00.</u>
<u>Total Payments.</u>		£4853.00.
 Balance 31st Mar 2020.	 2546.49.	
Balance 30. Sept 2020.	_____	<u>1653.65.</u>
	£6506.65.	£6506.65.