



Prayer Calendar 2015

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National staff - in Pakistan

Each member of OM Pakistan begins by coming for a few weeks to serve with other team members, returning to go on camps and outreach. As they grow in faith and understanding, so their experience of God in meeting their needs also develops. One team meets regularly with young believers to do Bible study, as other team members did with them. A church pastor said: "I am pleasantly surprised to see the positive change in our youth, now being more responsible and diligent. God bless you, as generous facilitators!" **Pray national staff inspire others in following Jesus.**

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Sports ministry - in Pakistan

In Pakistan, everyone likes sport – and that’s an understatement! So it was natural for the sports team to get alongside young believers in Jesus who want to grow in their faith and are serious about sport, by offering cricket coaching in two separately located academies where sport and Biblical values work hand in hand: encouraging physical and spiritual development. In the same way, the team encouraged children in a small village they regularly visit, to play cricket, using bats and balls they donated to the community. *Pray that sport will unite players as believers.*

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Discipling young believers - in Pakistan

Sahib* is a very active member of one of the *jamats*, or fellowship groups, that the team works with in one area. He came to faith through a Bible correspondence course. The more he read, the more God opened his eyes and heart to understand the truth, and so Sahib came to accept Jesus as his personal friend and saviour. Although he now has a job far from his home, he is still seeking to learn more about how to grow in faith and spiritual truth, and regularly shares with the local OM team. **Pray for others like Sahib to learn the truth about Jesus and share it with friends.**

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Extending the ministry base - in Pakistan

As OM Pakistan completed an extended and updated training and literature section last year, the growing literature ministry has been greatly helped by having such a facility. When one team gave out books, a passer-by said: "It's really good that you are distributing books for children and elderly people to transform their lives; this way the people and children recognise the ways of life to proceed with." A beggar accepted some books, saying: "Although I cannot read, my son can and will read them to me." **Pray that many benefit long-term from the literature store.**

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Building up the church - in Pakistan

Teams from OM Pakistan go regularly to visit people who live in the Christian quarters of cities and towns throughout Pakistan, as part of their ministry to build up the church, and reach out to families who may be isolated and in need of encouragement and prayer. Very often, families have a general belief in God but not a personal relationship with Him. One family the team visited called themselves believers, but did not know God's Son. The team was able to tell them about Jesus, and encourage them in the Truth through God's Word. **Pray for nominal church goers.**

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Amongst the local community - in Pakistan

One team went sharing thoughts about God with shopkeepers and giving them books to read, which were well received. Locals said they found Christians very helpful and concerned about the future of the country. One man said that the message the team shared was the very first time he had ever heard about Jesus. The team bumped into the local pastor who had been serving there for two years: "I am very encouraged by what you are doing. No one has ever come to share as you have done here before." **Pray for those who do not yet know God for themselves.**

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Relief & development - in Pakistan

In September 2014 the monsoon floods devastated vast areas and communities. The team was able, once floodwaters had subsided, to visit areas where they already had relationship, bringing essential food and goods. Families were so grateful to see them. A mother carrying her disabled son, explained: "We had made special shoes for him so he could walk. But, around midnight, when floodwaters overflowed the bank, I could only snatch him up and run as quickly as possible; there was no time to find his shoes. So now he cannot walk about." **Pray for the communities.**

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Building for the long term - in Pakistan

One team has been building relationships with villagers since the flooding in 2010 destroyed homes and communities, helping build homes in Christian *and* Muslim areas, and establishing community centres where groups can meet, plus learn new skills. Mehreen*, a forty year old widow, knew how to sew, and was loaned a machine from the centre to enable her to support her household. In this way, she did not have to accept her landlord's offer to convert to Islam to pay off her debt to him. **Pray for those learning skills to be rescued from debt-imposed situations.**

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Women reaching out to women - in Pakistan

Two of the women's team stopped to take tea with a believer, afterwards visiting all the houses in the village. They met eight Christian families and a number from the majority faith; every family asked the team to pray for them. Then 15 more people came asking for prayer. As they shared the story of Adam and Eve, and how wrong things hurt, causing relationship difficulties with God, people were blessed and amazed: "This message is new for us!" they said. **Pray that many women would experience God's redeeming grace, and reach out to Him in relationship.**

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Kids Games - in Pakistan

Last year, the sports team took the popular Kids Game event to a very challenging parts of Pakistan, to share the message of God's love, and His desire for unity amongst Christians. 55 local pastors and 88 children's teachers helped 370 team members make the day a success: "All this is like a miracle here!" A school-teacher said later: "These children will never forget this event. This is a life changing experience. Thank you for organising this event." **Pray for Kids Games and the teen leaders of the future.**

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Sharing literature - in Pakistan

As the team set up a book table, the local religious leader, or *molvi*, was openly interested and willingly took a book about the life of Jesus. Other *molvis* gathered and asked many questions about God, greatly encouraging the local believers. Another *molvi* said he ran a religious school, or *Madrassa*, so already had many books. A team member talked to him about passages from the Qur'an, explaining Christian literature could give him more knowledge about the reality of God. **Pray for literature and other media to impact many to learn more about God.**

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Church planting - in Pakistan

Hamu* came to personal faith in Jesus two years ago, and has ever since been a committed attender of the local fellowship, so the team was not surprised when he asked them: "Please can I be baptized, as it says in the Bible?" It took Hamu two days to reach the venue but he was determined: "I have waited a long time for this. I do not know whether I will ever get the opportunity again in my life, so I was determined to finish my journey – and here I am!" The team celebrated with him. **Pray for God's continued care for people like Hamu in bringing them to Himself.**

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