



BlackTalk



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I am just coming to the close of my time in Pakistan preparing books and videos for production here. Tomorrow I get on the plane for a flight to Manila and the second part of my trip.

The time here has had both ups and downs. It has been incredibly encouraging to hear how our books are being used, and frustrating to encounter glitches with computer programs that have slowed down production. Those glitches have meant our books will not be produced quite as quickly as I had hoped, but will still get done in the next few weeks. Thank you to so many folks who contributed to the costs of the printing.

Some highlights from the trip:

- two of our **film projects** were officially announced this week and 50 people attended the ceremony, including some of the actors who had provided voices for the dubbing. It was a very necessary time of celebration and a great way to praise God and honor the men who had worked so hard on getting the projects done here.



- our **literacy program** has around 100 students learning Sindhi, and learning to teach others. There have been many students who have decided to join our Family, and some who have taken the step of baptism. Because of the extent of the work, we are printing double the number of manuals that I had expected to print.

- the **Bible Correspondence staff** use most of our books in their follow-up of students. Individuals are given books, and parcels of books are sent to schools and libraries who request them. The staff are doing regular Bible studies in three locations where several students have joined the Family.

- the **Sindhi Family Camp** coming up in December wants to use one of our books as a gift, meaning those books will get well used and quickly.

- many of our books are in e-book format and given out on **memory cards** for smart phones. Over 7000 of the cards have been given out, and are also available for download from the website www.umeedjorasto.com

- a **book storeroom** seems like an odd highlight, but the team that spent 6 days cleaning out the room and organizing our books were understandably proud of their work and threw an official opening of the storeroom when I was there. Their work means our workers have a better idea of what is available for their ministries, and we can better plan for the future knowing now what we have in storage.



Project update:

Each book costs about \$500 to reprint. We are very grateful for all of the help that has come in, and we are looking for an additional \$1500. If you can help out with this project, please check out the links below:

Canada: www.fellowship.ca/qry/sd_donate.taf?dsfg=1&dsfd=549

USA: www.worldventure.com/give/select.php?id=a5RF00000008OU5MAM&type=p



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