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Mission Partner Update - Qaiser & Rahila Julius, OTS and Help for the Help for the Helpless

Our Mission Partners, Qaiser and Rahila, are now back home safely in Pakistan and write, *"We had a wonderful time with all at St Andrew's and treasure our time there."*

Qaiser says that Open Theological Seminary have just distributed help to the victims of the Jaranwala incident where 26 churches were burnt alongside many houses of the Christians in that area. Their plan is to start OTS courses there so that people can be given a foundation and strengthened in the Christian identity. OTS also plan to focus on the Sialkot area in launching their discipleship program with other churches.

Help for the Helpless: Rahila has advised us that the funds we sent to them following their visits have been allocated to three initiatives.

1. They have started a new literacy centre.
2. Their many students are working on items for Christmas sales and learning different things like Christmas ornaments, cushions, table mats, to complement the items she showed us when they came to St Andrew's.
3. They are planning to start a new sewing centre plus workshop in Lahore to help women in slum areas. This will also enable them to hold workshops for teachers and students and occasionally allow them to prepare some of those items for sale.