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**Mission Partner Prayer and update from Open Theological Seminary Trust, Pakistan (OTS)**

Our mission partner OTS issued their year-end bulletin in December 2023. Some of the insights were:

**The Youth Department.** This department focuses on equipping Christian Teenagers of age 11 to 17 years, with the following objectives:

That students will gain more knowledge about the Bible and society. This year 1,710 students completed at least one course with the help of 209 volunteer tutors. Students will grow in faith and desire to be Christian witnesses and good citizens of their country.

**Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS).** This is a department that started its journey, just three years ago, in 2020. It has achieved the milestone of provisional accreditation with the Asia Theological Association (ATA). This success has been achieved after the hard work put in by OTS team, under the able leadership of OTS Director, Dr Qaiser Julius.

**Field Department.** The Open Theological Seminary organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) seminar for area coordinators, senior tutors and field staff at the OTS office in Lahore on 12-14 October 2023. The main objectives of this training were to equip co-ordinators, senior tutors and field staff for facilitation in the tutor training and students' workshops.

**Courses Development Department.** This department serves to develop new courses and revise the existing ones. OTS has a big library with around 10,000 Christian books. Their department not only maintains the OTS library, but also provides library support to students who are working on their research, writing theses, and various other projects.