

BIBLE TRAINING CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

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Greetings!

I hope in our Lord Jesus Christ our savior is keeping you safe & healthy during Covid-19. I feel pleasure in sharing Bible Training Center's Annual Report with you, "We may make our plans, but God has the last word." According to the quarterly plan our team has exerted full efforts to accomplish the set goals during pandemic. We thank our Lord for helping and guiding us to achieve all this quarter. Please remember us in your prayers.

(Principal Rev. Nasir Kamal).

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Introduction

“Your love reaches higher than the heavens, and your loyalty extends beyond the clouds.” (Psalm 108:4)



Praise the Lord for being good and faithful to us even in the recent outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic which has put the whole world in a global crisis. These are extraordinary times in the history of mankind, and they demand extra ordinary measurers.

Bible Training Centre tried its best to continue ministry by observing all precautionary measures when Government of Pakistan opened education institutions in September, 2020. Faced with COVID 19 disruption, digital transformation in the education sector has picked a new momentum. We have started learning about the e-education and trying to apply where and when possible.

The managing board and staff of BTC would like to express their gratitude to all partners for extending prayerful support even in this difficult time of global

financial crises. God has used this ministry even in extraordinary circumstances for Christ-Centered Leadership grooming designed to facilitate the holistic development of the Church and ultimately impact society in Pakistan and He will continue to do in this year 2021. **A very happy 2021!!!**

Face to Face Reopening

Students for residential, evening and modular programs were warmly welcomed on Monday, 15th September for face-to-face learning after about six months as per the directives of the government of Pakistan. All learners were as enthusiastic as we were to meet them. They were eager to meet their teachers, class fellows and enjoy the real essence of the conventional way of teaching and learning. All the COVID -19 SOPs were strictly followed to ensure the safety of our learners. We believe it is our shared responsibility to follow the new norms regarding health/safety requirements for ensuring uninterrupted services for the edification of the Church and expansion of God’s kingdom in Pakistan.



Residential Program

Praise the Lord as we were able to successfully complete the fall semester by the end of November 2020 before the government’s order to close all educational institutions. 12 learners were benefited. Thanks to Miss Freda Carry for facilitating Church History, Mr. Nasir Kamal for Disciple Making & Inductive Bible Study methods and Mr. Rifaquat Ghouri for facilitating OT Survey, the four gospels & An

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Introduction to the Christian doctrines. Mrs. Shanti Nasir facilitated and motivated learners for extra-curricular activities and physical work. We also appreciate her for voluntarily taking care of hostel students.

Residential were given an opportunity to do the fieldwork under the supervision of faculty and senior pastors.

TESTIMONY: “I have been greatly blessed for all the time I spent living and studying at BTC. I have learned so much and grew stronger in faith and ministry. Thank God for this great opportunity” (Sana Nazir)



Two productive modules for Pastors and Ministry workers were conducted. One at Calvary Training Centre, Faisalabad from 20 – 23, October facilitated by Mr. Nasir Kamal on Disciple Making. Sixteen participated from Faisalabad, Gojra and Toba. Thanks to Bro. Tahir Javed for all physical arrangements in that regard. Another module was held at BTC from 26 - 29, October facilitated by Mr. Nasir Kamal on same theme.



Evening Class

The evening classes for the laity and professionals were resumed by the second week of September by adding a supplementary working day in the evening class routine held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

They were successfully completed three courses; Church History, Disciple Making and Four Gospels facilitated by Miss Freda Carey, Mr. Nasir Kamal, Freda Carey, and Rafaquat Ghouri, respectively. Praise God for this group of almost thirty enthusiastic, excited and teachable learners. Eight new students



were enrolled in this program.

Modular Program

TESTIMONY: “I am thankful to the Lord for this opportunity of learning how to be good disciple of Christ and enthusiastic to help and encourage believers to be His disciple”.
(Pst. Sarfraz Gill from Sukar)

Leadership Development



Addressing the need to promote culture of leadership development within the local church and to in order to strengthening the existing leadership and prayerfully

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encourage them to think and seriously consider the need to prepare second line leadership, a series of seminars was arranged on monthly basis. Following were the details of those seminars on the Big Idea of Christ-Centered Leadership followed by the consultations to identify and rectify the flaws and weaknesses in leadership, in order to carve and develop an ideal leadership to achieve the goal of bringing forth Christ-like leadership:

- Need of Leadership – Prof. Tahir Javed
- Biblical Leadership – Dr. Qaiser Julius
- Characteristics of Leadership – Rt. Rev. Irfan Jamil

All seminars were enlightening, thought provoking, and blessed.

We praise God for the opportunity to build capacity of full-time and part-time staff. M. Th for Principal is about to finish. Mr. Rafaquat Ghouri has joined Master in Organizational Leadership. Mrs. Shanti Nasir started M. Div at ZBS. BTC have vision to promote our B.Th graduates to do M. Div. It will help us to have more people to be helpful in teaching and training programs of BTC.

TESTIMONY: “It was a great blessing to take part in this training held at BTC. I am thankful to the Lord for this opportunity and for all that I was able to learn and how it will benefit me in serving the Lord.”
(Pst. Amir Shaukat from Lahore)



Holistic Development

In order to encourage local churches to be engaged in an integral mission a motivation training was arranged



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Modern Colony, Peco Road, Kot Lakhpat Lahore

in November. Forty-two Church leaders were participated. Dr. Qaiser Julius, and Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob and team led very productive sessions. There will be further trainings with the same participants.

Compassion Move

By the grace of God and through prayerful support from one of our partner, BTC was able to serve 115 needy families who lost their jobs during Covid-19 pandemic. They were provided food packets worth of Rs. 5000/=. The beneficiaries were grateful to God for this timely support for their basic needs.

TESTIMONY: Shazia a widow living with her three children lost her job in a factory. She now makes her living by working as housekeeper but as people try to avoid contact with other people due to Covid-19, it's a challenge to get housekeeping jobs in such circumstances. She was



extremely grateful to receive the food package at such a time when she earns less than Rs10000 a month and struggles to take care of the needs of her family. She thanked Thank God for that provision.

Christmas Get-Together



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It was a blessed time of fellowship with staff's families after almost a year. Praise God! Who kept us safe from the effect of Covid-19 except our Cook's wife and daughter who were recovered!!!

It was also blessed having fellowship Christmas supper with those pastors along with their wives who gather weekly for prayers at BTC.



Plantation

More than fifty new plants were planted last year 2020. We always praise God for such wonderful blessing in term of this piece of land for this vital ministry. BTC tries best to provide healthy and fresh atmosphere to the people who come and go back with the recognition of divine purposes for their lives.



Partnerships

We are thankful to God for having most precious partnerships of local and global church and institutions for this vital ministry. We appreciate all their prayerful supports in many ways which enabled us to carry His work. We look forward to have these partnerships strong and also to have more people of God be with us to

serve together for the expansion of His Kingdom in Pakistan.

Activities for 2021

The following Activities for 2021:

Long-term Activities:

- ▶ Residential Program with additional seminars.
- ▶ Evening Classes with additional activities
- ▶ Modular Programs- Nos 5. & Educational trip
- ▶ 7 days camp for Matric and Intermediate Student

Short-Term Programs:

▶ Sunday School Ministry

- Teacher's trainings – Nos. 4.
- Camps for boys and girls – Nos. 2
- Children Rally – Nos. 1

▶ Teenage Ministry

- Teacher's Trainings – Nos. 4
- Camps for boys and girls – Nos. 2
- Teen Rally – Nos. 1

▶ Youth Ministry

- Youth Leader's Trainings – Nos. 4
- Camps for boys and girls – Nos. 2
- Youth Conference – Nos. 1
- Youth Rally – Nos. 1

▶ Women Ministry

- Ministry Leaders' Trainings – Nos. 4
- Camp – Nos. 1

▶ Family Life Ministry

- Ministry Leader's Seminars – Nos. 6

▶ Church Leader's Trainings – Nos. 26

For pastors, elders, church treasurers, visiting team, mission/evangelism team and worshippers.

▶ Indigenous Mission Trainings for Professionals – Nos. 6 (nurses, teachers, factory workers etc.)

▶ Convention – Nos. 1

Promotion

By God's grace we were able to prepare and distributed 2500 calendars throughout the country. Ministry introductory brochures, notes books, pen and key chains were also prepared. Working on Website is in process and will be active by the end of February in the name of www.bibletrainingcentre.org

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Installation of Water Filter Plant

Praise God for the provision of funds to install water filtration plant in September. It will provide 60 to 70 liters per hour and gives mineral water.

Appreciate Prayers

Prayer is our POWER HOUSE, therefore, you are requested at large to please continue to pray for the following:

- Activities for 2021, staff & volunteers
- Provision of resources for all activities and utilities.
- Safety of participants & staff from Covid-19
- All partners (individual, churches & Institutions) of BTC.
- Need of staff; Bible teacher, Librarian, gate keeper and sweeper.
- Solar system cost about Rs. 2,500,000/=
- Need of Vehicle for Field & Office work cost Rs. 2,000,000/=
- BTC get registered with EAD.
- FOR PAKISTAN: Lord's presence, provision & Protection

Month of January to March, 2021

January, 2021

- 1- Spring Semester
- 2- 1st Term
- 3- Church Ministry & Covid-19
19th Jan, 2021
- 4- Youth Leaders' (Training -
1) 29th Jan, 2021

February, 2021

- 1-Women's Leadership
Training - 1
06th Feb, 2021
- 2- Church and Government Laws 09th Feb, 2021
- 3- World Religions 15 - 19 Feb, 2021
- 4-Educational Trip 18th Feb,
2021

March, 2021

- 1-Basic Management
Principles 06th Mar, 2021
- 2-Teenager Leaders Training-1
14th Mar, 2021
- 3-Prophecies in Isaiah
18-20 Mar, 2021

1- Our **Spring semester** has started after Christmas holidays on 18th Jan, 2021. All students joined back.

2- 1st Term (Evening Class) 18th Jan, 2021

By the grace of Christ our evening class has started and 25 students has joined us. In first term two courses: New Testament, Book of Revelation, and False Teaching (Heresies) are offered and Mr. Nasir Kamal and Mr. Razaqat Ghouri are facilitating in these two courses at BTC campus.

3- Church Ministry & Covid-19 19th Jan, 2021

Purpose: Discussion about the Corona situation and prevention and working style of churches in pandemic.

Testimony: One Pastor from Sahiwal realizes that they have to take care of congregation during covid-19 rather than over spiritualize everything and die. So, confesses that he was totally in denial that there are no corona and people don't need to take preventive measures. But at the end of the session, he realized what is right and what is wrong and promised to take all preventive measures. **Participants = 42** (Lahore region, cities= 5)
Facilitator = Razaqat Ghouri

4-Youth Leaders' (Training - 1) 29th Jan, 2021

Purpose: To equip Brethren Churches in youth ministry, to trained youth leaders.

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Participants: 22 **Facilitator:** Team teaching;
Nathan, Rafaqat, Ijaz

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1- Women's Leadership Training – 10th Feb, 2021

Purpose: Encouragement through prayer for all women leaders in any capacity serving in the churches.

Participants: 31

Facilitation: Team Ruth Irshad & Team



2- Church and Government Laws 09th Feb, 2021

Content: Marriage Act & Divorce Act.

Participants: 40 Pastors from different areas.

Organizing Team: BITE Staff.

Purpose: Purpose of arranging "Church & Government Laws" session for pastors was to give awareness about Christian law of Pakistan and how being a church leaders pastors can facilitate church and society.

Facilitators: Advocate Hanook Fiaz and Advocate Emmanuel Iqbal.



3- Module – 1 (B.th)

World Religions 15 – 19 Feb, 2021

Content: Authenticity of the Bible.

Purpose: To ensure the Christian identity and authenticity of Bible as believer in this Pakistani context.

Facilitator: Aslam Nazak from Abbottabad

Participants: 30 B.th & Diploma



4- Educational Trip 18th Feb, 2021

Purpose: This trip was part of World Religion study theoretical part was arranged in seminary and for evidence *Bible Museum* was visited. Educational trip at *Pakistan Bible Society*, was arranged for BITE's students. Main purpose was to give students learning experience by visiting Christian institutions and experiencing personally their working style and in future it might give them opportunity to clear their vision how they can contribute as theologian by working with them or in some other ways. **Students:** 31 **Staff:** 03



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5- Sunday School Teacher's Training – 1 21st Feb, 2021

Purpose: To provide authentic Sunday School teaching methodology so these teachers could train young generation in an efficient manner. It has total 4 stages, but Stage – 1 was covered with new teachers & it was refresher to existing teachers. Remaining 3-stages will be covered in next quarters.

Stage: 1st Stage of Sunday School

Participants: 64

Facilitator: Team teaching: Nasir Kamal. Ijaz Khokhar.



Month of March, 2021

Basic Management Principles 06th Mar, 2021

Content: Basic Management for Church Ministry
Purpose: It was offered to equip young theologians with management skills so they could manage wisely and excel in field. Main areas covered were, personality test, basic management components, time management, etc.

Facilitator: Rev. Raheel Iqbal



Teenager Leader's Training – 1 14th Mar, 2021

Content: Young Leadership Development (Vision casting)

Purpose: Main target group was teenagers which is a neglected group of our churches. In this training a team was prepared to work in teenagers, It has 4-stages, first stage was covered in this session.

Facilitator: Team Teaching Nasir Kamal & Amir.



B.th Module- 2

Prophecies in Isaiah 18 – 20 Mar, 2021

Content: Book of Isaiah

Purpose: Providing authentic biblical teachings specially from Old Testament to interpret scripture in a proper and contextualized way.

Participants: 80

Facilitator: Dr. Eddy Lanz

Feedback: Students were excited and were encouraged after teaching. Some were really moved and want to preach it more.



Prayer Points

- The current condition of the world due to Covid-19 pandemic and safety BTC's staff, families, students and graduates.
- God's guidance for His ministry at BTC during and Post-Pandemic time.
- The Holistic Development of participants of all programs.
- Provision of resources.