

I want to thank all of you friends who have shown an interest in the literature work in this country, either by prayer or financial help, or both. I want to give you a summary of what has been done, and how, and what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. Due to language study, this information has been slow in coming, but in the future I trust it will come to you more regularly.

You will be glad to know that a total of \$685.00 has come from the States for literature. With this very generous amount, we have been able to start an effective literature program in this country. In Multan, which is the largest city in our area, with a population of over 400,000, we now have a Christian Bookstore, called the "Word of Life". In it is a stock of all the available literature which is published in Urdu, plus some things in English which we thought would be good for these people, such as all the Moody Colportage Books. The Bookroom proved to be a wonderful place to talk with Muslims about Christianity, as well as selling books. Thousands of Muslims have heard orally from our missionaries of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as reading it in the literature. Before leaving Multan on the first of May, we had sold about 5500 pieces of good literature--either Gospels, or Scripture Portions. Also we distributed about 5000 free tracts.

We have two large districts in the southern end of the Punjab which are assigned to us as our area. Because we are all new here and still studying the language, we have not done much evangelistic work. We have gone out into the area some, and sold literature, but we have by no means covered it yet.

We have made many trips out in our districts last winter and spring. The results were very encouraging for literature work. We sold and distributed many portions of the Word of God. The reason for selling literature is that many people who cannot read will take free literature, then sell it to the shopkeepers in the Bazaar. We sell it to ensure that those who do take it will read it. The price of the material is very small compared to the cost of printing. We generally lose money on every piece sold; so we do need more money to replenish our supply after so long a period.

Occasionally we encounter a certain amount of trouble. I have not yet been out on the street but what some persons after buying books, has torn them up and thrown them at me. Twice I've had them buy booklets, touch a match to them, hold up the burning books, and shout, "Oh Muslims, Oh Muslims, look! Don't buy them! Don't read them!" Sometimes a man will follow me for blocks and prevent others from buying. The Lord has always graciously kept me from harm, and a little trouble won't hurt me. The disdain and contempt with which they hold one, gives a small taste of what our Lord Jesus Christ bore. Every time I go out on the street to sell, I think of Heb. 13:13, "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing His reproach". I try to cover every shop in the Bazaar by walking up one side of the street, and down the other. I believe in giving everyone a chance to buy or refuse, as they choose. The streets in these Bazaars are literally flooded with people walking here and there, and they buy most of the literature. They are those who live in the outlying districts and can't be reached easily otherwise.

This coming winter in Multan we hope to rent a larger room for a Bookstore, where we will have room to hold different kinds of meetings; some for adults (men's and women's meetings have to be absolutely separate in this country), some for children. Children's work is well attended here, but we are seriously handicapped by a lack of materials in Urdu. There is not a single tract or any other material printed in Urdu for these children. In Pakistan now there are many schools, and it is the children here who can read. Also we want to do a great deal more tract distribution. Good tracts are available through M.I.K. (Christian Publishing House) in Lahore.

The increase in literature sold and distributed which we want to see this winter is at least 800%. Please pray with us about the work ahead. Very soon another letter will follow, telling more concerning the need for and problems confronting us in this work.

Thanking you again for your interest,

My address will be Mission Hospital Multan Cant
from now on. Send letters there.

Your servant in Christ,