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## PAKISTAN

God has opened the door for Christ to the World Ministries to reach into Pakistan with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We

began with our broadcast partner, the Far East Broadcasting Association (FEBA), the translation and production of two radio drama series, *The Life of Jesus Christ* and *Persons Who Met Jesus* in June 2008. Each series is being translated and produced in the Urdu language from our studios in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The first broadcast began in September 2008. We also will adapt our printed Bible study guides into oral teaching applications designed for radio broadcast.

We believe that hundreds of thousands of listeners will hear and understand the message of Jesus Christ, many for the very first time, from the radio drama series. Many will come to know the one and only true God and accept Christ as Savior and Lord. It will take courage and a leap of faith for many.



**Country Profile:** Pakistan is a country of over 172 million people. The country is a nation of very complex racial, ethnic and religious diversity. It is in many ways a breeding ground for terrorism and there is great concern for safety of Christians who are a witness for the gospel of Christ Jesus. The economy is mainly an export one with textiles, garments and heroin. Much of the government income is spent on the military and development of nuclear weapons. Other factors besieging the economy include uncontrolled population growth, lack of water and land and the effects of terrorism. **The extreme Islamist movement is deeply influencing the state in such ways that it is having worldwide impact.** Millions of people live in deep poverty.

Pakistan has extreme challenges for effective Christian witness. Less than three percent of the population is Christian, with the overwhelming majority (96%) being Muslim. Whereas there are some that say there is religious freedom, the rise of Islamist extremism has resulted in violence against Christians. Anti-conversion and oppression against Christian activities give rise to concerns for how best to share the gospel of Christ. Many fear the undermining of Christian outreach and the threats of the Taliban's growing influence. We believe that in a country where illiteracy is nearly 70%, reaching everyday people in their homes by radio broadcasts with the audio drama stories of Jesus will yield many results.





**Our Broadcast Partner:** FEBA is one of the largest Christian broadcasting networks in the country of Pakistan. Producing programs and broadcasting using FM, AM and Short Wave in selected cities throughout the country, the FEBA partnership with Christ to the World will result in reaching millions of potential listeners through the radio dramas.

## **Prayer Needs:**

- Pray for the translation and production of the radio drama series and Bible study guides, for the actors and the post-production studio requirements.
- Pray that non-Christian listeners will receive the muchanticipated broadcasts with open minds. Pray that they will understand the gospel message and that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to accept Christ as Savior without fear of their neighbors or those within their own families.
- Pray for the freedom of Pakistani Christians to proclaim the gospel without intimidation. Pray that those opposing the gospel will be tolerant of those who accept the truth without violence or extremism.
- Pray for the FEBA broadcasting partners and for the increase in effectiveness of the grass-roots leaders and house churches.