

Interfaith New Year celebration with working children at brick factory Nazampura Kasur, Pakistan

On 4th January, 2019 Women Wing URI Pakistan organized a program with the partnership of COPE Pakistan CC, WAKE CC and Ms.Rubina Younis from Korea. Program title was New Year celebration 2019 with working children with the theme of “through education comes peace and interfaith harmony in new generation”. In Nazampura Kasur **School for Working Children** is giving education to the children of brick kilns workers. 120 children are getting education in this school. Their parents are working in different brick kilns in Kasur. Through education these can change our future and family. Children are roses of this World. They give fragrance beauty and meaning to human life. They are innocent, trusting and full of hope. They are the real capital and future of a nation. They are very precious, delicate and need proper care and treatment. It is a universal truth that economic prosperity and socio-cultural progress of a nation largely depend on the proper upbringing of its future generation. The educational, civilized and developed



societies always predict and plan their future keeping in mind the present status and situation of their children. Childhood is considered the best stage in the cycle of human life. Nobody can forget the memories. Childhood is the most enjoyable and delightful period of human life but not for those who are caught up by the cruel clutches of the decree, not permitting them to heave up their mind and heart with many inner most wishes and inclination. But those who strive for really endeavor to mean it, particularly true for **working children**.

URI Women Wing Pakistan is working with brick kilns workers families in Kasur for the promotion of education and skills. Through URI skill Education Center 35 women and girls have completed Sewing, Knitting and Embroidery training course in Nazampura Kasur. Before URI skill center these women were without of skill. Now they are not a slave of kilns owner. These women are earning money with their skill and they feel proud. Many children have to work with their parents at kilns for their daily food.



Sr.Sabina Rifat Coordinator Women Wing URI Pakistan, Mr. Asher Nazir Executive Secretary URI Pakistan and Ms.Maria Younis distributed new warm clothes and food items among few working children as they could not effort to give to all. Even thou it is their strong wish to help all these children. School staff and children were very happy with the gifts from URI Women Wing and Partners.



These children are getting education because they belong to the poorest families. Their economical condition is very bad and miserable. The Supreme Court of Pakistan has declared bonded labor to be illegal, but it is still there with no implementation on it. The laborers could be considered as 'slaves' of the modern world. They are born and die at the kilns.

We believe that through education together we can change their lives. Sr. Sabina Rifat and Mr. Asher Nazir thanked the dedicated teachers Shamim Shafi and Narjis Nasreen for this great working to change the life of working children through education.

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