



FOCUS
**EDUCATIONAL,
 SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL**

LOCATION
GUJRANWALA, PAKISTAN

LEADER
SAMSON JAQOOD

**OUR MINIMUM
 ANNUAL TARGET**
£5000

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The Light Home School is the only school in Garjakh colony, Gujranwala, an industrial city in the north-east of the Punjab province of Pakistan. It is the sixth largest city in Pakistan with a population of approximately 2.5 million, and one of the fastest growing cities in the world. Due to extensive road and rail links the city has flourished with the growth of manufacturing and agriculture. The 200 Christian families in the colony suffer discrimination and the fathers of the children have little choice but to work in menial jobs such as street sweepers, factory workers and daily labourers in the construction industry, while some mothers clean the homes of the wealthy. Consequently the families are very poor. There are around 180 children attending the school. Including the Principal, there are ten teachers at the school. Some of the school operates in a large room in Samson's house with the rest of the school being situated in single brick rooms on the roof. Two classes sit outside on the roof and it is hoped that a further two rooms will be able to cope with these classes. The rooms constructed on the roof have enabled the school to expand. One of the teachers who is highly qualified runs evening classes for those seeking additional help to further their education.

The Light Home School was started in 2002 by Yaqoob Masih, the father of Samson Yaqoob the project leader. Yaqoob Masih had a burden to see Christian children educated and started a school in his home but died shortly thereafter. Samson, as well as leading the project, also works in a steel factory. He began as a labourer but his ability was recognised and now he works as a purchaser. Samson's wife, Fauzia, was a founding teacher and is now the Principal. Samson and Fauzia have two young children and the family are active in their local church.

