



FOCUS
 EDUCATIONAL,
 SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION
 LAHORE, PAKISTAN

LEADER
 JEHANGIR SARWAR

OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET
 £3500

There are around 80 children attending this school with 4 teachers together with Jehangir, the head teacher. They are helped by four Korean missionaries who teach part time. Since this is a gypsy community the children frequently move on from the tented colony in which they stay. There are no facilities within the colony and on a Saturday morning a team from Operation Mobilisation come to wash the children's hair and generally help with cleanliness and hygiene. The itinerant nature of the families adds to the challenge of running a school, but the two couples involved are totally committed to the task. In the afternoons there are three different literacy classes. The class base for the adults, like that for the children, is less consistent than would normally be the case due to families regularly moving on. The difficulties in running a school and literacy centre in this situation are significant but a real impact is being made.

Jehangir Sarwar is the leader of this project. His wife and another couple are also heavily involved. The children live in tents and in conditions that are seen as difficult even by the standards that the Christian community normally live in. The leaders' commitment to this community extends beyond the children to the illiterate mothers. There is a strong Christian focus within the education programme. They are working under conditions of extreme difficulty and their faithfulness in this situation is a tribute to their Christian faith and concern for people that no one else would have any time for.

