



FOCUS

EDUCATIONAL,
SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION

MULTAN, PAKISTAN

LEADER

ZEESHAN LAAL DIN

**OUR MINIMUM
ANNUAL TARGET**

£5000

Bethel School is located in Roufan colony, a rural area on the outskirts of Multan, with 175 Christian families. The Christian colony that it serves occupies a disused canal. The school began informally in 2003 and later registered with the local board of education as a Primary School. There are over 100 children in the school which is the only one in the colony. The school was built as a result of financial support from Barnabas Trust and is a well-constructed facility. There are 9 teachers, almost all of whom are qualified to BA standard, 6 classrooms and 9 classes up to Class 6. The above includes a sewing teacher who gives lessons to every pupil, male and female. The school runs for 12 months; they have no holidays.

Although coming from a very deprived background, the children are very committed to learning and results from government exams have been encouraging. The benefit of education is something that the culturally Christian community do not, as a rule, receive, unless it is provided by groups like Shared Hope.

The very large numbers of children in Pakistan, who largely come from the majority community, make it very difficult for the government to provide universal education and inevitably minority groups are the first to lose out. Victoria Laal Din whose vision this school was, tragically died in a car accident. Her son, Zeeshan, has taken responsibility to oversee the running of the school.

