



FOCUS

EDUCATIONAL,
SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION

AKHTARAABAD, PAKISTAN

LEADER

SAJIDA IQBAL

**OUR MINIMUM
ANNUAL TARGET**

£3000

Akhtaraabad, a small rural town, is the centre point for several Christian villages. The children come from eight surrounding villages and with two vehicles Sajida runs a pick-up service to bring Christian village children to the school where more than 120 children study. The school has secured the highest marks in the area for the government grade 5 examinations. Linked with the Akhtaraabad school is a smaller school, five kilometres away, in a village called Renala Khurd. There are 75 pupils in this school which is run on exactly the same lines as the main school with the same demanding standards for both pupils and teachers. The 20 teachers and ancillary staff come together for training several afternoons each week as well as Saturday mornings.

A high school will soon be functioning which will be an outstanding centre of education where Sajida's leadership skills and educational qualifications will provide the driving force in the pursuit of excellence.

The ministry of the school goes beyond simply education. Such is the poverty in the area that Sajida and her staff endeavour to look after the medical and nutritional needs of the children also. A variety of after school clubs is also organised..

Sajida Iqbal, a single lady, is the daughter of a local pastor. After two years of Bible School in the UK, she returned home, purchased land and began to build a school to serve the rural Christian community, who otherwise have no access to education.

Sajida previously worked in a highly regarded government school and has recently successfully completed her studies and gained an M Ed. Having been brought up in a rural village, Sajida's commitment to the children in her native area has enabled this establishment to be the top quality facility that it now is.

