

April 1-6 Praise the Lord with us for the successful early completion of FMI's *Church Security and Crisis Response* initiative in Pakistan. Since the beginning of the year, the government has been cracking down on Christian congregations and threatening widespread church closures by the end of March. The 15 churches fortified through FMI now meet the criteria to remain open!

April 7-13 Uphold the growing members of a new church plant in a fishing village of southeastern Bangladesh. The Christians are impoverished and sometimes face discrimination and intimidation from their neighbors. Pray that the church members would remain gracious in the face of spiteful situations and reflect the compassion of Jesus Christ to all. This is Pastor Rajib's second ministry site and is quite distant from the village of his primary congregation. Pray for the provision of finances for fuel and other materials for Rajib and the team from his primary congregation that they may minister effectively at this site. (Photo: Members of Rajib's second church discuss conditions within their village as they prepare to gather for fellowship.)



April 14-20 FMI's national director in Pakistan is considering adding a new board member to the national leadership team there. Pray for the national director's wisdom in the situation and for a healthy transition for the board.

April 21-27 Ask the Lord to provide additional staff for FMI's leadership team in the US. We are currently receiving applications for a Manager of Capital Development. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to FMI's executive director in the selection process.

Apr 28 - May 4 Uphold the construction process of a church building for Pastor Karno's congregation on the island of Kalimantan, Indonesia, which recently began. The property is along a well-trafficked highway and the congregation

trusts that the high visibility and ease of access will inspire people to visit and check out the church's services and investigate the claims of Christ.

May 5-11 Pray for the salvation of Nadeem, a previously violent employee in a Christian tailor's shop, and for Khan, a municipal leader who used to be antagonistic to Christians meeting in his village. Both of these Muslim men have been significantly influenced by the care of Pastor Akif and Pastor Sarmad in their respective districts of Pakistan; the pastors' involvements with these men have resulted in astounding new openness in the gospel.



May 12-18 Ask God to provide insights to FMI's two leadership teams in Indonesia which are overseeing the expansion of church planting ministry across their islands. So far this year, six new church planters began partnering with FMI here, which is the world's largest Muslim-majority nation. The FMI-Indonesia leadership teams are also considering a few more candidates for partnership in the coming months; ask the Lord of the Harvest to raise up the necessary financial and prayer supporters for this strategic expansion.

May 19-25 Intercede for the Lord's favor in the lengthy process of acquiring a visa for Ahmed and his family to relocate outside of Pakistan due to death threats against him due to his strong Christian influence in the country. Ask God to provide protection, courage and patience for Ahmed's family as they await the decision of the host country. After a potential resettlement, Ahmed will remain in strategic ministry and provide leadership for an expanding base of FMI-supported church planters and disciple-makers, just from a safer location. Pray for the Lord's provision of funds necessary to complete their relocation.

May 26 - Pray for the pastors' wives in Bangladesh. During recent seminar sessions
June 1 designed just for them, these women learned how God has equipped and empowered them to play an important role in the maturation process of their churches. Pray also for the strengthening of their marriages. Pray specifically for Sabita (photo: center) who is newly wed to Pastor Adan.



June 2-8

Uphold Azma and her family in Pakistan. Azma, a 15 year old Christian girl, was abducted from her family year and forced to marry a Muslim man who has kept her in hiding. The family has

received no help from the local police or the courts. While our US team visited with her parents in March, we observed two young Muslim men who are stalking the family's home, lying in wait to harass their two remaining young daughters if they dare to venture outside the walls of the home. Pray that Azma would remain faithful to Christ despite her harrowing circumstances.

June 9-15 Pray for the effective discipleship of new believers who have come out of Muslim backgrounds. Ask God to give insight and care to their spiritual mentors, and grace and harmony to churches which need to integrate these new Christians into their congregations. Pray especially for Pastor Shaweer who is discipling 60 people through a literacy training outreach he established across his four ministry sites in in the Punjab province of Pakistan.

June 16-22 Praise God for the completion of the church building for Pastor Pratapgarh's growing congregation in a remote tribal enclave of eastern Bangladesh, made



up mostly of Buddhists and Hindus. "There is pressure from the army [rangers stationed in my district]," Pratapgarh explains, "and opposition from guerilla fighters. But these people also like to come to my meetings when I invite them." About 60 believers now attend church services there and Pratapgarh has baptized many people so far this year.

June 23-30 Intercede for the US team's final preparations for travel to Indonesia in July. Pray for smooth connections and logistics across remote locations where our partners serve, and for stamina along the way. The team will be leading conferences on two islands and conducting multiple field visits and helping national leadership teams strategize for upcoming ministry.

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