

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6, ESV)

Shahrukh (14) comes from a poor Christian family in Multan, Pakistan. His father Saleem is a "sweeper" at the local hospital, a low-paid cleaning job that is despised by the majority community. Saleem struggles to support his family on his meagre wages. But thanks to support from Barnabas Fund, Shahrukh can attend a Christian school where he is achieving top grades. "All of the teachers of my school are working very hard for my education as well as for my ethical and spiritual growth," says Shahrukh.

Shahrukh is obtaining top grades at a Christian school, to the delight of his father, a hospital sweeper

Sapna from Gujranwala, Pakistan, is studying at a Christian school with her two younger brothers. Sapna's father Haroon, a rickshaw driver, was rejected by his Muslim family when they discovered he'd become a Christian. Haroon said, "I was so worried about the education of my children ... now I am happy they are studying here, learning Bible verses."



Sapna smiles proudly in her school uniform. Her father, a convert from Islam, is thrilled that his children can go to a school which nurtures their Christian faith

By joining Living Streams you can become part of a continuous lifeflow helping Christians living with pressure and persecution around the world. A powerful way to do this is to sponsor a schoolchild in a country where discrimination and oppression means that Christians have a very difficult start in life. Sponsoring a child throughout their formative years helps them to grow up in safety, well nourished, educated and cared for spiritually. Schooling gives them the prospect of a decent job, enabling them to care for their families and strengthen the whole of the Christian community.

In countries where Christians are a despised and persecuted minority, Christian children can be victimised in government-run schools, including being marked down or failed in exams. Some even suffer violence at school. In Pakistan, many Christian children do not go to school at all, because their parents are too poor.

Attending a Christian school enables Christian children to learn in a safe environment, where they start to thrive. They can also grow in the Lord through worship and Christian teaching at school.

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"Streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me" (John 7:38)

Many parents are uneducated themselves and remain trapped in a cycle of poverty and illiteracy, made worse by discrimination. But with an education and qualifications, their children then have the hope of getting decent jobs, enabling them to support their parents and build up the whole of their downtrodden Christian community.

You can **sponsor** a Christian schoolchild by giving a regular

monthly donation, enabling them to grow in body, mind and spirit. Your monthly gift will be used for school fees, other educational expenses, and in many cases food too. The amount needed varies from school to school, but an average figure is *\$35 per child per month. A regular gift of any amount will make you a Living Streams sponsor.

We will provide you with a prayer card showing a photograph and details

of your **sponsored** child, as well as regular updates about their progress. Unfortunately, we cannot normally arrange for the exchange of letters between you and the child. This is due to security issues in regions of persecution, and so that we can keep administration costs down and maximise the help given to the child.

To **sponsor a Christian schoolchild** you can visit our website **barnabasfund.org/livingstreams**

For further information about Living Streams contact the Barnabas Fund Sponsorship Team at: P.O. Box 276018, Manukau City, Auckland, 2241, email sponsorship@barnabasfund.org, phone 09 280 4385.

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*Suggested amount based on typical costs. But you can sponsor a child by giving any regular amount, large or small.



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