JOURNEY

PAKISTAN MINISTRY TRIP REPORT & PERSONAL TESTIMONY



Edgar Gomez delivering the message, with Sumera serving as the Urdu translator.

1.SERVING TOGETHER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

I give all glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege of serving Him through this ministry. I am deeply grateful to our Journey groups, International Director, ministry leaders, and prayer partners for their continued prayers, encouragement, and support. Special thanks to Tom and Sir Edgar Gomez for making my participation in the Pakistan ministry activities possible.

This trip was a particularly meaningful experience, allowing me to serve alongside American Christian leaders, meet local pastors and congregations, visit ministry locations, share God's Word, and pray with people personally. Although I have served in Pakistan for several years, this journey brought new opportunities for fellowship, collaboration, and witnessing God's faithfulness firsthand. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve together and be part of what God is doing in Pakistan.



Edgar Gomez, Roseanne & Sumera in Pakistan

2. AN UNEXPECTED CHALLENGE ON THE JOURNEY TO LAHORE

Our hometown is a small town, while Lahore is one of the largest cities in Punjab. With only three buses operating daily, my mother and I chose the 4:30 a.m. bus. A tyre problem and poor road conditions turned our five-hour journey into almost seven hours.

Upon arriving, we faced another challenge: arranging transportation through an unfamiliar city. Eventually, we hired a local tuk-tuk (auto-rickshaw) and safely reached our destination.

I am deeply thankful that God protected us throughout the journey. Despite the delays, difficulties, and uncertainty, He guided our steps and made a way for us. After arriving, I shared a meal with the family, spent time in prayer, and prepared for the ministry activities ahead.

This experience reminded me that trusting God does not mean the journey will always be easy, but we can always depend on His guidance, protection, and faithfulness.

3. MEETING SIR EDGAR GOMEZ AND BEGINNING OUR MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

While I was waiting, I received a phone call from Sir Edgar Gomez informing me that he was on his way to pick us up. After a short wait, I was grateful to see him arrive. We joined him and continued our journey to the scheduled ministry locations.

By God's grace, everything went smoothly, and we enjoyed a wonderful time travelling together, sharing fellowship, and preparing for the ministry activities ahead.



Edgar Gomez and Roseanne receiving a warm welcome from the congregation.

4. VISITING THE BIBLE SOCIETY

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A joyful moment as Edgar Gomez connects with the young people during his visit.

5. SHARING GOD'S WORD THROUGH TRANSLATION

One of the highlights of our visit was serving as a translator between Sir Edgar Gomez and the Urdu-speaking congregation. I translated his message from English into Urdu and the congregation's thoughts and prayer requests back into English. I was grateful that God allowed me to use my language skills to bridge the communication gap and help everyone participate in the ministry.



United in Faith and Prayer: Gathering with Pakistani Believers and the Congregation.

6. PRAYING FOR THE CONGREGATION

We listened to the prayer requests of people facing sickness and personal and family difficulties. Together, we prayed for healing, strength, comfort, and God's guidance. It was a blessing to see how God could use even my language abilities as an instrument to encourage and serve others.

Although I had served in Pakistan for several years, working face-to-face alongside an American Christian leader gave me a new perspective on the opportunities God was opening through The Journey ministry.



Sharing Joy and Fellowship: Children Enjoying a Meal at the School.

7. VISITING A SCHOOL AND WITNESSING THE REALITIES OF BONDED LABOUR

The second morning began with the sad news of the passing of an elderly family member hosting me. After offering condolences, I continued with the family's blessing. Sir Edgar picked us up, and we visited a pastor-established school, where the children warmly welcomed us and enjoyed biryani for lunch. We learned about their needs, shared fellowship, and prayed with the children, pastors, and women, giving thanks for the opportunities God is providing for their education and spiritual growth.





Edgar Gomez Experiencing the Harsh Realities of Generational Bonded Labour at a Brick Kiln.

During our visit to the brick kilns, we witnessed the harsh realities faced by families trapped in generational bonded labour. Many of these workers live and work under conditions resembling slavery, with entire generations born into a cycle of debt, hardship, and exploitation. Sir Edgar personally tried his hand at making bricks to experience, even briefly, the physical demands of their daily labour. This experience offered a deeper understanding of their suffering and reminded us of the urgent need to restore dignity, hope, freedom, and opportunities to these vulnerable families.



at the airport

8.SIR EDGAR GOMEZ'S DEPARTURE

Before Sir Edgar's departure, he handed me the ST cards we had previously discussed. We accompanied him to the airport, where we shared a meaningful time of prayer before saying goodbye. We prayed for God's continued guidance and for greater opportunities to serve Him together. I was especially grateful for this opportunity to move beyond virtual fellowship and participate directly in ministry alongside him.





9.MY PERSONAL REFLECTION AND THANKSGIVING

This journey strengthened my faith and gave me a deeper appreciation of God's calling. I realized that The Journey ministry extends beyond online meetings; it creates opportunities to build relationships, encourage Christian leaders, share God's Word, and serve communities directly.

I am sincerely thankful to Tom, Sir Edgar Gomez, our International Director, ministry leaders, Journey groups, and prayer partners for their encouragement and support. My prayer is that God will continue opening doors for this ministry in Pakistan and use me faithfully wherever He leads.

I believe this journey was more than a ministry visit; it was an opportunity to recognize God's purpose, use the gifts He has given me, and become a greater instrument for His glory. All praise and honor belong to our Lord Jesus Christ!