



# District Faisalabad Punjab, Pakistan

# **Introduction:**

Agape Pakistan is a charitable Foundation working since 2013 in Pakistan to help the Christian children in their education, health and religious growth. Different children are sponsored by different donors through the efforts of Agape Pakistan and our partnership with Agape Missions Worldwide. Agape Pakistan started its community work with the inauguration of a Community Based Primary School for urban slum areas of Nawabanwala, in Faisalabad. The School was established to promote education at grass root level among the 'resource less' and 'neglected' people of semi urban and rural areas in Faisalabad. In Nawabanwala, parents were not able to educate their children due to low income & lack of resources but Agape Pakistan helped the children by providing awareness and facility of education in their area.

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of starting the school Agape Pakistan was to make them aware of the importance of education to a better future of their children, so they can be a good citizen of Pakistan. The committed, dedicated teachers and staff supported the school and foundation to make progress with the passage of time. As a result, Agape Pakistan expanded its services in other sectors listed below:

## Agape Pakistan is providing its services in the field of:

- Education (Formal and Non–Formal & Inclusive Education)
- Emergency (Disaster Management program (Man-made and Natural Disasters)
- Women Empowerment Program (Vocational Training Centers)

### Purchasing the Clothes and Shoes of Students for Christmas

Agape staff and teachers with some students also visited the different shops to purchase clothes & shoes for the students. Students were very happy to purchase shoes and clothes they liked. We arranged a Christmas program to distribute all gifts of students. All of the teachers and parents participated in the program. They were very happy because Agape Pakistan provided Christmas gifts like shoes and clothes to their children. Their parents were poor and unable to buy new clothes for their children. They were very thankful to Agape Pakistan and Agape Mission Worldwide for this help.





## **Christmas Program Activities:**

The celebration of the Christmas program had taken place in the school courtyard. The students decorated the school building and stage with banners of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year tags and balloons. We celebrated both events Christmas Day and Welcoming of New Year together. It means double fun for us.

At this Christmas program 23 Rev Fr. Zeeshan OP (Parish Priest) and board members were the chief guests. The spirit of Christmas is best celebrated when people come together and enjoy the company of each other. Christmas program which highlights the spirit of sharing. Students participated actively in the Christmas program held in their school and performed well.





The Christmas Program started with a prayer by Merry Salmat and First of

all, Ms Ayesha invited principal of Mr. Honey Javed on the stage and he wished for all guests, and introduced the Agape Mission Worldwide shared their thoughts related to importance and celebration of Christmas and also presented the efforts of Agape Pakistan and he wished merry Christmas & upcoming New Year to all.



Then a welcome tabloo presented a little kids for participants and honorable guests the participants appreciated this performance, Ms. Saina Mehmood was explained the significance of the Christmas festival to all participants, then school students presented a Drama on birth of Jesus Christ. These activities help to enhance their confidence and to get sufficient knowledge regarding their religion and have closer relationship with Christ. Such celebrations bring happiness and togetherness among the students and also inculcate the spirit of sharing and giving in them. The boundless joy of

celebrating the Christmas program was visible on the faces of all the children. Everybody enjoyed each and every item. During the program Board members and Parish priest Fr. Zeashan also distributed clothes and Shoes among the Sponsor children & their parents were very happy on this kind support of Agape Pakistan and



Agape Missions Worldwide. Their pictures are attached below:













Christmas cake was cut by school students, staff and guest. At the end of the Program there was a meal all the participants enjoyed the food. Students also helped in packing of food. Students and their parents are also thankful to Agape Pakistan for this food.







#### **Christmas Program with Sewing Center**

The girls of this center and women of target groups also participated in the Christmas program held in school. This helped to enhance their confidence. They did different presentations and items relating to Christmas in the program. Christmas cake was cut by Board Members& staff with sewing center girls. All the girls and their mothers enjoyed the program. At the end of the program distributed food among the participants, sewing center girls and their



mother are also thankful to Agape Pakistan and Agape Mission Worldwide for this food. At the end of program Fr. Zeeshan prayed for the progress and betterment of all human-beings.

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