In the wake of recent devastation experienced by many in the Middle East, Ramesh Richard felt a burden to address some of the physical and financial needs of pastors we serve in the region. When these needs are met, pastors are better able to focus on ministering to their churches and communities. After considering the Apostle Paul’s instruction to the Galatians to “do good to all people, and especially to the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10), we asked you to consider partnering with us to meet two specific needs in Egypt and Syria. Because of your generosity and the Lord’s faithfulness, we received funds in excess of the $22,400 originally requested. Those whose gifts put us over this amount graciously allowed us to designate the gifts to other Pastor’s Family Care Fund needs, giving us the opportunity to respond promptly when the need in Pakistan arose. We are so thankful for your support of RREACH and our strategic burden of strengthening pastoral leaders, and we wish to share with you updates from these recent efforts.

**Egypt**

**Amount Sent:** $19,600  
**Project Description:** Tuition and School Fees for Pastors’ Children

Our brothers and sisters in Egypt have been living in increasingly turbulent and frightening conditions—militants and protestors have attacked churches, Christian businesses and homes, police stations, and other public buildings. Christian families have been displaced and are experiencing severe financial difficulties.

Pastor R, a Dallas GPA graduate and our contact in Egypt, related to us that pastors were specifically in need of funds for their children’s tuition and school fees. We sought your help to provide for these families. The Lord supplied through your kindness, and your gifts allowed us to send $19,600 to Egypt. Pastor R has sent us the names of 39 pastors representing 98 children who have benefited directly.

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You worked hard to help 40 pastors, but even if just one pastor was helped, the body of Christ in Egypt would be glad.  
-Pastor R

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**Syria**

**Amount Sent: $2400**

**Project Description: Financial Support for Syrian Pastors and Families**

In the midst of the civil war and political turmoil in Syria, Christians are facing both intense religious persecution and economic strife. Dallas GPA graduate Pastor S, our contact in Syria, wrote to RREACH explaining the dire situation—Christians continue to be targeted while churches and even entire cities have been destroyed. Pastors are also in financial distress, living on no more than one-fourth of their past income.

Our goal was to support up to twelve Syrian pastors and their families with a one-time gift of $200 each. Because of your giving, we were able to send the full amount of $2400—$200 for each family. Pastor S has disbursed funds to nine pastors to date, and RREACH has received a receipt and confirmation for each of these gifts. He has also connected with the three remaining pastors and is working to send them funds as soon as possible.

> All the pastors thank you for your support. They were very appreciative of your initiation and asked me to thank you on their behalf. Some now know about you and RREACH.

> - Pastor S

**Pakistan**

**Amount Sent: $3700**

**Project Description: Relief for Victims of Church Bombing**

As many of you know, shortly after we wrote to you regarding the needs in Egypt and Syria, a church in Peshawar, Pakistan, experienced a deadly bombing. The blast killed more than 80 people, and many more were severely injured. RREACH’s contacts in Pakistan quickly assembled a team to provide relief to the suffering. Thanks to your gracious response to our previous request for Syria and Egypt, we were able to immediately send the team $3700, which was disbursed to 143 victims of the bombing.

> I and my team are thankful to all of you who have contributed to help those injured in the bomb blast in Peshawar. It was good to visit the injured after one month and one day, on the 23rd of October. I find it a blessing to sit, talk and sometimes weep with them for their wounds…and often the loss of family members.

> - Pastor P