

# NEHEMIAH TRUST PAKISTAN WATER HAND PUMP PROJECT

The Rotary Foundation has a long history of supporting local solutions to provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene - including a more than 35-year emphasis on eradicating polio around the world. Pakistan is one of the few countries in which polio remains endemic today and lack of access to clean water is a crisis in the country. The Nehemiah Trust Pakistan Water Hand Pump Project has set out to install 150 water hand pumps in villages across the nation of Pakistan, an initiative in natural alignment with Rotary's mission.

According to information from the project, around 62% of Pakistan's urban and 84% of its rural population do not treat their water and, in a country with 230 million people, there are over 100 million cases of diarrheal diseases registered in hospitals, with 40% of all deaths linked to drinking polluted water. It is estimated that 53,000 Pakistani children under five die each year of bacterial diarrhea from contaminated water. This clean water crisis disproportionately impacts poor and rural communities in Pakistan.



*Pictured from left: Nehemiah Trust Pakistan Chairman Muazzam John, Rotary Assistant District Governor Teresa Waggoner, Freewill Baptist Church Pastor Ben Ryan, and Freewill Baptist Church Program Advocate Anthony Priest.*

To achieve their goal of installing 150 water hand pumps, the Nehemiah Trust Pakistan Water Hand Pump Project is seeking to raise \$90,000. Members of the Freewill Baptist Church located in West Plains, Missouri, visited Pakistan and vetted the project in March 2022. Nehemiah Trust Pakistan Chairman Muazzam John shared his non-profit organization vision directly with area Rotary clubs during a visit to Missouri in June 2022.



Every \$600 donated allows Nehemiah Trust Pakistan to place a water hand pump in a village that will serve 80 to 100 people. West Plains Rotary Club, West Plains Sunrise Club, Willow Springs Rotary Club, and Thayer-Mammoth Spring Rotary Club, as well as individual Rotarians, recently contributed to support the installation of eight water hand pumps in rural villages of Sindh, Pakistan. Villagers, some for the first time ever, are now able to enjoy clean drinking water. [CLICK HERE](#) to view videos of the water pump installations.

**The South-Central Ozark regional Rotary clubs challenge all Rotary clubs in Missouri to support at least one village. With support from each club throughout District 6040, District 6060, District 6080, and District 6110, we will accomplish this goal. Together we can make a huge impact in this region!**

To donate, visit West Plains Bank and Trust Company and inquire about the Nehemiah Trust Pakistan Benefit Account. Donations may be made online at <https://paypal.me/pakaid> or scan the QR code to the right. Learn more at [www.nehemiahteam.com](http://www.nehemiahteam.com) or contact Frank Anthony Priest at 417-293-5954.



## Notes:

PubMed, 2017: 80% of Pakistan's total population drink unsafe water; contaminated water is linked to 80% of all disease & 33% of all deaths.  
Daily Times, 2018: 1 in 10 (21 million of 210 million) do not have access to clean water in Pakistan.  
UNICEF: 53,000 Pakistani children under five years of age die each year of bacterial diarrhea; 70% of households drink contaminated water.