

DPC MISSION PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: **PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

This year, Doylestown Presbyterian Church's mission committee is sponsoring four young girls in Pakistan so that they may attend secondary school. Most girls in Pakistan are not able to attend school, or must drop out at a very young age because of social and family obligations, or because an education is financially beyond their means. As a result, many young women are uneducated and unable to read, and continue to be repressed in Pakistani society. Because Pakistan is 95% Muslim, Christian children also face barriers in being able to openly practice and learn about their faith. The Presbyterian Education Board's schools provide young girls in Pakistan the opportunity to get a quality education informed by Christian values, regardless of their ability to pay. Below are profiles for two of the students DPC is sponsoring through the Presbyterian Education Board.



SHAINA

Grade 3, Christian Girls High School in Martinpur, Pakistan

Shaina is doing well academically and achieves good results on her examinations. She is an active student and takes part in school activities. She has one sibling studying in a nearby village school. Her father is a laborer. He earns very little because he is only able to find work occasionally. Shaina's mother is a housewife, and with only

the father's meager income to support them, the family sometimes goes to bed without meals. Shaina is fortunate to be receiving a scholarship to continue her education which can lead her toward a more promising future.



RISFA

Grade 2, Christian Girls High School in Martinpur, Pakistan

Risfa is good in her studies and enjoys taking part in school activities. She has three siblings who are also studying at the Christian Girls High School in Martinpur. Her father is a laborer, and he is paid very little. He only gets work occasionally. As a result, their basic needs are hardly fulfilled, and Risfa and her family often struggle to make ends meet. Risfa's mother is uneducated and unable to find a job, a problem many women face in Pakistan. The scholarship from Doylestown Presbyterian Church helps Risfa to continue her studies and have a better future.