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**Easter greetings to the members of Bro Tysilio Ministry Area
from the Project Director of the Umeed Partnership**

With peace, joy and love the Umeed Partnership sends you Easter greetings from Pakistan. May the risen Lord bless you in this auspicious season of Easter and may it be a new beginning of greater prosperity, success and happiness. The spirit of Easter is all about Hope, Love and Joyful living. The resurrection (Easter) is an act of forgiveness and commencement of the new future.

The Passion of Christ and his resurrection are very much reflected in the lives of our people in Pakistan. They suffer due to the heavy crosses of poverty and illiteracy



they carry every day on their shoulders. Due to their unfavourable living conditions the poor masses suffer, die and rise every moment of their lives. Umeed Partnership has become involved in their daily struggle for the last 14 years. Many people, especially women and street children, have escaped the misery, agony and slavery in their lives through the assistance provided by Umeed through skills training, education and programmes of

awareness. Due to Umeed's intervention hundreds of women and street children earn a reasonable income and are able to enjoy a better quality of life now.

The force behind Umeed is **you** - who are making sacrifices and giving your time and money to make miracles happen in the lives of the poor masses in Pakistan. This is the real Easter. Jesus broke and gave himself to others so that they may have life. He has commanded us to do the same. You are fulfilling his command by helping our people in Pakistan and for this we are so grateful to you. Have a wonderful Easter!

Yousuf

(Yousuf Jalal Gill - UPP Project Director)

In October 2012, Malala Yousufzai, a 15 year old schoolgirl from the Swat Valley in Pakistan, was shot for requesting the right for all girls in Pakistan (and beyond) to be educated. The world was appalled. Thankfully, due to the skills of neuro-surgeons in Birmingham, Malala has made a good recovery. She has published a book – I am Malala - and has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The happy outcome is that there is now increasing momentum throughout South Asia for Malala's request to be heard and the Umeed Partnership is doing precisely what Malala has been campaigning for.

A memorable quote from Malala – men with guns are frightened of a woman with a pen.

Umeed provides not just education and training but a way out of oppression for young women and their families. So I echo Yousuf's thanks to churches and individuals in our Ministry Area for the support given to the Umeed Project.

A very happy Easter to you all!

John Perkins, Chair, Umeed Partnership.