



PAKISTAN RELIEF TRIP

Racing Against Winter to Save Lives and Bring a Message of Hope

Updates posted at davidniblack.com/pakistan

How long do I plan to be gone?

The trip is scheduled from December 4th through December 23th.

How can I pray?

Pray that I will make a genuine difference physically and spiritually. Pray that I would reflect the love and compassion of Christ to the people I meet. Pray that God would give me a flexible, teachable, and loving spirit with the others on the team.

Are you raising financial support?

Yes. Checks can be made out to

Los Gatos Christian Church
and be marked:
"Pakistan Relief Trip"

Mail to:
Los Gatos Christian Church
ATTN: Global Outreach
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Los Gatos CA 95032

For more information, including how this trip relates to the potential opportunity in Paris with Henri Aoun, please visit:
davidniblack.com/pakistan

If you have other questions feel free to contact me.

IN MY OLD TESTAMENT CLASS we were assigned to record the verses that captured us and gave us a sense of the power of prophetic poetry. While reading Isaiah I chose:

*"Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth,
And your righteousness will go before you, the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard."*

The promise was so vivid to me I decided to memorize the verse that comes right before it and gives the context. Isaiah 58:5:

*"Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke?
"Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house, when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"*

It got me thinking. What does it mean to "divide my bread with the hungry" in America? or to "bring the homeless poor into the house?" I gave it a passing thought, but nothing came to mind.

Two weeks ago I received an email from an long-term overseas worker. They are urgently looking for young men who will go to Pakistan and help distribute shelters to provide emergency cover for the thousands of earthquake victims who are soon to face the winter conditions. 87,000 have died already, 1.5 million are still homeless,¹ and as many as 80,000 may risk death as the winter months approach.² The worker wrote:

"This is an incredible opportunity and a desperate need. WE NEED MEN HERE, NOW, to get into the valleys where all the houses have been destroyed, and where until now no relief people have showed up. We could save thousands of children's lives. I can't sleep. It's 1:30 in the morning. I'm calling all the pastors I know."



I am part of the team leaving December 4th. I am fit, available to go, and I feel a deep urge to share the love of Christ with a shovel and dirty hands in a place where people are dying.

A Partially Constructed Shelter

The trip will cost about \$2,700 including last-minute airfare to Islamabad, Pakistan and training in Phoenix. Los Gatos Christian Church, my home church, has graciously assisted with my airfare to Pakistan. Support from friends and personal funds will cover the remaining amount which includes visa fees, lodging, food, tools and transportation in Pakistan.

Money gets me there and keeps me fed, but prayer changes hearts and shakes the strongholds of Satan. I want to go with your prayers, knowing that you stand behind me and are part of the same body of Christ that I will represent to Muslims who are expected to die in winter's jaws. May the "glory of the LORD be my rear guard."

Serving King Jesus together with you,

David Niblack

¹ <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/world/13108724.htm>

² <http://www.newslines.com.pk/NewsNov2005/cover1nov2005.htm>