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Zarephath Bible Seminary

ZBS Library



God has blessed ZBS with the latest library with over 15000 volumes. Apart from our regular students, many pastors and lay leaders are using our library as well as some scholars and students from other faiths. We want to develop an attitude of reading and writing for our students and teachers. Every subject has recommended books in English and Urdu. Every student has two hours in the library every day to complete their assignments and do extra reading and writing related to their subjects. During the Spiritual retreat a special biography of a famous Missionary "Henry Martin" was sponsored and given to all students, staff, and faculty. During the days of retreat, all of ZBS's community enjoyed reading the inspiring story of this missionary and got blessed.



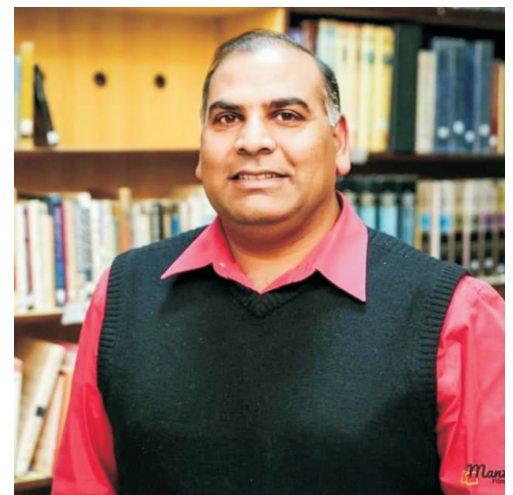
Principal's Desk

A word of Thanksgiving

I praise God that even in the time of pandemic and lockdown we were able to complete our spring semester successfully with some face-to-face classes and some online Zoom classes.

We were also able to complete several modules, leadership seminars, spiritual retreats for students and staff, as well as a first-time regional Graduate Conference. God has been so faithful to help us continue His work in Pakistan and at ZBS even through many challenges. We acknowledge the hand of God over the ministry of Zarephath Bible Seminary, and we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippines 4:13). Now we are very excited that we can start the face-to-face classes of our Fall Semester from September 2021.

By the Grace of God several new students in our different programs have been enrolled as regular residential and modular part-time students. We need your continued prayers and support for the exciting ministry of ZBS. All praises and Glory be to the Lord: Amen.



Rev. Shahbaz Boota
ZBS Principal

MAOL Lahore Module

The second module in the Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) was held virtually on May 3-7, 2021. Thirty-one students in this Cohort participated. “Women Ministry and Leadership” & “Strategic Management” were taught by internationally known scholars, Dr. Fess Muindi and Dr. David Bochman. The Ministry and Leadership of Women was a unique course as gender stereotype and discrimination exists in our male-dominated society.

The MAOL Students in this course studied the women’s ministry through Biblical perspectives rather than the culture and traditions in our society. Strategic Management includes the ongoing planning, monitoring, analysis, and assessments of everything an organization needs to meet his goals and objectives. Changes in Business Environments will require organizations to constantly assess their strategies for success.

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program is a joint venture of three organizations, the (DAI), FC College & University and Zarephath Bible Seminary (ZBS).



Christology In Context

The M. Div. module on “Christology in Context”, facilitated by Rev. Shahbaz Boota (ZBS Principal), was held on January 18-23, 2021. Fifty-three students from 20 different cities participated. Christology today lives in the tension between continuity with the church’s doctrinal tradition and openness to understanding objections expressed in current culture. This course was helpful not only to be strengthened in our faith and doctrine, but also to enable leaders and pastors to give proper answers related to the person of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Shahbaz made it possible for the students to understand the contextual understanding with the Biblical teaching of Christology.

The Book of Isaiah

This M.Div. module was held virtually on March 8-12, 2021, with 55 students attending. Dr. Eddy Lanz from Germany, a well-known scholar of the Old Testament, has a specialty in this book. Isaiah announced that God’s judgment would purify Israel and prepare His people for the coming messianic king and new Jerusalem.

Students learned to relate the prophecies of the of the Lord’s servant Isaiah to their fulfillment in the New Testament, especially in the gospels. Students were very enthusiastic in their feedback for this course.

Dr. Eddy has a passion for Pakistani Leadership, and he visits and teaches at ZBS on regular basis.

Church History

An M.Div. module on church history was held on April 30 to May 6, 2021 at Camp Mubarak Murree. Miss Freda Carrey Instructed 40 students from 35 cities in the importance of church history as the foundation of our faith. Students learned how Christians through the ages have given meaning and expression to their beliefs, and how they have they explained the meaning of Jesus Christ’s life both within their own communities and to outsiders. Students were trained to investigate historical developments with a critical and analytical eye.

Miss Freda Carey is a very experienced Church History professor who teaches church history in in Pakistan



Church Planting and growth

God has been faithful to lead Zarephath Bible Seminary to initiate B. Th. Modules similar to the M. Div. modules that are offered along with regular classes. The first module on "Church Planting and Growth "was held on Feb. 15-19, 2021.Rev. Ashkenaz Asif Khan facilitated this module about how God is raising local Christians to reach their own people for Christ. It is important to encourage local people to reach the unreached, because local people already know the language and are familiar with the culture. New believers and seekers are engaged in small-group Bible studies and eventually become the core of a new church fellowship. Lives and communities are being transformed! Fifty percent of the 35participants were local pastors, who were equipped and encouraged to plant churches where there are none. We are thankful to God for this

B. Th Module at B.T.C, Lahore (Exchange Students Program)

Dr. Eddy Lanz continued his teaching on Isaiah by taking B. Th. third-yearstudents to the Brethren Theological Centre (B.T.C) March 15-19, 2021. Not only did the students have an amazing learning experience, but they also had achance to fellowship with students and staff at B.T.C.

Christian Ethics and Character Building

Mr. Asher Wilson and Mr. Javed Morris led a module at Camp Mubarak Murree on April 30 to May 6 titled on "Christian Ethics and Character Building". Mr. Wilson and Mr. Morris have just completed their M.Th. degrees with ZBS, and they were given the opportunity to teach

this B.Th. course.

We hope that in the future M.Th. graduates can help ZBS in teaching regular courses as well as different modules. Forty students from 35 cities participated in this course. Christian morality consists of living one's life with guidance and inspiration from the Christian scriptures and traditions. Christian ethics as an academic discipline uses these scriptures and traditions in developing and critiquing ethical norms and theories and applying them to ethical issues. This course helped students to follow Christ spiritually, socially, and ethically. Our 5 M.Th. graduates are teaching different B.Th. and M.Div. classes in Fall Semester.

Students & Staff Exposure Visit at Balqees Sheikh "Tomb Murree"

Begum Balquis Sheikh (December 12, 1912 – April 9, 1997) was a Pakistani Author and Christian missionary. She told her life story in the book "I Dared to Call Him Father". It has been printed numerous times, in several different languages around the world. We visited her tomb to acknowledge her faithful life and work for Christ. She left a great legacy of faithfulness and sacrifice for the Lord.

Students gave a presentation on her inspiring biography that brought many students to tears. By learning more about this hero of our faith, our student's hearts were burning for this land. They got motivated by her testimony and sacrifices for walking with the Lord and serving him in difficult situations. Many female students recommitted their lives after listening and reading her story.

Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mubarak, Murree

Because it is so easy to get busy in our social, family and ministry life and neglect our relationship with God, we at ZBS believe it is important to focus on our Spiritual Lives as well as our academic work. Every year we offer a spiritual retreat for all ZBS staff and students at Camp Mubarak, away from the busyness of campus where we can mediate on what it means to be a disciple conformed to the image of Christ. By practicing the spiritual disciplines of studying the word of God, choosing to do what pleases God, and making time to communicate with the Lord we can grow into holiness. The word of God tells us that "without holiness, no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14) This time of retreat enables all of us to recommit ourselves to belonging of God, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and anticipating the day when we will live together forever with Him.





ZBS's Graduates Conference

ZBS has its First Regional Graduates Fellowship/Conference in Murree where over 50 graduates got together to thank God and learn from one another. There was a special prayer and fellowship arranged by ZBS. This is the plan of ZBS that we will have regional/provincial graduates conference and after every two years, we will have a national conference for graduates to encourage them and provide them further, Spiritual Formation, training and skills for their life and ministry. This is also an aim that we want to learn from them and spend time with them listing their stories and pray with them.



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ZBS's Prayer and Fasting Day

Every Friday is a day of fasting and prayer at ZBS. Students and staff spend time in worship, prayers, and meditation on His word. We pray for our graduates who are serving around the globe, for our beloved country Pakistan, and for our sister institution in Pakistan. This time helps students and staff feel relaxed and refreshed in their relationship with God.



EELAT Conference for Emerging Leaders: The Equipping Emerging Leaders as Agents of Transformation conference was held on April 19-23, 2021, at camp Mubarak Murree. This conference was arranged by Open Theological Seminary (OTS) and Theological Educators Forum (TEF). ZBS sent five students to this conference, where they learned that they must understand both the economical and evangelical aspects of their leadership and must be willing to make changes as needed. Rev Shahbaz Boota was invited to speak to this conference. We praise the Lord for the unity and the vision of different organizations especially theological Institutes under the umbrella of Theological Educators Forum (TEF).



Online Course on Book of Isaiah by Dr. Eddy Lanz



NEW CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



ZBS's new campus includes a tower for students and local pastors or leaders to spend some time in a quiet, meditative environment for prayer. They can have Godly fellowship with each other. Many times, we need people to agree with us in prayer. We believe that God will give us the desires of our hearts through using the powerful weapon of prayer. We are thankful to God for the local leadership that is sharing ZBS's vision and praying for it.





Prayer Points

1. Please pray for the Fall Semester 2021 of ZBS that this will go well, and all students will be able to attend all classes and program physically at ZBS. God would protect them from the Corona Virus.
2. Please pray for the need of a Coaster/Minibus for the need of student's transportation as students are increasing so this need is vital to accommodate our hostel and resident students.
3. Please pray for all the modules, courses, regular semesters. Also, pray for all the local and overseas teachers and their visa provisions.
4. Please pray for the girl's hostel construction work at the New ZBS Campus. Our female students are increasing by the grace of God, and we need a separate hostel for them. Please pray for the financial challenges of the Seminary and God's provision.
5. Pray for our beloved country Pakistan, for the peace, sustainability, and development especially God would protect our country and the world from Corona Virus.
6. Please pray for the Godly wisdom to the administration of the ZBS for doing the right decisions to glorify God and for the development of the Seminary.
7. Please pray for the renewal of the ATA accreditation this year.
8. Please pray for the 40th Anniversary of ZBS next year. We want to celebrate God's faithful in the life of ZBS next year.



COURSES OFFERED

- Certificate in Theology (1 year)
- Diploma in Theology (3 years)
- Diploma in Intercultural Studies & Evangelism (2 years)
- Advanced Diploma in Christian Counselling (2 years)
- Bachelor of Theology (3 years Residential Full Time/ Modular Part Time)
- Master of Divinity (3 years Residential Full Time/ Modular Part Time)
- M.A. in Organizational Leadership
- Master of Theology
- Evening Classes / Summer Module
- Certificate in discipleship (for new believers)
- Online Classes (Zoom)
- Servant Leadership Seminar Forum



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