

40 Years Anniversary

ZAREPHATH BIBLE SEMINARY

Training to Serve and Lead



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VISION

Proclaim the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to form Christ-centered church

MISSION

Train students to become Christ-like servant leaders

VALUES

- 1) Love for God and His Word
- 2) Love for People
- 3) Discipleship
- 4) Servant Leadership
- 5) Christian Family Life
- 6) Stewardship of Time, Money and Talent
- 7) Integrity
- 8) Responsible Citizenship
- 9) Holistic Training
- 10) Contextualized Approach

Principal's Desk

The year 2022 has been a really exciting year for ZBS as we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of Zarephath Bible Seminary. An exciting thanksgiving programme was arranged to thank God and acknowledge people who have contributed to the formation and development of ZBS. We hope and pray that ZBS will continue to grow and develop in line with its vision and that it will continue to serve the Pakistani church by training men and women to become Christ-like servant leaders.

We were also delighted to have first M.Th. Graduation in April at ZBS. This is first time that ZBS has offered post-graduate degree in Pakistan. Five people have been successfully graduated and were awarded with their M.Th. degrees. Four out of five are working at ZBS and teaching in our regular M.Div. class in Fall Semester. This is first time that all M.Div. and B.Th. teachers who are teaching in Fall Semester 2022 are local teachers. Praise be to the Lord for this historical moment.

I am so thankful to the Lord that our spring semester went very well. Along with our regular classes, we had wonderful modules taught by different faculty. We had distinguished teachers from Pakistan and overseas who taught different courses. We were blessed to have the Rev. Tariq Waris from FGA Seminary, who taught an M.Div. course on Christian Apologetics. We were also excited to have Pastor Nate Irwin USA (Former ZBS Principal), who taught a course on the World Christian Movement (based on the Prospectus Course) Dr. Paul Lehmann taught a module on training for indigenous missions, and Rev. Earnest Nadeem from Sri Lanka taught a module

on the Book of Psalms. Two summer modules were taught in Murree. Mrs. Gulnaz Naushad taught on Christian Formation and a module on theology of Suffering and Persecution was taught by Rev. Shahbaz Boota, Principal ZBS. God also made it possible for us to keep having our regular evening classes and modules in two Twin Cities.

We did some seminars and lectures for pastors and leaders. We also had a halva race and a volleyball tournament between B.Th. students and faculty and M.Div. students and faculty. We also had two retreats, one for our students and the other for our staff and faculty. After three years of pandemics, we were relieved to have field work with other Christian organizations this year. Our 55 students were able to do their ministry/ field work and mission work in the field with other organization and churches all over Pakistan.



Rev. Shahbaz Boota
ZBS Principal

ZBS Anniversary

ZBS is celebrating God's Presence, Provision, and Protection this year. ZBS started with 3 students and 2 teachers in 1982. In these 40 (1982-2022) years, it was a humble start, and after 40 years, ZBS has over 200 students in all our programs, with 14 local teachers (full-time and part-time), along with many more as visiting professors and 15 full-time and part-time committed staff. God has enabled ZBS to promote quality theological, pastoral, and missional training, and by the grace of God, we are able to train 464 students who have graduated in 40 years' time. They serve in all provinces in Pakistan and beyond.

On 23rd April 2022, ZBS arranged a thanksgiving anniversary programme to thank God for his faithfulness in the life and development of ZBS. The other reason for this programme was to acknowledge those who have contributed to the development of the ZBS. This celebration programme was also prepared to provide information about the ministry of ZBS so people may join the ZBS ministry in terms of prayer partners and supporters, so a special folder about the ministry of ZBS was distributed to all participants. ZBS's vision was given to the children and youngsters of ZBS's staff and other children in this programme by two principals,

Rev. Ashkenaz Asif and Pastor Shahbaz Boota. Special appreciation awards were given to all the professors, staff, board of trustees, and our guests.

A huge number of the participants were pastors, organizational leaders, and particularly our graduates, who came from every corner of Pakistan to celebrate the 40th anniversary of ZBS with us. Many sent their messages and greetings from other countries. The graduates were very happy to see their classmates, teachers, and principals in this program. Some graduates shared their stories of how God has trained them and how this training is being used in their ministry. A special lunch was arranged. Special souvenirs were also given to all participants.

We were happy to have Dr. Stuart Brooking from OCA, Pastor Nate Irwin (College Park Church), Dr. Paul Lehmann (Team Missionary and ZBS Professor), and Bishop Samuel Azariah (Christian Study Centre) as our special guests among over 400 respected guests. This was also a very unique time that the three principals, Nate Irwin, Ashkenaz Asif, and Shahbaz Boota, were present in this memorable program, and they shared many memories of their time serving at ZBS.



Gallery of ZBS 40th Anniversary



Envisioning the Future of ZBS

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As we move forward with these ideas, it is exciting to see ZBS reaching the next level with new program initiatives; new campus developments; more teachers trained internationally and locally; increasing numbers of students, staff, and faculty; and local and national accreditation. God has led ZBS's Board of Trustees to bring these amazing developments to fruition through the leadership of Rev. Nate Irwin, Pastor Barkat Pervez, Rev. Asheknaz Asif, and Shahbaz Boota.



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In Murree, a ZBS Family Camp was held, and everything went quite well. This year's theme was "A Christian Worship." We heard positive testimony from the attendees that God had blessed them with superb instruction and wonderful camaraderie in a lovely and serene setting. After this camp, we think that families were strengthened and blessed. They discovered and related their personal experiences during the reflection that the camp was a huge spiritual, physical, and emotional blessing for them. The instruction on worship was excellent. We appreciate the excellent sessions provided by Rev. Earnest Nadeem, Mr. Insar Gohar, Mr. Naghman Javed, and Rev. Shahbaz Boota, Principal ZBS.



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REGULAR COURSES, MODULES AND SEMINARS

A Module on Book of Psalms

At Zarephath Bible Seminary, another MDiv Module/Course was successfully completed by the Grace of God.

This subject was given by the Rev. Earnest Nadeem, who delivered stirring lectures on the Book of Psalms.

God be praised for everyone who could attend from all throughout Pakistan.

a wonderful opportunity for communal learning and growth. Many students commented that this module helped them understand the book of Psalms in a new way.

For all students, but especially for our first-year students, the experience of learning Psalms collectively in courses and in groups with personal reflection was wonderful. The Book of Psalms served as the Christian formation of our students, and it was a very motivational module.



The World Christian Movement (Based on the Prospectus Course)

The Rev. Nate Irwin was invited to teach an M.Div. module in the month of April on the World Christian Movement (Based on the Prospectus Course). He taught a class of 45 students from different cities and villages in Pakistan. This course was a life-changing course for many students. Our students were really motivated by the work of evangelism and missions in the Christian movements in the world. There were lots of personal stories of respected teacher that really touched the hearts of the students. God has really increased their burden for lost people.



Training for Indigenous Missions.

Another B.Th. module was taught by Dr. Paul Lehmann on Training for Indigenous Missions. This course was also well attended. Many students shared testimonies of how God spoke to them and motivated their hearts for the mission work in Pakistan. Thanks to Dr. Paul Lehmann, who had been a regular teacher teaching on Zoom, but this time he was able to come and teach a face-to-face module, which was very motivational.



ZBS Summer Modules

B.Th Module

The ZBS B.Th. Module was held from May 31 to June 6 in Murree. The subject of this module was Suffering and Persecution Theology. Forty-two students from across Pakistan participated. This module was taught by Rev. Shahbaz Boota principal ZBS. We are living in a world where many people teach and preach about the prosperity gospel, but we must also consider the role of suffering and persecution in our lives. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to be strong in Christ in every circumstance. Students have learned that suffering is an opportunity to be more intimate with our Lord Jesus Christ and it leads us toward strong spiritual development and towards sharing the gospel.



M.Div Module

An M.Div. module on Spiritual Formation was facilitated for 40 students by Mrs. Gulnaz Naushad. Most of the modular students have been ministering in different capacities and they get dry in their daily routine of ministry. It is necessary to spend time with God. The Spiritual Formation course was a source of restoration, refreshing, and spiritual development. During this course in Murree, students had time to spend in silence and solitude, and to feel God's presence in their lives. They were refreshed and charged after this module.



Course on the Apologetics

ZBS has arranged a module on Christian Apologetics in the spring semester. This module was taught by the Rev. Tariq Waris of FGA Seminary. 46 students were enrolled in this wonderful course, and it was a great learning experience for our students, who really enjoyed these 6 days of learning the knowledge, skills, and methods to share with others the uniqueness of the Christian faith and how to defend our faith. The learning from this module has motivated most of our students to witness and engage with others. The life experiences and examples of Rev. Tariq were really amazing during his teaching. He also shared it in the chapel, where all the ZBS community were blessed by his preaching. Praise be to the Lord.



M.Th. Convocation

Praise be to the Lord for the first M.Th. Convocation at Zarephath Bible Seminary on April 24, 2022. ZBS's first M.Th. program was started in 2019 to fulfil the academic, scholarly, and missional needs of the Pakistani churches and organizations as well as the theological institutes in Pakistan. There were 16 people who were enrolled in this program, but only 5 were able to complete their course work and writing projects, which included thesis and major papers. These students achieved a Master of Theology Degree. Most of the other students were able to complete their



course work but were unable to complete their thesis and major papers. They were awarded a Graduate Diploma and a Leadership Certificate.

We were honored to have the Rev. Dr. Stuart Brooking from OCA as our guest speaker, the Rev. Nate Irwin, and Dr. Paul Lehmann as our guests of honor for this memorable moment in the history of Zarephath Bible Seminary. Many congratulations to Tariq Aslam, Asher Wilson, Amjad Masih, Javaid Morris, and Ruby Naeem (not in the picture) for their hard work and accomplishments.



We are so thankful to the generous supporters from Australia through Overseas Council Australia. We are very grateful to all the professors who taught, mentored, and helped our students in their research and writing projects. A special thanks to Dr. Allan Harkness of New Zealand, Dr. Harold Clark, USA, and Rev. Dr. Stuart Brooking, Australia, and Dr. Graham Chessman, UK. Many thanks to the faculty of M.Th. for making this dream come to reality. I also want to thank the vision and planning of the Rev. Ashkenaz Asif, who was the principal at that time. He worked very hard to make this happen. We also want to thank Liz Giller for her support in the Leadership Certificate Course for this class, which is very beneficial.



Gallery of M.TH. Convocation



Leadership Seminars

During the modules, we provide leadership seminars and lectures for local leaders, pastors, graduates, and evening students to benefit from the module's instructor. As a result, this teacher is a blessing not only for the module students but also for others in leadership. There are many current issues that we need to address with solid biblical teaching, so during these seminars and lectures, different topics are covered, and time is given for sharing and asking questions. Ideally, these are two-session seminars, and in between there is a fellowship time of getting to know one another and enjoy refreshments together. The recent seminar was on Integrity in Ministry and Leadership. Dr. Stuart Brooking and Rev. Nate Irwin were the speakers at this seminar. A good number of pastors, leaders, graduates, and students participated in this seminar and were blessed by the teaching and fellowship.



Visitors and Speakers at ZBS

Several speakers visited and spoke in the chapel and conducted short seminars during this spring semester of 2022. We were privileged to have Dr. David Galletta from the USA, and Professor Gary and Pastor Peter from USA. We also had the privilege of having Dr. Wayne Vanderwier from Overseas Instruction in Counseling. Miss Margaret Lehmann spoke at the spiritual retreat and in chapel. Local pastors Dr. Peter Calvin, Rev. Tariq Waris, Rev. Ashkenaz Asif, Rev. Nate Irwin, and Dr. Paul Lehmann also spoke in the chapel on leadership seminar and in the ZBS community chapel.



Mentoring Groups

ZBS forms a student mentoring group in every module. The purpose of these groups is to help modular students grow spiritually and be more fruitful and effective in their ministry. A ZBS faculty member mentors each group. Every group has one faculty member assigned to listen to their issues and challenges in their personal life or in ministry and pray with them.



Mango Party

We are grateful to God that Pakistan is blessed with so many vegetables, trees, and fruits to enjoy-especially mangos! Mango is one of the tropical fruits whose export has grown dramatically in Pakistan in recent years. Pakistan is the 5th largest producer and the 3rd largest exporter of mangoes in the world. We had a thankful heart during the Mango Party in Murree for His blessings to our country. There was great fellowship, fun, and moments remembering God's blessings and enjoying the best Pakistani Mango in Murree with ZBS's family of students, staff, faculty, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees.



MAOL Residency

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership course is a joint venture of Zarephath Bible Seminary, Forman Christian College & University Lahore and Development Associates International USA.

The MAOL second cohort is coming to an end. It was our fourth residency at Forman Christian College and University. We are thankful to God that students could meet face to-face after the pandemic situation in Pakistan. The two courses taught in this residency were Ethics for Living, facilitated by Daneli Urea from the USA, and Leading, and Conflict Management, facilitated by Dan from the USA. This was a very blessed, joyful, and fellowship-based residency for 28 students in Lahore.

Mr. Farhan Hameed and Miss Marriam Noreen are enrolled in MAOL 2nd cohort at FC College & University. ZBS has vision for a continued faculty development.



Summer Field Work

ZBS has a policy of sending students across Pakistan to Christian organizations and Churches to do their practical work for two and a half months during the summer break. During this field work/practical ministry, students have a chance to perform what they learned in class under the supervision of their field instructor. This is a unique time of learning about other ministries' ways of serving across Pakistan. These students are sent to different churches, Christian organizations, Christian hospitals, and different para-ministries. Students must share their experiences in the chapel to complete their field work. The sharing of students has been a source of blessings and encouragement for the other students and ZBS staff. According to our policy, every student has to complete 3 practical ministry/fieldwork assignments to graduate.



The Halva Race and Volleyball Match

A tradition that started some years ago at ZBS is the Halva Race, which was held in April in Liaquat Bag near ZBS City Campus. This race was well attended by the faculty, staff, and students, as well as special guests, Rev. Nate Irwin and Paul Lehmann. This year we paid tribute to Dr. Barkat Pervez, former principal, who started this race activity with students many years ago in Attock. Now he is with the Lord, but we celebrated his life and remembered him at this event. After the race, breakfast was served to all participants. The main item of the breakfast was Halva, for which this race was named. On the same day, during the break, there was a volleyball contest between the B.Th. and M.Div. classes. These healthy activities provided refreshment, fellowship, teamwork, and perseverance. Both teams fought well to get the prize. The match was tied, but both teams enjoyed the time together.



Mission Conference

ZBS has a heart for missions in Pakistan. The ZBS Mission Conference was held on April 30th, 2022, at the Christian Study Centre, Rawalpindi. Dr. Paul Lehman, a ZBS professor, conducted a mission survey for this conference that was very inspiring and a source of motivation. All the main Christian organizations were invited to become united for the expansion of the kingdom of God. Some of them shared how they are involved in mission work. It was encouraging that they were doing so enthusiastically, with an effective strategy to reach the unreached. We are glad to see that Pakistani church and leadership are coming to the point where



they have started feeling that doing missions is the responsibility of Pakistani Church. Though this positive thought and this development is slow but it is coming to the hearts of leadership and into the churches. God is using ZBS for the promotion of the mission work by locals along with other like-minded institutes and leadership. That is the reason that ZBS has a great focus on missional training for our students and Christian leadership as well laypeople, women and youth in the church and society. We also thank God for the missional mind faculty to set an exemplary leadership.



Students Testimonies

My name is Samuel Misery. I am from a Bheil Hindu tribe I am studying in first year at ZBS. I have learned many new things in my first year. God has provided us good teachers who are investing on us. I've learned more about missions, and God has moved my heart to become more involved in this area, particularly among my tribal people. During my field work in Rajanpur Sindh, I have used this passion and I feel very thankful to be here and doing God's plan in my life. Thanks to ZBS for this wonderful opportunity.



My name is Yushwa and I am from Faisalabad. This is my second year and God has been so faithful. I have learned how to forgive my enemy who has done wrong to me. I especially thank God for the course I learned from Rev. Shahbaz Boota, principal of ZBS, on the theology of Suffering and Persecution. I had some bad experiences in my life where I was persecuted and had enmity towards my opponents, and I was not able to forgive them. But God touched me in a special way in my life through this course, and I forgave my enemies and even started praying for their salvation.



My name is Sana from Rawalpindi. God has changed my life and I am blessed in the first year of study. I was a shy student and never spoke with men in public, but God has blessed me through my ZBS first year experience and also the fieldwork so that, by the grace of God, I can now not only preach to women but to men also with confidence. Now I am more confident and able to give my testimony and share the word of God with people.



My name is Kainat from Hyderabad. I am a first-year student. I was not aware of the discipleship as I did not undergo it, but I am very thankful that in my first year I was taught on the discipleship course. This course was indeed a great learning experience for me. I am now confident that I am a child of God and a disciple of Jesus Christ. This is an amazing identity. I am very happy that I am learning and growing in a safe environment at ZBS.



Program Offered

**Certificate in Theology
(1 Year)**

**Diploma in
Intercultural Studies &
Evangelism
(2 Years)**

**Diploma in Theology
(3 Years)**

**Bachelor of Theology
(Full Time/Part
Time/Modular)**

**Graduate Diploma in
Christian Counseling
(2 Years)**

**Master of Divinity Full
Time/Part
Time/Modular)**

**M.A in Organizational
Leadership (Join
Program FCCU, DAL,
ZBS)**

**Master of Theology
(3 Years)**

**Evening Classes /
Extension Centers in
other Cities)**

**Certificate of
Discipleship/Ministry**

Praise Points

Please thank God with us for:

1. For the last 40 years of presence, provision, and protection. Thanks to God for a successful Anniversary Program in April 2022.
2. for the committed staff and faculty who have been working faithfully for the kingdom of God in Pakistan.
3. For over 400 graduates who have been working all over Pakistan and beyond, We also thank God for over 200 students in different programme at ZBS.
4. For all the facilities and developments at ZBS for training. All programs, courses, modules, seminars, and conferences.

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

1. For our renewed-accreditation work and accreditation for some new programs,
2. For our beloved country that has been hit by heavy flooding. Pray for the restoration and rehabilitation work in the country.
3. For Fall Semester 2022, for all courses and professors who are teaching this semester.
4. For the bank and EAD matters, pray that God will help us come out of these challenges.
5. For the providence of God for all our needs at Zarephath Bible Seminary.



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