

"Young woman stand up"

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## Editorial

The year 2009 has passed and is history now. The political turmoil and uncertainty coupled with food and energy crises have been major challenges in executing our strategic plans in 2009. The increase in Islamic extremism and violence and negativity toward NGOs particularly those working on women's empowerment further complicated the process.

In the midst of these challenges, Talitha Kumi Welfare Society continuing with its planned program.

Many underprivileged women benefited from Talitha Kumi's legal support, and economic empowerment program, awareness program and health program.



## Fellowship of Jairus' Friend (FJF)

The incident of Jairus, a ruler of synagogues, is one of the striking events in the scriptures (Mark 5). It gains significance by depicting the deep love of a father for his daughter. The most touching moments are; when **Jairus comes to Jesus in person , falls at Jesus' feet, pleads earnestly "my little daughter is sick, please come and put your hands on her, so that she is healed and lives."**

Jairus was not there for the healing of his little daughter, but that she LIVES. Naturally as a father he wanted his daughter to have good health, good education, good economic skills to build her a bright future, which would only then, place her with honor and dignity in the society.

At Talitha Kumi, the incident of Jairus is the driving force to care for the women in Pakistan; by providing health education and facilities, training in marketable skills, awareness in human rights and legal aid assistance to those who fall victim to the evils in our society.

Fellowship of JARIUS' Friend is a forum of likeminded and like hearted persons who want to contribute their share towards the work of Talitha Kumi which is focused on empowering the women to live with dignity and respect.

The Fellowship launched the membership cam-

**Talitha Kumi** is an Aramaic word meaning "young woman stand up". In the Gospel of St. Mark, (Mark 5:45) the words said by Jesus to the daughter of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogues as he raised her from the dead.



Bishop Azariah unfolding the membership register of FJF

campaign on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Rt. Rev. Samuel Azariah unfolded the campaign register and signed as first member. Rut Linden, MCCS representative, Zia Haider Razvi, Advocate Supreme Court, Ms.Laila Nusrat, Chairperson Bali Trust & Mr. Shahid, Inspector General Police were among many others registered as members. Many men and women from civil society, church and students registered their name as Jarius' Friend. The Membership certificates were also awarded to the members.

YOU can also join the Fellowship of JARIUS' Friend by sharing your blessings of time, talent and treasure for the women who need the services of Talitha Kumi. You never know; it may be a woman within your own home or in your neighborhoods.

## Legal Support

### Death Threat to a widow

Aslam, son of a widow Nazar eloped with a muslim girl in November. No one knows their whereabouts. Although Nazar has disinherited her son but the family of the girl sent repeated threatening messages to Nazar and her daughter for dare consequences. Nazar came to Talitha Kumi for help. She told that her son has converted to Islam and married to a Muslim girl. "We have detached relationship with Aslam and that have a deed of dis-inheritance from court," She said.

Legal Aid team filed an application with the concerned police station for the security and safety of Nazar and her daughter.

Some of the Legal beneficiaries of Talitha Kumi Welfare Society during the last quarter of year 2009.

1. 5 years old "Uream" recovered by the police on court order.
2. Application submitted on behalf of Nazar for her safety and security.
3. Shabeena recovered from her husband's confinement.
4. Reconciliation between Humera and her husband with the help of Talitha Kumi Welfare Society.
5. Property matter of a widow, Elizabeth resolved.
6. A nurse, Raiza John who was arrested for giving injection (administrated on Doctor's instructions) which cost the life of the patient, was bailed out.
7. Talitha Kumi Welfare Society legally made the way for Shabana to return home from where she was kicked out.
8. 70 years old Bashir the only guardian of Nasreen recovered from the bondage of Muhammad Afzal, a brick klin ower.

## Health



TKWS medical team identifies locations where a majority of people do not have access to quality health care. Many patients were taken care at free medical camps at 5 different localities during October to December 2009. In above picture Mrs. Joyce Bhatti is giving medicine to the women of MustIqbal Road, Walton.

"We cannot do great things on this earth; we can only do small things with great love,"  
-Mother Teresa-

## Higher penalty for women's harassment approved

The National Assembly unanimously passed a bill to provide for higher punishment for women sexual harassment, expanding the definition of the crime to facilitate prosecution. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, which must be passed by the Senate as well to become law, amends both the Pakistan Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, increasing the punishment for the crime to up to three years in prison and a fine of up to Rs. 500000 from up to one year and unspecified fine already provided in the PPC for a vague 'insult (to) the modesty of a women'. The proposed new section 509 with modified title of 'insulting modesty or causing sexual harassment', additionally defines the culprit as one who conducts sexual advances, or demands sexual favors or uses verbal or non-verbal communication or physical conduct of a sexual nature which intends to annoy, insult, intimidate or threaten the other person or commits such acts at the premises of workplace, or makes submission to such conduct either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, or makes submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual a basis for employment decision affecting such individual, or retaliates because of rejection of such behavior, or conducts such behavior with the intention of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidation, hostile or offensive working environment.

### Condolences

Rev. Bengt Inguassen friend and supporter of TKWS' work has passed away. We would like to express our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to his family.

May his soul rest in peace. A candle light Thanksgiving service was conducted in his memory at TKWS.

## Christmas Celebrations

Talitha Kumi Welfare Society celebrated the Christmas season on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 1:30 p.m at the Centre. The Executive Director welcomed the chief guest, Rt. Rev. Samuel Azariah and guest of honour Rev. Dr. Khushnud Azariah. The board members of Talitha Kumi welfare society and community leaders were invited to join the celebration.

This program gave another opportunity to oppressed and marginalized women to prove their confidence and talent through the presentation of songs, poetry, dance and tableau.

Christmas presents were distributed among the beneficiaries and staff of Talitha Kumi Welfare Society



Graduates taking oath of commitment

## Annual Graduation

On Saturday October 25th, Talitha Kumi Welfare Society's School of Midwifery Training held its annual graduation. Ms. Rut Linden from Sweden, members of the Advisory Board and guest from civil society were present to witness the annual event.

Students expressed their gratitude to the honorable guests by singing folk songs and Dancing. Certificates/Diplomas were awarded to 42 successful students who completed their training. Students were very happy to achieve another milestone in their lives. Students by taking oath affirmed their commitment with their profession, that they will devote their optimal potential to the nursing profession.

In the closing Rt.Rev. Samuel Azariah congratulated the graduates. He said to the graduates that in favor of the humanity and especially for poor community utilize your energies. He urged the students that after their affirmation of commitment, it is now their responsibility at greater extend to carry on the prime objective of Talitha Kumi Welfare Society at grass root level. He hoped and urged the students that if they all pledge to contribute financially, Talitha Kumi Welfare Society can sustain to train more and more women in future.

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## Efforts deployed towards economic empowerment of women

During the last quarter of year 2009 many girls enrolled in Economic Empowerment Program. This program empowered the girls with different trainings and skills. The girls enrolled are illiterate or school dropout due to economic or social constraints.

- 18 girls in sewing class
- 35 girls in midwifery class
- 19 in practical work at Wellington hospital
- 6 girls in beauty parlor
- 5 girl in adult education program



Girls in sewing class

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## Sexual Harassment and its legal remedies

Sarah Shahzad from Talitha Kumi Welfare Society participated in a one day workshop on "sexual harassment and its legal remedies" organized by Church World Service-Pakistan held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Holiday Inn, Lahore.

Dr. Fouzia Saeed conducted the workshop. She comprehensively discussed the facts and myths relating to sexual harassment and listed down the taxonomy of sexual harassers.

She discussed the recently passed Sexual Harassment Bill.

Our Staff learnt much from this workshop. This will benefit them in conducting seminar at grass root level.

## Youth Conference 2009

Mr. Zeeshan Rufin got the opportunity to participate in the international Youth conference in Calcutta, India. As a representative of DOR.

Around 800 delegates from south & Far East Asia participated in the conference. The theme of the conference was "Let Be Friends".

This International exposure has broaden new horizon and build new relation with global friends

## Pakistan Emerging Leaders Summit 2009

Our Program Coordinator Mr. Zeeshan Rufin attended five days Pakistan Emerging Leadership Summit held at Christian Conference Center, Rattanabad, Mirpurkhas from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The main objective of the summit was to encourage the emerging leaders to begin a process of personal capacity building and developing future leaders.

There were five workshops in the summit on

1. Leadership Legacy,
2. Spiritual Leadership,
3. Strategic Leadership,
4. Mentoring,
5. Visionary Leadership

This summit provided excellent opportunity to the future leaders to let their hidden potential

## Seminars



Picture above shows the participants of the seminar on gender balance held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Awami Colony, Lahore. Diversity among participant made this seminar more lively. Ms. Rut Linden from MCCS was also present at the occasion.

1. Seminar on gender balance held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Awami Colony, Lahore. 45 male & female participated.

2. A seminar "fundamental rights" was held in Diocese of Raiwind Community Center in Youhanabad on 19 November 2009. 35 women participated.

3. Workshop held in United Christian Hospital on Women Protection Bill on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. 60 people participated.

4. Workshop on "Fundamental rights" in Salvation Army Headquarter on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. 25 people participants

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