

Azeem is leaving for Pakistan to start full time ministry in his home country. He is excited to work alongside Vision Beyond Borders, to establish a children's home and begin rescuing children off the streets. There are 1.5 million street children now in the nation of Pakistan. These children are forced out of their homes and sold into prostitution, subject to abuse or forced into child labor.

Azeem grew up an orphan in Pakistan.

His mother passed away when he was just five years old and he was ten at the time his father died of a heart attack. After his parents passing Azeem along with his brother and two sisters struggled to survive. Even though they had aunts and uncles, the family was very poor and did not have compassion to help them. They often beat Azeem, threw him out on the street and called him a dog when he came to get food. His own family treated him as a beggar. He only had one shirt and pants to wear with broken shoes. His uncle would send him into the city to sell oranges. So by and by, Azeem grew and went to a school for orphans. Often the students were beaten and fed watered down vegetables. Azeem grew stronger and developed a strong compassion for the younger students in the boarding school. He would often stand up for their cause.



Azeem's older brother N lived alone in the city of Karachi. At the age of 15 he had to support himself and work in an oil factory. They had to make cans for the cooking oil by the heat of the furnace and he often cut his hands making the cans. It was a very difficult life for him. Their youngest sister, S, went to an orphan boarding school for girls. The little girls were often abused by older girls. There would be no staff staying with them at night, so she grew up afraid trying to protect herself.

Because of all these things Azeem saw and experienced first-hand, he has a passion to go back to his country and rescue orphan children off of the streets. He wants to love them, become their father and treat them as his own children. We want to show them the love of Jesus, give them an education, medical care, nutritious food, and provide their daily needs. We want them to realize their potential, identity and value in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Azeem and his wife, Clara, with their two daughters will appreciate your prayers as they relocate and make a new life in Pakistan. May the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified.