

A Brotherhood Alert For Those Supporting Mission Work In Pakistan

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Churches of Christ across the U.S. and particularly those in the northern part of Alabama and the surrounding area who are sending funds for mission work to Pakistan should be very quick to ascertain to whom those funds are being forwarded. **This is because B. M. Sabir of Sahiwal of that country has set himself up as "Head of the Church of Christ" and is supervising some eighty preachers for the church. Excerpts from an article shown below is from a denominational magazine called *Khurooj*. It is published in Bahar colony, Kot Lakhpat, Lahore 54770 Pakistan.**

Even though the article (Vol. I, No. 4, October 1996) gives a rather thorough outline of Sabir's membership and work in the U.P. (United Presbyterian) and the A.R.P. (American Reformed Presbyterian), not one word is said about him being immersed in 1990 by one of our brethren.

In the event someone may suggest that the information in this article is just incorrect editing by the denominational editor, let them consider that over a six month period this man was proclaimed to the denominational world as the "Head of the Church of Christ." Also, a number of his advertisements, articles and greetings to the "Christian community" was carried in these issues.

Due to the great amount of money this man is receiving from stateside churches, he has gotten control of many preachers and has undermined the work of the faithful brethren in Pakistan.

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Found below are excerpts from the denominational magazine called *Khuroo*:

**RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
HEAD OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN PAKISTAN
EVANGELIST PROFESSOR B. M. SABIR
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN PAKISTAN**

(This was the title of the article)

"Head of the Church of Christ and Evangelist of the Holy Bible; professor B. M. Sabir is a prominent Christian scholar and the senior teacher of theology. Professor B. M. Sabir is a prestigious personality. He communicates difficult points of the Holy Scripture to his audience or listeners so easily. This is the reason that people are found so anxious to listen to his impressive message of the salvation of our Lord Jesus through him in order to have fulfillment of their thirst. He had an authority and talent to focus all the secret points and views of the Holy Bible through our enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, there are so many servants of God who are used to come to him for the Bible Study and several pupils of Prof. B. M. Sabir are well known servants at present in our country. ...

"Prof. B. M. Sabir was born in January, 1936 in Sahiwal. ... In 1962, he completed Religious Education from the Theology Seminary at Gujranwala and from 1961 till April, 1964, he rendered remarkable services in U.P. Church Faisalabad. (Former Lyallpur) .. Since 1964, he rendered Church services in A.R.P. Church of Pakistan in Sahiwal and since 1966 till 1969 he remained Moderator of the presbytery in A.R.P. Church Sahiwal. ...

"He held an office as General Superintendent in A.R.P. Church of Pakistan affiliated with ICC since May 1969 till April, 1973. ... From 1981 to 1986, he served in A.R.P. Church as an independent Moderator. In July, 1986, he left for Amsterdam a city of Netherlands in order to participate in the world conference of the world renowned Evangelist of the Holy Bible; Mr. Billy Graham. ... Since 1986 by now, Prof. B. M. Sabir is supervising more than 80 priests and also providing them spiritual aid for the further promotion in Evangelism. ..

"In 1967 due to his utmost endeavours the Christian Welfare Society (Regd) came into being at Chichawatni, for which, Prof. B. M. Sabir was elected as president. ... Keeping in view the remarkable services of Prof. B. M. Sabir, he has been nominated life president of the Christian Welfare Society." .. *Khurooj (Vol. I, No. 4, October, 1996)*

In the November, 1996, *Khurooj* ,reported:" B. M. Sabir is pictured with Jim Collin, a distinguished guest and Missionary from Church of Christ, America."

In that issue B. M. Sabir was listed three times as: "Professor B. M. Sabir, Head of the Church of Christ in Pakistan." In the February, 1997, *Khurooj*, we read: "Professor B. M. Sabir, Head of the Church of Christ in Pakistan." .

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