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Another."*



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## Forman Christian College: A Work of Love

Dear Friends of Forman,

In this newsletter we are sharing some reflections from an American missionary family who recently returned from Pakistan after their service at Forman – the Ramseys who were featured on the HGTV show, *Fixer Upper*. Not many of our supporters are able to travel to Pakistan, but since your gifts and prayers undergird this ministry I believe you will appreciate Dr. Ramsey's insights and first-hand impressions.

I'm pleased to report that once again Forman Christian College saw more than 5% growth in enrollment this fall when they welcomed over 7,800 students to the campus. The majority of Christians studying at Forman still require scholarship aid to complete their education. If Dr. Ramsey's story touches you, we urge you to consider sending in a year-end gift to Friends of Forman.



One of Dr. Ramsey's student stories reminds me of something Dr. Jim Tebbe said when he spoke at graduation. At this big event he asked, "how many of you switched your major after coming to

*Forman?"* After seeing more than half of the graduating class's hands go up he said, "I just want to say that after making that change you are now closer to doing what God made you to do. A liberal arts education encourages us to explore our interests and use our gifts in a way that fulfills our motto, 'by love serve one another.'"



As we head toward Thanksgiving at the end of November, I'm once again very grateful to be a part of this "work of love" in a world full of divisions and even hatred. Thank you for being a significant part of this work too. Together we are making a difference in the lives of these incredible students.

Gratefully Yours,

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# The Ramsey Family: From Pakistan to Texas

Some of you may have recently heard Forman Christian College mentioned on the popular television show Fixer Upper. We hope the telling of our return to Texas will be a valuable opportunity to show a national audience a few glimpses of the beautiful city of Lahore and of our beloved college. We are the Ramsey family, (Charles, Brooke, and our children Jonah, Sophia, Norah, Judah, and Clara) and we had the wonderful privilege of serving at FCC for five years between 2012 and 2017. It was a great experience, and we are so thankful to Dr. James Tebbe and the university community – the students, faculty, and staff – and also to the many supporters who work together to make Forman one of the most important centers of learning on the planet.



If you saw the show, you learned that we recently transitioned from Forman to Baylor University in Texas and this has opened a way to tell many about our adventures and experiences in Pakistan. I taught Religion and Peace Studies, Brooke home-schooled our children and participated in the life of the college through many student activities, and our children delighted in the grounds, park, and swimming – taking turns serving as the “mayor” of faculty housing. These are remembered as fabulous years for our family. As we reminisce about what made this time so valuable, what inevitably comes to mind are the many relationships we developed with coworkers, but particularly with students.

I think of Waqas Mirza, for example, a young man from Southern Punjab which is an area of poverty that has also become a hotbed of militancy. Waqas started a pre-med program in Karachi, but after a few months he correctly discerned that his heart was in the Social Sciences. He was in my World Religions class and became fascinated with the Sufi poetry indigenous to his region. This gave him language to process many of the ideas he learned from a liberal arts education and he was able to share them with his family. Waqas is now finishing his MA in London, writing a thesis that explores and translates one of the most important poets from his region. His dream is to complete a doctorate and teach somewhere like FCC, perhaps even closer to home.

We also remember a close friendship with Naseer John, a Christian student who recently completed his master’s degree at the FCC Center for Public Policy and Governance. He is from a lovely village surrounded by expansive rice fields about 2 hours from Lahore. Unfortunately, this village is one that has experienced first-hand the complex issues of poverty and religious discrimination. Through this friendship, Brooke and I were able to interact with people whose lives are being improved through the



## Dr. Scott W. Sunquist Joins Friends of Forman Board



We welcome to our board, Dr. Scott W. Sunquist, newly appointed President-elect of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, MA. Dr. Sunquist will continue in his current role as Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies and Professor of World Christianity at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, until early 2019, when he will then move to Gordon-Conwell.

Dr. Sunquist is an expert on Asian Christianity, Christian mission and world Christian history. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Sunquist also taught at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Trinity Theological College in Singapore, where he and his wife Nancy served as missionaries.

To read more about Dr. Sunquist, please visit: <https://www.fuller.edu/faculty/scott-w-sunquist/>. ♦

education Naseer received. They are growing in their ability to organize, advocate, and express views with greater confidence. By teaching at FCC, we were directly involved in supporting and equipping future leaders who are increasingly able to address the complex issues such as economic development and minority rights that are of the greatest importance in Pakistan and beyond.

But life at FCC was not all about work. We also regularly recall how much we enjoyed celebrating the holidays with our host friends and family in Lahore. The Tebbes hosted wonderful Thanksgiving dinners, and we will never forget the annual Dubash family Christmas feast! Students came by singing Christmas carols, and we will always cherish the warmth and friendship we experienced, even as we missed being away from our loved ones in the US.

As we settle back into life in America, we do so with a profound gratitude for the opportunity to experience life in Pakistan and with the Forman family. We continue in our respective careers, teaching school and university, with an enriched perspective, and also with a lasting commitment to share these memories and to champion the many purposes that are uniquely brought together in this “good old college.” ♦



## Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday

**D**o you wish you could double your gift to Forman Christian College? You can! This year #GivingTuesday is November 27, and Friends is excited that we have a dollar for dollar matching gift this year!

An anonymous foundation has granted this in support of the new campus center at Forman Christian College. All gifts made for the campus center between November 18 and 28 will be doubled as part of this effort.

**Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000! Thank you! ♦**



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# Photomania 2018

The Forman Photographic Society (FPS) is one of the popular student societies at Forman Christian College. Over the years they have been a source for some of the more memorable photographs we have shared with you in our Friends communications. This year we stepped up our relationship with the FPS by sponsoring Photomania, a photo contest open to all FCC students. We asked for their views of the campus and their classmates. Here are some of our favorites from the contest held in September.



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We are grateful to the students and all of the staff who worked so hard for us on Photomania. We are particularly grateful to Anil Joseph, Official Photographer at FCC. Most photos in this newsletter were taken by Anil, except where otherwise noted. ♦



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