

Columban Fr Elbert Balbastro (back row second from right) with the community standing outside their newly built chapel - a space for prayer and a representation of hope. Photo: Fr Elbert Balbastro SSC

2026 Columban Mission Appeal

ST COLUMBANS MISSION SOCIETY

Dear Columban Friends,

Christmas reminds us of God's greatest gift, the birth of Jesus, and invites us to share His hope and love with others. For many families in the communities where Columban missionaries live and work, Christmas can be a difficult time. Poverty and limited opportunities mean parents often struggle to provide even the basic necessities for their children.

In Badin, Pakistan, the Columban-supported Tuberculosis clinic provides vital care to people experiencing illness and hardship, regardless of their faith or background. Hindus, Muslims and Christians are welcomed with dignity, compassion and respect. Dr Zakir Hussein, a Shia Muslim, has served at the Catholic clinic for nearly 21 years, caring faithfully for those in need. For **Columban Fr Elbert Balbastro**, the clinic is more than a place of treatment - it is where healing, trust and peace grow together. Your Christmas gift helps Columban Mission continue caring for vulnerable people and bringing hope to communities in need.

Through your generosity, our missionaries can walk alongside vulnerable communities, offering practical support, dignity and hope.

To donate to the 2026 Columban Christmas Appeal, please fill in the coupon below or visit www.columban.org.fj
May you and your loved ones enjoy a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Kind regards,

Fr Patrick McInerney
Regional Director of Oceania

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