



Afghanistan Trip Report

July 2016

Dear Board Members,

In June of this year, I had the privilege of visiting Kabul, Afghanistan during the holy month of Ramadan. The purpose of this visit was to push forth our humanitarian efforts for The Children of War's Ramadan program. Ramadan is always special time in Afghanistan – especially when it comes to the people. They have so much more passion and respect for each other. Kabul was its usual self with a large population and not much work available. During my stay, I noticed unemployment is very high, yet people would still wake up early to look for jobs. Unfortunately, during my short stay, I witnessed a few suicide bomber incidents. The people of Afghanistan are more unsafe than ever before. Crimes, thefts, kidnappings, poverty and food prices have skyrocketed. I can go on and on, but unfortunately, nothing can be done about these depressing stories and circumstances. I urge advisors and those who work for the government (outside of Afghanistan) to visit the streets of Kabul, the neighborhoods, families and to open up their eyes to the see reality these helpless individuals are facing. I am sure if they see this with their own eyes, they will work together to find a solution.

School Visits

This trip was much shorter compared to my other trips, however, I was still able to complete all my assignments as scheduled. I visited all our schools and met with the students, teachers and staff. The students from all our schools appeared to be healthy and all doing great with their studies. Many were also even fasting! Midterm exams were near and soon after that; schools were off for 10 days due to the hot weather. Our teachers were also doing well. The principal for our Paghman school was sick so I visited him during my trip at his home. He hopes to get better soon so he can return to his job. Currently, his assistant with the head of our teachers are in charge of the school. During this trip, I found our Paghman school to be very organized and clean. The owner of the house also did a great job cementing all the walking areas, fixed the wall and did some other repairs. I also signed a new one-year contract with the owner of Bilal Hamza School in Diwan Beghi. There were no changes in the rent amount. The full amount for the one year has been paid. We did not hold any activities during this trip of mine due to the small amount of days I was in the country and also because of Ramadan. Hopefully during my next trip, I will hold a Raqim Foundation Award Ceremony and some others activities insha'Allah.

Sajida Training School

All 32 students at our Sajida school graduated and received their awards and some other rewards during the ceremony we held for them. This program is very demanding in all locations and very successful. So far, this is the fourth graduation ceremony we have held in this school and 126 students have completed the trainings.

Eidee for students, teachers and staff

All of our students, teachers and staff received rewards for the Eid holiday.

Food Distributions

I visited many poor families and displaced people in camps and many other locations (Kabul, Paghman, Kodaman and Barikab). We distributed food packages containing 9 items of food such as 100 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of rice, 5 liters of cooking oil, 15 pounds of sugar, 3 pounds of tea, 15 pounds of beans, 5 pounds of dry milk, 2 boxes of tomato paste and 2 boxes of dates to over 300 families.

Zakat & Fedya to severely poor families

We also distributed an average of \$100 to \$300 cash/food to over 200 families depending on their situation and our observation during our house visits. For most of these families, distributing food packages was not possible due to the location of their houses and not being able to find access to truck transportations. I visited Zan Abad for the first time. This is a unique location built by women that is housing mainly women and orphans.

Donors Special Requests

We visited all the families who are under our donor's sponsorship program and distributed cash to them. Some of our donors had special requests for their donations and we honored their requests such as Qurbani, khayrat, Iftaria, and zakat for these specific people and various locations.

Ramadan Iftaria

Iftaria (Ramadan iftar food) was done very nicely at our Sajida school. This Iftari was managed by our female students and each Iftari served over 300 people. I was really amazed by their involvement and preparation for the staff during all our distribution days.

Student's Family Support

During my visit, we also selected around 100 of our student's families that are extremely poor from all our schools. We surveyed them and then helped them for Ramadan.

In Conclusion...

Thank you to all our donors who made it possible for us to reach out to hundred and hundreds of needy families during the holy month of Ramadan. I truly believe this Ramadan was very successful. Also, thank you to Tamer jaan for sending letters to all our donors.

I will get an hour-long show very soon on Ariana Afghanistan TV and will show our donors the video coverage of my trip insha'Allah. We will also post this on Facebook.

Thank you for all your support!













