

SHIA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT


QUARTERLY REPORT


RAJAB 1426 AH



A success story...

Alhamdulillah we are now half way through the first year. Students in the first batch have all successfully completed their first module, and are now doing their second module. They will Insha-Allah complete the third and final module of Level I in December 2006 and will then have the option of continuing with Level II.

 The results and feedback received from various quarters of the community have been very encouraging so far, and the SYDP Team is now preparing the groundwork to recruit new students.

 SYDP, under the auspices of Bilal Muslim Mission Moshi branch, works hand-in-hand with other Bilal branches, KSI Jamaats, WIPAHS, Al-Itrah Foundation, Dar-ul-Muslimeen and Madrasah Ameerul Mu'mineen (Matuga) to further the cause of Ahlul-Bayt (a.s.).

Dr. Janmohamed joins the team...

In August 2005, Dr. Mubarak Janmohamed moved to Moshi, and was invited to join the SYDP Team. He gladly accepted the offer and is now an active member of the team. Having several years of experience in social work, Mubarak will undoubtedly play a vital role in the expansion of the project due in January 2006. Dr. Mubarak will also be in-charge of the health and general well being of the students.

Sh. Mwarizo awarded scholarship...

Sheikh Hassan Mwarizo was awarded a scholarship to further his studies at the hawza in Syria. He was the Guardian and Chief Instructor, Religious Training. He played a crucial role in the initial stages by setting up an excellent system for student boarding & lodging. The positive effects of his influence and fundamental role in the teaching of Shia Islam to our students are clearly visible. His absence is deeply felt by the students and management alike. We pray for his continued success in furthering the cause of Islam.

Vocational Training...

In April 2005, the students got admission in VETA (Moshi), one of the leading vocational training centers in Tanzania, where they are now undertaking courses in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Household Electrical Installations and Motor Vehicle Mechanics. All students performed very well in their end-of-module assessments, and are now doing the second module.

Islamic Studies...

Through the SYDP-Madrasah Ameerul Mu'mineen (Matuga) partnership, Sh. Mussa has been posted to temporarily replace Sh. Hassan Mwarizo, who has proceeded to Syria for

further studies. Sh. Mussa has many years' experience in teaching, and has ably replaced Sh. Mwarizo in this area.

The students wrote their mid-term Islamics exams in June this year. The following subjects were examined: Qur'an recitation, Qur'an study, Fiqh, Aqaid, Akhlaq and Arabic. Hassan Ally, a student from Dodoma, performed exceptionally well with an overall average of 91%. The student who came last got an average of 59%. 10 out of the 13 students achieved an average of over 70%. This shows the high quality of teaching and the caliber of our students. The SYDP Team is very grateful to Sheikh Hassan Mwalupa (Chief Advisor, Religious Training) for his efforts in ensuring a high quality of Islamic teaching.

Islamic Literature...


The SYDP Team is very grateful to Bilal Muslim Mission of Tanzania, Tabligh sub-committee of Dar-es-Salaam Jamaat and Al-Itrah Foundation for their generous donation of Islamic books, audiotapes and VCDs. This material is essential in augmenting the religious education. We are now looking into setting up a Library and Reading room where students can easily access this material.


Media Room...


The SYDP Team is also very grateful to donors who heed our appeal in the last report and donated a computer and Audio Cassette Player. To maximize teaching, a well-equipped Media Room is required, including a video cassette player, VCD/DVD player, TV screen and additional computers.

First Steps to Expansion...

The SYDP Team aims at increasing the total student population from 14 to 25 by January 2006 Insha-Allah, depending on availability of funds. The cost of educating one student, including boarding & lodging, religious and vocational training, is about US\$ 1000 per annum. The new intake will also see the inclusion of students from regions not included in the first intake. With over a hundred applications already in, the demand for scholarships is indeed very great.

 With the increase in intake round the corner, there is an urgent need for boarding, lodging, education and recreation facilities. The SYDP Team is therefore in the process of acquiring a permanent property which will provide student accommodation, sheikh / guardian's flat, prayer room, library, media room and classroom, costing approximately \$20,000.

 The SYDP Team is very grateful to the Almighty (s.w.t.) for His Blessings and Guidance through the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Ahlul Bayt (a.s.). Our sincere appreciation is also extended to all those who have contributed materially or otherwise. Without your support and prayers, this project would not have been possible.

 We would love to hear from you. Please do write to us to let us know your thoughts and suggestions. We would also be happy to answer any queries you may have.

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