

SHIA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A PROJECT OF BILAL MUSLIM MISSION – MOSHI BRANCH

QUARTERLY REPORT

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Following is a brief report of the SYDP progress.

1. ACADEMICS:

By the Grace of the Almighty Allah and the blessings of the infallible ones (AS), the first year students set for their National VETA (Vocational Education Training Authority) exams in November 2005. Soon after, the students went for their technical attachment for 1 month to reputable companies, giving preference to companies belonging to our Khoja Shia Ithnasheri brothers first. The students were placed as follows:

1. 4 Refrigeration and Air conditioning students went to Dar-Es-Salaam and joined Br. NisarHussein Janmuhammad's company and 3 went to Mombassa and joined Br. Hussein Alidina's company under their direct supervision
2. One Electrical installations student joined Br. Hassnain Hameer of Janson's Electricals in Dar-Es-Salaam
3. 4 Auto Mechanic students remained in Moshi and joined a local, busy garage.
4. One lady student – cutting, tailoring and designing – got married to a local Shia brother.

In Dar-Es-Salaam, the students were accommodated at the Temeke Bilal Muslim Mission hostel and in Mombasa at the Madrasatul Ameerul Mumineen (AS) Matuga.

After a month, all the students converged at the Madrasatul Ameerul Mumineen (AS) in Mombasa for a two week Tabligh Field trip under direct supervision and guidance of Hujjatul Islam Sh.Hassan Mwalupa.

During the field attachments, students got the opportunity to practice what they learnt during the academic year in all aspects of their training, technical as well as religious. The students found this exercise very useful. At the same time, the supervisors were impressed with the students' level of training as well as their behavior and conduct.

The students reported back in the first week of February and resumed their second year training in their respective fields. This is their final year and we hope that by the end of the year SYDP will see its first graduates Inshallah.

2. NEW INTAKE:

SYDP decided to go for a second intake, as the demand for the program was overwhelming. A total of 120 applications were received from all over Tanzania. Due to financial constraints, only 16 students were selected from regions that were either under represented or not represented at all in the first intake, as follows:

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| A. Kondoa – 3 Students | E. Tanga – 2 Students |
| B. Lindi – 2 Students | F. Pangani – 2 Students |
| C. Kigoma – 3 Students | G. Dodoma – 2 Students |
| D. Singida – 1 Student | H. Moshi – 1 Student |

New courses were added to the list and the students opted for the following:

- Industrial Electrical Installations – 6 Students
- Industrial Woodwork – 5 Students
- Civil Draftsmanship – 1 Student
- Food Production and Hotel Services – 2 Students
- Motor Vehicle Mechanics – 2 Students

SYDP now has a total of 30 students and this number is expected to increase exponentially, Inshallah, subject to availability of funds.



SYDP Students
reciting
Dua-e-Wahda

3. PROPERTY:

SYDP managed to purchase the house that had been rented to accommodate the students. Renovation was made to ensure that students live in a better environment.

The following facilities have been added:

1. Office
2. Library cum computer room where students are taught basics of computer operations.
3. Sheikh's flat – a master bedroom and an extra room.
4. Garage turned into prayer room cum Imambara. The prayer room is now in full use and has really made the meetings with students and wiladat / wafat majalises very convenient.
5. 2 class rooms (pending availability of funds)

4. RELIGIOUS AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES:

The students participated fully in the Muharram Majalis of Sayyidus Shuhadaa. They all congregated at the main Bilal Muslim Mission Center where other students, the local Shias and other Muslim brothers came together to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Husayn (AS). On the eve of Ashura, all the students went to Arusha and participated in the "Julus" procession with the Khoja brothers. They were accommodated at the Madrasatul Khatamul Ambiya per kind courtesy of Br. GhulamHusayn Mukhtar. The following day they participated in A'mal – e- Ashura and Majalis.



On the 12th Day of Muharram, the Moshi Jamaat dispensary, the Jaffery Charitable Medical Services, arranged a blood donation program.



22 SYDP students came forward voluntarily and gave their blood in the name of Imam Husayn (AS). The blood was donated to the Regional Consultant Hospital – The Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College hospital - whose blood bank had run dry and was in a crisis.



5. VISITORS:

The Tanzania Bilal Muslim Mission sent its inspector who paid us a surprise visit. He was very impressed with the program and insisted that more students be taken into the program.

Dr. Ahmed Hassam, president of the World Federation, also visited SYDP on his last tour to African Jamaats.



(L to R) Br. Abdul Hussein Kermali, Alhaj Shafiq Kanji (Vice Chairman, Moshi Jamat), Alhaj Mulla Ahmed Daya (Chairman, Moshi Jamat), Alhaj Mohamed Ladak (Chairman, BMM – Moshi), Alhaj Dr. Ahmed Hassam (President, WF), Alhaj Anwerbhai Dharamsi (Chairman, DSM Jamat), Hujjatul Islam Sh. Hassan Mwalupa (Chief Advisor, Religious Training), Sh. Siraj (Resident Sheikh)

The Tanga Jamaat resident Aalim who came to Moshi for Muharram Majalis, Hujjatul Islam Sayyid Raza Hussein, paid an official visit to SYDP as well as Bilal Muslim Mission Center. He addressed the students and quizzed them as well. He was impressed with their level of knowledge especially in Fiqh and Aqaid. The Mawlana also graced the opening of the Prayer room / Imambara on the 12th Night of Muharram.



Majlis of Imam Husayn (a.s.) at the official opening of Imambarghah and Prayer Hall, graced by Maulana Syed Raza Hussein on 12th Muharram 1427 AH.

6. CONSTRAINTS AND CHALLENGES:

The plan is more than to just see the students graduate. They need to be

- i. Suitably employed or get them started on their own
- ii. Get suitable Shia partners for them to start well grounded Shia families.
- iii. Organize graduates from the same region into nucleus groups with specific goals and targets.
- iv. Form network with neighboring colleagues and so on.

All this requires funding and serious commitment not only from the SYDP team and students but donors and well-wishers too.

The budget for the year 2005-2006 is US\$ 45,000 as follows:

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| 1. Housing | US\$ 20,000 |
| 2. 30 Students' expenses | US\$ 25,000 |

Unfortunately, less than a third could be raised in spite of requests and appeals to our brothers, worldwide. Although many faithful believe that this is a worthwhile project and some how one of its kind in this region, nothing more has been seen coming hence forth.

With this report, we sincerely hope that more funds will be made available for the project. On our part, we have committed ourselves to account for every shilling received to all our donors with copy to the parent body- The Bilal Muslim Mission of Tanzania. We ensure that every shilling is spent wisely and only when needed.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We take this opportunity to thank all the Mumineen who supported the project in one way or the other. May Allah (SWT) reward you all abundantly in this world and the next, Ameen.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help the project in the following ways:

1. Sponsor one or more student(s) for one year at US\$ 1000 per student per year
2. Sponsor one or more student(s) on monthly basis at US\$ 80 per month per student
3. Sponsor one or more student(s) on daily basis at US\$ 3 per student per day.
4. Clothes, bedding, stationery, text books, religious books , Kiswahili lecture audio/video cassettes/ CDs.
5. Donate items like VCR player, computer(s)
6. Sponsor the sheikh's monthly hadya
7. Tell others about this project
8. Send this mail to all your contacts
9. Pray for the success of the project and the students.

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