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### **Blessings Of Ansar Outreach Efforts**

(Mahmood Qureshi, Zaim Detroit, MI Majlis)



In the year 2021, Ithar department of Majlis Ansarullah USA started outreach effort. In this effort Zoama would reach out to each member of majlis with a strict single point agenda, that is to check on their wellbeing. (For details, please visit <a href="https://www.ansarusa.org/outreach">www.ansarusa.org/outreach</a>)

In the backdrop of COVID pandemic, when we were not meeting in person, this was very timely and much needed effort. A Zaim Majlis is always busy with multiple goals and targets, I was initially concerned that it would be difficult not to mention any other Majlis activity, in these calls.

In the blessed system of Jamaat, our training is to hear and to obey

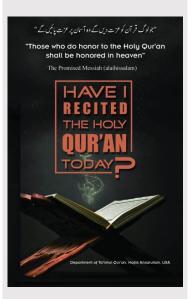
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I am writing this story to share my experiences that how, by the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah, this effort helped increase brotherhood in our Majlis.

Two new members moved to our Majlis during COVID lockdown. Upon calling them, we found out about the challenges our brothers were going through. Majlis was able to immediately reach out to these brothers and embrace them as a caring family. Due to these calls, we were also able to help some members who needed medicines and/or supplies. We also teamed up with Jamaat Umur-e-Aama department for some cases Alhamdolillah.

Generally, every member was happy, surprised, and grateful on these calls. Alhamdolillah, we have noticed positive long-lasting impact on many members. They are more responsive when we reach out to them via email and WhatsApp on other Majlis related activities.

In the end, I would request prayers for all Zoama and Amila members who are doing this effort and especially for Sadr sahib Ansarullah and Ithar







Department to initiate and drive this effort with selfless dedication. May Allah Almighty enable all of us to serve Jamaat as per the expectations of our beloved master Khalifatul Masih (aba). Ameen.

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https://ansarusa.org/rentallisting







## Remembering Alhaaj Ahmadu Suka Sahib

(Mohammed Ahmad Nasir, Baltimore, MD Majlis)



## First Ahmadi of Hausa Tribe of Northern Nigeria:

In Nigeria, Ahmadiyyat initially took its roots in southern part of Nigeria in Yoruba speaking population. For a long time, people in east and north i.e. Ebo and Hausa speaking population showed no interest in Ahmadiyyat. After a long time, in 1970 some Hausa speaking people entered the fold of Ahmadiyyat but

these were very few. In 1970 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III ra during a historic visit to Nigeria made the announcement of the launch of Nusrat Jahan Scheme. As a result, foundation of two secondary schools at Minna and Gusau, were laid. Because of these schools Jamaat was introduced to large population of Northern Nigeria.

Although Hausa tribe tried to block Ahmadiyyat and did their best to stop its spread but Allah has his own ways. Allah introduced a person of the Royal family of Sokoto state, Ahmadu Suka Sahib, to Ahmadiyyat. Although, because of the circumstances he could not declare it publicly, but in his heart, he was convinced of the truth of the Ahmadiyyat and would speak out, whenever it was appropriate. Allah made a strange arrangement for his conversion to Ahmadiyyat. This is how he told his story to Chaudhary Hameed Ahmad Sahib.

**Story of acceptance of Ahmadiyyat in his own words:** My father was a colonel in British Army and he was posted in Ghana. In Ghana he was introduced to an Indian Maulvi sahib, named Moulvi Hakeem (meaning











Hazrat Moulvi Hakeem Fazal-ur-Rehman Sahib). One day my father invited Moulvi Hakeem Sahib. Me and my young siblings were playing around. (He would get emotional whenever he used to mention the name of Hakeem sahib. He would go silent for a few moments and his eyes would get wet). Moulvi asked our father if these kids go to school and which grades do they attend. My father told him that we don't go to school as most schools are run by Christian

Missionaries and they convert children to Christianity. Hearing this Moulvi sahib was disappointed and asked my father to send kids to him and he would himself teach them. Thus, we three brothers started learning from Hakeem Sahib. After sometime my father was transferred and he gave us in the custody of Hakeem Sahib and we started to live at Moulvi Sahib's home. Now we became members of his household and became confidantes of his household.

Strictness about Education and Moral Training: For the good moral training of kids, sometimes you have to be strict and sometime be soft, depending on the situation. Alhaaj Suka sahib used to mention the strictness of Moulvi Sahib and was very appreciative of it. Explaining the background of this he mentioned "We knew where Moulvi sahib kept his money. We slowly started to steal small amounts of money and Moulvi sahib didn't even notice. Overtime we became confident and thinking that Moulvi Sahib never notices anything, we started to steal large amounts". But Moulvi Sahib became suspicious of us, and he started to monitor us secretly, till one day we were caught red handed. Then Moulvi Sahib made us stand in front of him and then struck our hands with a leather stick, so much that blood came out. Later he himself put the bandages and started crying. While he was putting medicine and crying, he will keep on saying "What are you becoming and what I want to make out of you?"

Whenever Suka sahib mentioned this incident, he would cry and used to say that had Moulvi Sahib not done that, we would have become thieves. In short Moulvi Sahib kept the kids in his supervision and gave them both religious and secular education, so much so, that Suka Sahib left for London for higher education. At that time when he was doing his LLM in London, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the 2nd ra came to London for his medical treatment. Suka Sahib, because Of his love and connection for Ahmadiyyat, met Huzur and that meeting left a deep impression on him. His other two brothers finished their education and eventually they became ambassadors of Nigeria in Holland and Egypt. We don't know much about them.

**His love for Jamaat:** Although he had to hide his identity as Ahmadi, because of his circumstances, yet this was revealed, time and time again. For example, first Principal of Ahmadiyya Secondary School Gusau, Mian Muhammad Ismaeel Waseem Sahib narrated to me "In 1971, for the ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the new school building I contacted



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some government officials. When I met Judge of the High Court, who later become Chief Judge, Justice Umro Kalgo, he said "I would recommend the name of the attorney general Ahmadu Suka, as he is "one of you" meaning he is an Ahmadi. So, I immediately contacted Ahmadu Suka Sahib and he explained to me that in his childhood he and his brother used to live in the house of Hazrat Moulvi Hakeem Fazal-ur-Rehman Sahib. Suka Sahib told me that he was an Ahmadi, and he also knew about the rift in Jamaat in Lagos but he believed in Khilafat. And said that staying behind the Khalifa has all the blessings."

In short, he was a true Ahmadi Muslim to whom Allah Himself showed the righteous path. After coming of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) there was spiritual upheaval and for Hausa tribe, Ahmadu Suka Sahib was chosen by Allah. During my short visit to Sokoto, I had the honor to meet Alhaaj Ahmadu Suka Sahib and was impressed by his connection with Jamaat.

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