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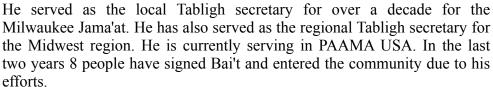
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## Brother Hassiem Babatu - Da'i Ilallah of the year 2022

By: Zeeshan Virk (Zaim Milwaukee, WI Mailis)



Brother Hassiem Babatu Sahib is a convert to Ahmadiyyat. He was raised as a Christian in his childhood. He accepted the truth of Islam Ahmadiyyat under the guidance of the late Rashid Ahmad American sahib in 2004. He saw a program on local public television called 'Islam Live' that was hosted by members of the Milwaukee Jama'at including Rashid sahib and the late Muhammad Sabir sahib.



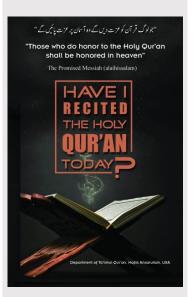


As Tabligh secretary he organized Holy Quran exhibitions, book stalls and food preparation at community events such as Heal the Hood Block Parties. He has organized interfaith conference to encourage peace and tolerance in our society. He has participated in neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with local Christian groups. He has distributed school supplies to local students and COVID supplies to the needy in Milwaukee. He is very active in promoting the Jama'at on Facebook.

In his spare time, he is a devoted

grandfather to his grandson Jelani. Jelani's parents are not Ahmadi, but Hassiem Sahib sought permission from them to bring Jelani to the mosque and to raise him as an Ahmadi.

At the Ansar national Ijtima 2022 in Houston, brother Hassiem was graciously awarded the Da'ee of the Year award by Majlis Ansarullah USA.







May Allah reward him abundantly for serving in the Jama'at Tabligh efforts (Ameen).

Corrections in Al-Nahl 2022 year in review: In our recent issue of Al-Nahl, we inadvertently made a few errors as listed below. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and any confusion it may have caused.

- 1. Page 7 and 11: The summary report of Huzoor's (aba) visit to the US had two date errors. Page 7 last paragraph should have listed the date as 14 October 2022. Page 11 last paragraph should have listed the date as 17 October 2022.
- 2. Page 108: In departed souls (list of members who passed away) in 2022, we listed Syed Nafees Bukhari Sahib (who was a member of Central Jersey Majlis at the time of his passing). He passed away in January 2023, not 2022.

## Chaudhary Muhammad Zafrullah Khan (ra) - My memories and blessings of Khilafat

By: Dr. Imtiaz Chaudhary (Central Jersey, NJ Majlis)



I come from a village, Behlolpur in Sialkot district of Pakistan. Hazrat Chaudhary Zafrullah Khan Sahib (Chaudhary Sahib), may Allah be pleased with him, was also from Sialkot. He was my father's Raza'i brother (milk brother). My father was one year older than Chaudhary Sahib and they were very friendly with each other. When my father got married,

Chaudhary Sahib was my father's Shahbala (best man).

I remember, in 1952, my father introduced me to Chaudhary Sahib in Lahore. "Meet with your Chacha (uncle)" he said. Chaudhary Sahib laughed heartily and said to my father, "Bhai Basharat, you have made me very happy today. Everyone calls me Baba. Now there is at least one person who will call me Chacha". He was referring to the fact that most of his younger relatives called him "Baba Ji".

In 1953, I was studying in Taleem-ul-Islam College in Lahore. Chaudhary Sahib, who was a federal minister at the time, came to our college convocation. After his remarks, he distributed the prizes. I was most regular in attendance in my class. When I came to the stage to receive my prize, Chaudhary Sahib was very surprised that I didn't miss a single day of class.

Later, I went to Nishtar Medical College, became a doctor and got a government job. In 1964 I was working in Multan. I decided to prepare for FRCS - the British surgical specialization. I applied and was selected by the health department to pursue the specialization. I got six months leave to study. I was in Lahore preparing for my FRCS primary exam when I received a phone call from Chaudhary Sahib. He asked me if I had a friend named Dr. Wali Saghir. Dr. Wali was my Ahmadi class fellow from the medical college days. I told him that Dr. Wali was indeed my friend. He said that he had recently met Dr. Wali and during their conversation found













out that although Dr. Wali and I were friends, we didn't write letters to each other. I told him that it was true and that from then on, I would try. A few days later when we met again, he told me to write to Chaudhary Sahib himself too. That encouraged me to start writing.

I passed the FRCS primary exam, Alhamdolillah. To complete the second part and training I had to go to the UK. In 1965, I applied for a UK visa. One of the visa requirements was that I had to show that I have a reasonable amount of money in a British bank. Until the previous year, the government of Pakistan was giving government employed doctors study leaves for specialization training as well as paying their salaries and scholarships in foreign currency. By the time I applied, 1965 war broke out, and Government Pakistan didn't have much foreign exchange left. When I tried to arrange for foreign currency, I couldn't get it. I was about to abandon the idea of higher studies.

I wrote to Dr. Wali - who by that time was studying in the UK - and asked him if he could do something. I would pay him back as soon as I got to the UK. At the same time, I also wrote another letter to Chaudhary Sahib just requesting for prayers. I mailed both letters at the same time. After a few days I got a letter from Chaudhary Sahib. He had written that he had opened a bank account in my name and had deposited an amount of 100 pounds in it. That fulfilled my visa requirement, and I soon got the visa and was able to go to the UK to complete my specialization, Alhamdolillah. I don't know what happened, how Chaudhary Sahib found out. It was a miracle for me. This changed my life completely. I got FRCS from England.

In 1971, responding to the appeal of Khalifa of the time, I devoted my life for five years and served in Africa under the Nusrat Jehan scheme. 'Nusrat Jehan Leap Forward' was a program introduced by Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (ra), the third Khalifa of the Jama'at to help the developing countries in the fields of education and healthcare. After completing my Waqf in Africa, I came to the US following the advice of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the 3rd. In the US, Allah Ta'ala is giving me opportunities to serve US Jama'at in different capacities for the last 46 years. Alhamdolillah.

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