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Dear Anṣār: اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ الله وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Almighty Allāh reminds us of our obligation towards fellow human beings in these words:

يَايَّهَا الَّذِيْنِ امَنُوا لَا يَشْخُرُ قَوْمٌ مِّنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَى ان يَّكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمُ وَلَانِسَا عُ مِّنْ نِسَاءٍ عَلَى ان يَّكُنَّ خَيْرًا وَلَانِسَا عُ مِّنْ نِسَاءٍ عَلَى ان يَّكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِنْهُ يَ وَلَا تَلْمِزُ وَا انْفُسَكُمُ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْالْقَابِ لِيَّسُ الْاسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيْمَانِ وَمَنْ لَّمُ يَتُبُ فَأُولِلَكَ هُمُ الظّٰلِمُونِ ﴿

"O ye who believe! let not one people deride *another* people, who may be better than they, nor let women *deride* other women, who may be better than they. And defame not your own people, nor call one another by nicknames. Bad indeed is evil reputation after the profession of belief; and those who repent not are the wrongdoers." (The Holy Qur'ān, 49 [Al-Hujurāt]:12)

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah relates that Allāh's Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "Whoever believes in Allāh and the Last Day should speak a good word or

remain silent. And whoever believes in Allāh and the Last Day should show hospitality to his neighbor. And whoever believes in Allāh and the Last Day should show hospitality to his guest." (Bukhārī and Muslim).

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) writes: "I tell you truly that the habit of thinking ill of others is a great affliction which destroys a person's faith, flings him far away from the truth and converts his friends into enemies. In order to acquire the qualities of the righteous, it is necessary that a person should altogether shun the habit of thinking ill of others, and should he happen to fall into that attitude concerning someone else, he should seek forgiveness repeatedly and should supplicate to God Almighty that he may be safeguarded against such sinfulness and the consequences that flow from it. This habit should not be underrated. It is a dangerous disease which destroys a person very quickly." (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 107).

May Allāh enable us to understand the message conveyed by the Holy Qur'ān and as explained by the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and do not let us fall victim of ill thinking of others, Āmīn.

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Ṣadr

# A Summary of Tabligh Activities in Various Majālis

During the month of February 2013, 437 Anṣār participated in Tablīgh (propagation) activities; 348 nonmembers were brought to the mosque/center or an event by Anṣār; 1,507 nonmembers were contacted by Anṣār in visits to small towns, senior homes, ethnic groups, etc.; 34 events were held for nonmembers, 920 nonmembers came to the events held specifically for nonmembers; there were 70 visits to small towns, ethnic groups, senior homes; 11,431 flyers, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, and books were distributed or placed in reading rooms or libraries by Anṣār; and 3 Bai'ats were realized through the efforts of Anṣār. Detail of Tablīgh activities occurred in various Majālis during the month of February 2012 is as follows.

**Baltimore:** One article in Huffington Post, One class with over 40 non-Muslims in attendance, and participation in 5 radio shows.

**Buffalo:** 2 interfaith meetings.

**Chicago East:** Religious Founders' Day was attended by over 125 people. A pastor was invited to watch Friday sermon, He was pleased to come to Mosque.

Chicago West: 3 Anṣār take turns to visit a state prison regularly to conduct weekly Jumuʻah Prayers and Saturday class of about 15 inmates. One Nāṣir visited 5 senior citizen centers to introduce Islām/Aḥmadiyyat.

**Cypress Houston:** 4 radio programs were conducted live on air. Questions were answered by the Regional Missionary. 4 Anṣār distributed 250 pamphlets. Two university professors, one secretary, and two Arab students were provided information on Aḥmadiyyat.

Dallas: 2 Anṣār attended an interfaith lecture at SMU and introduced the Jamā'at. 3 Anṣār met with Mayor and City Manager of the City of Frisco, TX. They were introduced to the Jamā'at and our humanitarian activities. A team of 3 Anṣār visited Sachse, TX, a small town in east of Dallas area. Visited 6 Churches and met with pastors and congregation members and gave them a brief introduction of the Jamā'at and gave them flyers and booklet about the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and invited them to "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" conference. One Nāṣir attended the biweekly meeting of Interfaith coffee house; the topic of discussion was "What is the stereotype of you religion and how can it be changed?" A team of 3 Anṣār visited a non-Aḥmadī mosque, a Bahā'ī center, and a Jamā'at Khāna in the City of Plano, TX to introduce them to the Jamā'at and invited them to "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" conference. Good response received from the Bahā'ī center who promised to post the event on their notice board and also forward to all membership. A team of 2 Anṣār visited non-Aḥmadī mosque in the city of Mckinney, TX and met with their Imām and 7 other board members. One Nāṣir met President and General Secretary of Bosnian Community and introduced the Jamā'at to them. All non-Aḥmadī mosques in the Dallas area were contacted by one Nāṣir to setup appointments to meet with Imāms for the "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" conference. 5 comments were posted online forums by Anṣār members.

**Dayton:** Anṣār gave talks on Islām at the University of Dayton, at the Montgomery County Commission office, to the office of the Chief of Police, and to the office of a Federal District Judge.

**Fitchburg:** An hour long conversation was held with a local Priest (in training) who visited the Mosque. Soup Kitchen was organized by Fitchburg Ansār. Many participants took literature about Islām.

Fort Worth: 4 persons were contacted and informed about Ahmadiyyat through individual efforts.

**LA Inland:** Za'īm accompanied respected Missionary and attended a Rotary Club meeting and introduced Islām Ahmadiyyat to about 80 people. Leaflets and some books were distributed.

Las Vegas: One devoted student of Ahmadiyyat, Robert Patti's elder brother, who is an atheist, read "Christianity—A Journey from Facts to Fiction." He was amazed at the wisdom of the book.

**Milwaukee:** Around 20-25 Anṣār visited 8-10 area churches, temples, Gurdawārās, public libraries, city halls, police and fire stations, and schools every weekend in February to invite speakers and non-Muslims to Interfaith Peace Conference. The topic of the conference was Sanctity of Life & Tolerance. 83 inmates were visited in the correctional institutions. The booth at 7 Mile Fair was open 8 days this month. 8-10 Anṣār members supported the Tablīgh activities at the booth. 4 showings of "Islāmic Talk Live" aired during the month via public channel. Peace Conference proceedings were covered by Fox News.

**Minnesota:** A Nāṣir exhibited his Islāmic calligraphy at Spirit Room in Fargo, ND from Feb. 6 through Feb. 26. Dozens of people showed up for reception. In his comments, the Nāṣir explained how the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) meticulously and faithfully preserved and protected the words of God he received and he really deserved that the Qur'ān had revealed to him. He explained how today the prophecy of the Holy Qur'ān concerning the spread of scriptures is being fulfilled.

New York: Our biggest media coverage so far is an advertisement the Jamā'at has placed in the most popular, free newspaper which is circulated throughout New York City. The newspaper, AM New York, is handed out in every single subway station from the morning to the afternoon rush. It is read by over 1 million people daily. Average number of viewers is roughly about 17,800 individuals on a monthly basis for a 15-second visual advertisement which is currently running around the St. Johns campus, every 20 minutes. A few blocks away from the expected event site, the Jamā'at has established a stand with fliers about "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" conference at the New York Public Library to extend exposure. The 1,000+ contacts the Jamā'at has established over the years have all been informed of the event via email.

Oshkosh: "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" symposium at UWO was attended by more than 100 people.

Philadelphia: Each Saturday of this month (from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.), mobile Tablīgh unit, under the auspices of the local Jamā'at , in which about 5 Anṣār participated, went out to Temple University area (near the site of our new mosque). 1,200 flyers were distributed. About 20 nonmembers were engaged in one-to-one discussion that lasted up to 30 minutes. A total of 4 one-hour long radio programs (AskIslam) were broadcast each Sunday evening, serving the metro Philadelphia area, a regular program of Philadelphia Jamā'at for the past 5 years. 3 Anṣār took part in the preparation and broadcast of the program and each program received up to 6-7 phone calls from the listeners and their questions were discussed and answered. One Nāṣir held discussions with 2 non-Muslims and he gave the book "Life of Muhammad" to one of them. During the month of February, one Nāṣir made one-to-one contacts with 30 non-Muslims and the meetings with them lasted from 15 to 60 minutes in which he introduced them to Aḥmadiyyat, the true Islām. 4 such non-Muslims visited the mosque at least once and three of them came to the mosque, either at Jumu'ah Prayers or at Anṣār meeting on third Sunday of the month. One non-Muslim was given the book "Ahmadiyyat, the True Islām".

**Pittsburgh:** 2 brothers, who have not taken Bai'at, attend Jumu'ah. One has attended Qur'ān classes and has recently applied for subscription to Review of Religion.

**Sacramento:** 3 Anṣār distributed more than 200 flyers.

**San Diego:** One Nāṣir attended a Jewish and Aḥmadiyya Muslim Student association interfaith program of 30 students at San Diego State University. Talk on Islām and Aḥmadiyyat were given. During dinner discussion on Islām and Aḥmadiyyat was taken place with the Director and few other attendees.

**Seattle:** 4 Ansār distributed flyers door to door for "Muhammad, Messenger of Peace" conference and visited about 300 homes.

Silicon Valley: Six Anṣār distributed 600 flyers in downtown San Francisco as part of Chinese New Year celebration.

**South Virginia:** One Nāṣir helped Lajnah to organize Qur'ān exhibition at the local library. About 30-40 people visited the exhibition.

St. Louis: 2 Ansār manned the weekly booth at a local flea market.

**Syracuse:** One Nāṣir regularly holds bookstall every Saturday for past several years. Several hundred flyers of "I Love Muḥammad" were distributed in an organized manner. 3-4 trips were made to neighborhoods around our mosque and hundreds of flyers distributed in preparation for the local Jamā'at's conference on the topic of "I love Muhammad."

Willingboro: 4 Anṣār set up an exhibition about the Holy Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) at the flea market and attracted attention to Islām and invited people to the various events held at the mosque. 34 Anṣār distributed "Muslims for Peace" flyers and invitations for the Seminar on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him); 500 leaflets were distributed. 68 non-Muslims have registered for Sīrat conference [Seminar on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him)] by the efforts of Anṣār.

York: One Nāṣir sat with the borough president and discussed Aḥmadiyyat for almost an hour. One Nāṣir talked with the president of the Chamber of Commerce office for more than an hour and gave information about the Jamā'at and gave pamphlets. 3 Anṣār visited Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and about 50 senators and representatives were briefed about the persecution that is faced by our community and informed them of the activities that our Jamā'at was doing.

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#### **Self Examination**

Shaddād ibn 'Aus relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "A wise person is one who watches over himself and restrains himself from that which is harmful and strives for that which will confront him after death; and a foolish one is he who gives rein to his cravings and seeks from Allāh the fulfillment of his vain desires." (Tirmidhī)

# **Request for Prayers**

- Al-Ḥājjī Abdul Hakeem of Zion Majlis passed away on March 30, 2013 at the age of 65, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was the brother of Hasan Hakeem, President of Zion Jamā'at and National Secretary Tablīgh. Al-Ḥājjī Abdul Hakeem accepted Islām in 1967 and was a longtime, devoted member of the Zion Jamā'at. He leaves behind two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.
- Dr. Munawar Ahmad of Cleveland Majlis passed away, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was the elder brother of Imām Mubasher Ahmed, Missionary Northwest Region.
  - May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families,  $\bar{A}m\bar{i}n$ . Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.
- Asaf Mirza of Columbus Majlis, son of Late Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens, Ohio, had recently been hospitalized and is currently recovering at home. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Dr. B. K. Ahmad, Nāzim, Great Lakes region, has recently fell ill. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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