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Message from Şadr Majlis

Who Are the Helpers of Allah?

"We are the helpers of Allāh" is Majlis Anṣārullāh's universal slogan; our job is to live up to these words. And that is not easy. It requires—as Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) said in his Friday sermon of January 3, 2014 humility, hard work, and prayer.

All three of these attributes are inspiring. But today, let me focus on hard work. This is the story of two servant leaders whose hard work reminds me of the blessed "small creeks flowing through mountains and valleys."

Get this. On May 9, 2014 (Friday) two Ansār brothers travelled from California to Washington D.C. You know how Fridays are; you rush to work, try to listen to Hudūr's sermon, attend the Friday Prayer, then catch up on work, and then crawl through rush hour traffic. So, on a Friday evening, these brothers boarded a flight from Los Angeles' LAX airport, flew all night and arrived in Washington D.C. Saturday morning. Volunteers early rushed them to Mubarak Mosque in Virginia where they attended an all-day national 'Āmilah meeting of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. It was intense; cell phones were off, laptops were asleep, but the room was awake with action items.

Anyway, let us get back to their story. Right after the meeting, around 9 P.M., on Saturday (May 10) one of them boarded his return flight, and taking advantage of the crushing time zones, returned to his home in California early Sunday morning (May 11). The other left Washington at 4:30 A.M. on Sunday and reached LAX airport around 10 A.M. the same day. Still following me, right? I want you to remember the details because the best part is coming.

After a dizzying across the country

tour, both of these brothers—who must have exhausted—refused to rest. Instead, they travelled to attend their local Anṣār Ijtima' of on May 11 (Sunday morning) at Baitul-Ḥamīd Mosque in Chino. It was an all-day affair on Sunday. Imagine how tired they must have been when they finally got home on Sunday night and imagine how life must have gone on the next Monday morning...

These two brothers epitomize the dedication of so many members of Majlis Anṣārullāh who work tirelessly as "helpers of Allāh." They enhance our faith and remind us of the words of the founder of Majlis Anṣārullāh:

"If we fail to accomplish this task then the example of Ahmadiyyat will be of a river which dries up on reaching an expanse of sand like the large rivers which dry up in deserts. Water continues to flow in them but dries up on reaching a desert. Small creeks flow for miles through mountains but large rivers dry when they reach sand fields. Therefore, do not think that a river of understanding is flowing in you. If the desert of laziness, avoiding hard work and negligence takes shape in you then this river will drv up in it. Small creeks. which flow for miles through the valleys of mountains, will be blessed, but your river will neither be useful for you nor for the world. This is a calamity and a trouble which must be avoided." [Extract from Friday sermon delivered by Hadrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) on 4 May 1945; Al-Fadl, 11 May 1945, Page 5.]

Rest assured, Majlis Anṣārullāh is not a dried up river. We are a group of hard working, tenacious, small creeks that are committed to flowing as many miles as it takes, as many valleys as we may face and as many mountains as we may encounter, for us to be the real

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Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31 - Jalsah Sālānah, UK

Fri-Sun, Oct 10-12 - Anșār National Ijtimā'

Sun, Oct. 5 - 'Īd-ul-Adhiyyah

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helpers of Allah.

Do not just sit on the sidelines as a dried up river; join these blessed creeks! We have a lot of work to do. Send me an email at sadr@ansarusa.org and let me plug you in.

Wassalām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

The Memories of Abdul Wahab bin Adam

Mubarik Ahmad, Portland Ex-Principal, Aḥmadiyya Secondary School, Salaga, Ghana

This humble one has had the honor of working with Abdul Wahab bin Adam, Amīr Jamā'at Ghana, in 1975–1976 as the principal of Aḥmadiyya Secondary School at Salaga in Ghana. Abdul Wahab bin Adam possessed exemplary qualities. He was a sympathetic and a popular Amīr who showed love, equality, and benevolence to all of us. Everyone used to think that he had a personal relationship with the respected Amīr.

As the Holy prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) has advised us to remember those who have passed away and describe their good qualities so that we too emulate those qualities, I will describe some of the beautiful memories of the respected Amīr which are still very fresh in my mind, even after forty years.

Belief in the Acceptance of Prayers and Dominance of Islām and Ahmadiyyat

The respected Amīr had a strong belief in the acceptance of prayers. I had the extra responsibility for constructing and supervising the new Aḥmadiyya secondary school building, in addition to teaching and administration. Once, I described my worry about a school matter. He immediately replied, "Mubarik Ṣāḥib, don't worry; we will spread the praying mat." This comment described his firm belief in prayers and became a source of comfort and strength in faith for me.

Whenever I had a chance to spend time in his company, I always felt his strong belief in the spread of Islām and Ahmadiyyat as if it will spread within a few days.

Respect and Encouragement for Colleagues

My eldest son was born in Ghana and Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy on him) proposed the name of Ata-ul-Wahab. Upon hearing the name of my son, the respected Amīr commented that he liked the name of my son very much. When I inquired the reason, he said, "Ḥuḍūr has taken the name of both the Amīrs of Ghana." He was referring to ex-Amīr (Ata Ullah Kalim) and the present Amīr (Wahab Adam). I had not thought that he would find this coincidence to show his love and respect for his colleague and predecessor.

During the construction of the Salaga School building, I realized that the asbestos sheets of a roof had cracked and had to be replaced. I was worried that the respected Amīr may be upset about this loss. But to my surprise, he replied, with so much love and affection, "Mubarik Ṣāḥib, don't worry. Salaga is the city of storms, and I thought that whole roof of the building has blown away." This was our beloved Amīr who knew how to win the hearts and make people to work with love. He immediately sent money for repairs and helped us complete the construction.

We had an annual function for prize distribution and parent's day at the school. Abdul Wahab bin Adam traveled a long distance from Accra to Salaga to attend the function as the chief guest and gave a very moving speech about Islām, Aḥmadiyyat, and the Jamā'at's services to the community. He praised the Almighty for blessing our efforts in constructing the school building and expressed his gratitude to the devotee teachers who had been serving the Jamā'at.

Spiritual Attachment to Urdu Language

During an Urdu conference at Ta'līmul Islām College, Rabwah, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh III gave us a slogan, "Urdu is not only our national but also a religious language." The respected Amīr truly considered Urdu as his religious language and always communicated and spoke with us in Urdu. Once, I had the chance to attend the annual gathering in Wah, a city in North Ghana. I was very impressed when I saw that the respected Amīr read a number of quotations from the



Promised Messiah's (may peace be on him) book and then directly translated into the local language. This experience was so impressive that I still remember its sweetness.

Love and Care for the Devotees of the Jamā'at

The respected Amīr used to show a lot of love for Jamāʿatʾs devotees and cared for their comfort. I had a personal kerosene fridge for our domestic use. When it was time for me to go back to Pakistan, the respected Amīr wrote a letter to me saying, "Do not sell your fridge. Salaga is a hot place. Leave this for your replacement coming from Pakistan so that brother will not suffer." It so happened that later Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, now Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), came to Salaga as the principal of the school.

Love and Gratitude for Fellow Ahmadīs

During my stay at Salaga, Abdul Wahab bin Adam's uncle Mr. Botting, was a government welfare officer. When he passed away, Abdul Wahab bin Adam was still in London, serving as Nā'ib Imām of The Faḍl Mosque. On his arrival in Ghana, he thanked me saying, "Mubarik Ṣāḥib, thank you very much for taking care of my maternal uncle."

He used to speak highly of Chaudhry Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan. Abdul Wahab bin Adam narrated that when he was serving as the Nā'ib Imām in London, Chaudhry Zafarullah Khan asked him if he wanted to send some gifts to his wife as he was going to visit Ghana. Abdul Wahab bin Adam had a concern that Chaudhry Zafarullah Khan worked more than the devotees of the Jamā'at. Once, when Abdul Wahab bin Adam was wearing a necktie, he told me that this was a gift from Dr. Abdus Salam.

The departed soul had many virtues. He has left with us numerous loving memories. May Allāh have mercy on his soul and enable us to emulate his examples. Āmīn.

Prescience of a Saint

Rafi Malik, Columbus, Ohio

Hadrat Maulānā Ghulām Rasūl Rājaykī (may Allāh be pleased with him) was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). Hadrat Rājaykī Sahib is well known in the Jamā'at as a saintly figure for his knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān and acceptance of his prayers. He used to foretell people about the outcome of his prayer right after praying for them; such was his relationship with Allāh. He also was a very humble person, always acknowledging that these attributes were due to the fact that he was a humble servant of the Promised Messiah and his Khulafā'.

The Nikāḥ of my parents was performed by Ḥaḍrat Rājaykī Sahib. As soon as he finished praying after the Nikāḥ, he said in Punjabi, "Mubārak ho!, Munday he Munday" (Congratulations! many sons). He also said that he saw that the Promised Messiah was also present during the prayer.

By the Grace of Allāh, we are three brothers; we had a sister who passed away in infancy when she was only 21 days old, leaving behind only the "sons." The words of that saint of



Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Ghulām Rasūl Rājaykī

Allāh—a humble servant of the Promised Messiah—were fulfilled exactly as they were uttered by him. Alḥamdulillāh.

Accommodation Options at National Ijtimā'

This year, like before, you will have the option to stay at a brother's home or at the mosque (sleeping bags are provided free of charge to brothers who fly in).

But you can also book a hotel room directly—on a first come, first served basis. We have 60 rooms available at a nearby Holiday Inn at the rate of \$69/night. The hotel provides pick up from BWI airport and free breakfast. A meeting room has been arranged at the hotel for Tahajjud, Fajr, and Dars.

Find more information about the hotel and booking a room at www.ansarusa.org/ijtemaportal/ijtima-accommodation

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Register for the Ijtimā' at www.ansarusa.org/ijtemaportal/registration2014

Ta'līmul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'līmul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Ṣaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verses 11 and 12 are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of August.

Ta'līm Test I Results

Ta'līm Test I was taken by 1,107 Anṣār (43% of Tajnīd), exceeding this year's goal of 1,000, Alḥamdulillāh. Majlis and region rankings are as follows.

	Majlis	Participation	Region	Participation
First	Willingboro & York	100%	Southwest	64%
Second	Charlotte	93%	Central East	56%
Third	Lehigh Valley	90%	Gulf States	53%

Essay Writing Competition

The deadline to submit essays for the Essay Writing Competition is August 31, 2014. Essay must be in English, contain 1,000 to 2,500 words, be submitted in MS Word format, be free of spelling and factual errors, and list all bibliographic references. Essays should be emailed to Qāʻid Taʻlīm at qaid.talim@snsarusa.org. The topics are as follows:

- 1. Relevance of Anṣār meetings to a Nāṣir's life
- 2. Suppress your ego, enhance your worship

Request for Prayers

Aziz Ahmed, father of Khalid Aziz Ahmed, Zaʻīm of Chicago Northwest Majlis, passed away on July 15, 2014, in Canada, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. May Allāh grant peace to the soul of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Āmīn. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and his family in their prayers.

Send detail and pictures of your local and regional events and Anṣār news via e-mail at newsletter@ansarusa.org.

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