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We are the Helpers of Allāh.

The Fortress of Prosperity

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صدق سے میری طرف آؤ اسی میں خیر ہے
ہیں درندے ہر طرف میں عافیت کا ہوں حصار

Translation: For salvation, proceed towards me with truth. There are monsters galore, I am the fortress of prosperity [The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him)]

An Anṣār general meeting in Detroit started off at its appointed time. As a Za'im I usually brief the presenters ahead of time and today was no different except that I had requested our Muntazim Tarbiyat to linger on the topic of Waṣiyyat for a few minutes. He expanded on the topic by a

narration of his own experience when he had signed up for the blessed scheme of Waṣiyyat. Later in the discussion I had the blessed opportunity to convey my experience followed by our local Jamā'at President adding words of encouragement. Before we could move on to the next agenda item all of sudden three hands went up and expressed interest in signing up for Waṣiyyat.

We were all in awe of the Almighty for His blessings and grace. Needless to mention that the members were given the relevant documentation immediately and are currently being followed up. This has now become a regular agenda item in our meetings with hopes and prayers that the momentum will continue to grow. It is indeed a fortress of prosperity that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) has provided for us which undeniably will lead us to salvation. The message is indeed out there, all we have to do is to latch on to it.

Hasten to Do Good

Anonymous

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said:

"Hasten to do good before you are overtaken by one of seven misfortunes: perplexing adversity, corrupting prosperity, disabling disease, babbling dotage, sudden death, the worst apprehended Anti-Christ, the Hour, and the Hour will be most grievous and most bitter" (Tirmidhī)

It was perhaps three years ago that I came across an account of a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) that he paid his Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd at

the beginning of the year. In the spirit of following the righteous, I decided to adopt the noble practice of this companion of the Promised Messiah.

For the last few years, I pay off my Chanda Anṣār, Taḥrīk Jadīd, Waqf Jadīd as well as Chanda Waṣiyyat for my entire family in January of each year. The only balance I have for the rest of the year is my own Chanda Waṣiyyat which I pay monthly.

Allāh has blessed me abundantly without any efforts of my own. My Jamā'at's Secretary Finance tells me that financially I am one of the most blessed members of my Jamā'at, based on my Chanda, but this is by the sheer Grace of Almighty Allāh that He has enabled me to do this. Alḥamdulillāh.

Have you paid your 2017 Anṣār Chanda?

2017 Anṣār fiscal year is ending on December 31st

If you have not paid your Anṣār Chanda in full please do so as soon as possible.

Bringing Qur'ān in Our Lives

Munir Ahmad Malik, Qā'id Ta'limul Qur'ān

The promised Messiah (may peace be on him) says:

“You do not leave the Holy Qur'ān like a book that has been forsaken, since it is therein—and nowhere else—that life lies. Those who give honor to this Holy Book shall be honored in heaven. Those who will hold the Holy Qur'ān superior to every tradition and every other saying shall be given preference in heaven.”

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has

repeatedly reminded us about daily recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. In a meeting with Ḥuḍūr last year, we had committed that we will set the example for ourselves and for our families in daily recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. Our parents and elders set the example for us and now it is our turn and responsibility to set this noble example for our children and bless our homes by daily recitation of this holy book.

I humbly urge everyone to make recitation of the Holy Qur'ān a daily habit and be the recipient of immense blessings.

Another Year, Another Marathon

Rashid Syed, LA East

I have been running half marathons since 2005. By the grace of Allāh, I ran another half marathon—13.1 miles—on February 7, 2017, at the age of 69.

In March, I experienced pain in my lower back—my back problem of last 18 years had come back. The doctor suggested that I undergo back surgery as soon as possible due to bulged discs causing 90% blood flow blockage resulting in severe pain in my back and legs.

I avoided back surgery for 18 years but this time it was unavoidable. Having had a surgery in March I was determined to bounce back and continue my normal life and running. And by the grace of Allāh I was able to do this, Alḥamdulillāh.

On October 8, 2017, I ran, jogged, and walked 10 miles in Huntington Beach, CA. It is God's miracle. Even the doctor who performed the surgery was surprised to see my quick recovery.

Running and jogging helps you adopt an active and disciplined lifestyle. I am a living example of the fact that discipline, determination, motivation, watching diet, and doing a little exercise can cure many health conditions. Everyone experiences aches and pains with the age but at age 69, I feel pretty good about my health. If I can do it, anyone can do it.

I urge Anṣār brothers to get out and start walking 15-20 minutes a day, regularly. Increase your walk to 25-30 minutes and continue until you are comfortable with the speed and distance. Do not start running until you have built speed. If you have a medical condition, you should seek advice from your doctor or Qā'id health at qaid.health@ansarusa.org before start running.

Looking forward to another ½ marathon in February 2018, at the age of 70, Insha'allah.

Rashid Syed



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A Spirit of Brotherhood

Tanveer Iqbal, Houston North

Hurricane Harvey was an extremely destructive Atlantic hurricane that became the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005. In a four-day period, many areas received more than 40 inches (100 cm) of rain as the system set in over eastern Texas and adjacent waters, causing catastrophic flooding. The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. (Wikipedia)

Unfortunately, a few Jamā'at members in Houston were adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey. The house of Za'im

Majlis, Houston North, was flooded with more than 6 feet of water. Three of his cars also got flooded. He, along with his family, had to be evacuated by boat. His house became inhabitable after the hurricane. Significant amount of help was needed to tear down the drywall, move furniture and belongings, and many other tasks. By the grace of Allāh, local Anṣār quickly came together to help. Most helped with the cleaning effort. A few Anṣār brought hot meals. The spirit of helping a Nāṣir of our Majlis was prominent. With the help of Anṣār brothers, the recovery effort sped up. May Allāh bless all the Anṣār brothers who showed their commitment to help one of our own. Āmīn.



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