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As we approach the end of another year, it is a great honour and privilege for us at the M.W.I. to present the 9th edition of our `In-Focus` magazine.

During 2005, Albania, Bangladesh and India were our main focus points and the projects and activities carried out are presented in this magazine. To assist the victims of the Tsunami, some projects were financed in Sri Lanka and these also have been reflected upon.

Detailed reports of our projects were published in issues 107 & 108 of our quarterly magazine `UNITY`, which are available upon request.

As you read through and approach the last page, we offer you the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile cause and look forward to your long lasting support.

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ALBANIA 2005

`Iftaar Project` *(pic 1)*

To raise the awareness of Fasting during the month of Ramadhan, meals were provided at the time of iftaar in Tirana, Elbasan, Belesh, Korce and Leskovik. More than 700 people benefited from this project, **total cost £2,000.**

`Qurbaani` *(pic 2)*

To show the importance of Qurbaani and Eid-ul-Adha, 140 Qurbaanis were performed in January from which approx. 4800 people benefited, **project cost was £7,700.**

`Hafez Sabri Institute` *(pics 3, 4)*

Named in memory of the Late Grand Mufti of Albania, Hafez Sabri Koci (may he rest in peace, ameen) our residential Madrasah at Belesh has completed 1 successful year. 10 students reside here on a full time basis and besides them another 35 enrolled for short periods of time enabling them to learn the basics of Islam. It is very pleasing to report that 3 students have now completed their studies and one of them by the name of Hamza will be appointed as an Imam and teacher after Ramadhan in a Mosque in Chrek, 12kms from Tirana.
Running cost for 2005 was £10,000.

`Islamic Awareness Projects` *(pic 5)*

In order to instil the love of Islam from an early age, as part of our Islamic Awareness Projects, 16 childrens classes are operating in various parts of the country such as Bergozhd and Verry in Pogradec and Clirimi in Elbasan. In total, 300 boys and girls from ages 5 to 16 attend these classes. One teacher by the name of Yusuf Fadhil Isufi, resident of Senisht, a remote village in the mountains, travels one hour by walking to reach his class. We have now provided him with a horse.
Cost for 2005 was £15,000.

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You can now keep in touch with all our projects via our website www.mwinstitute.co.uk
Latest updates with photos will be available to view as our projects progress in Albania.

BANGLADESH 2005

Projects Completed

`Feed the Fasting` *(pic. 1)*

1340 people were provided with meals for Iftaar at Begumpur and 10 areas of Kaligang throughout Ramadhan 2004, **£4,500 donated by 1 family.**

`Eid-ul-Fitr Gift Packs` *(pic. 2)*

1000 gift packs distributed prior to Eid-ul- Fitr 2004 in 9 districts including Shirazgonj, Sylhet, Pabna and Tangail. **Cost: £5,000.**

`Friends of Zayd R.A.` *(pics. 3, 4, 5)*

Situated in Begumpur in the Gazipur district, our first orphanage was officially opened on 6th March, where 20 orphans are residing. **£16,000 donated by 1 family.**

`Masjid-e-Ayesha R.A.` *(pics. 6, 7)*

Officially opened on Tuesday 7th March, Masjid-e-Ayesha can accommodate upto 150 worshippers and is situated in Nandail village in the Mymenshing district. **£4,000 donated by 1 sister.**

`Eye Camp for Cataracts` *(pic. 8)*

Cataracts removed for 112 needy people at the Vision Eye Hospital in Dhaka. **£5,208 donated by the youth of Tayyabah Mosque, Bolton.**

`Daawah Academy` *(pic. 9)*

25 Maktabs (part time Islamic Schools) in operation since January in the Gazipur District where approx. 1400 children attend on a regular basis. **Annual cost: £5,375.**

`Weddings Programme` *(pic. 10)*

Collective weddings for 30 couples took place on 14th July at Tarail Nandail in Mymenshing District. Along with basic essentials, each couple was also given a Rickshaw and cow for income purposes. **£5,000 donated by the Muslims of Jaame Masjid-e-Zakaria, Bolton.**

Projects Ongoing

`House of Ayesha R.A.` *(pic. 1)*

Situated in the Dayamir village of Sylhet, this housing complex, once completed, will have 100 houses for widows and their families. **£85,000 donated by the Muslims of Preston.**

`Rehabilitation project` *(pic. 2)*

35 houses damaged by the severe floods of 2004 will be repaired as part of this project. **£7,000 donated by Bolton Council of Mosques (BCOM).**

`Feed the Affected` *(pic. 3)*

Distribution of food parcels to the people affected by the floods this year. **£2,448 donated by BCOM.**

Donate your Sadaqaatul Fitr towards our `Eid-ul-Fitr Gift Packs Appeal`

Similar to last Ramadhan, we are running a special appeal for providing Eid Gift Packs containing essential food items & clothes to the needy families prior to Eid-ul-Fitr. Last year, we managed to distribute 1000 Gift Packs at a cost of £5 per pack.

Please forward your Sadaqaatul-Fitr to reach us by the 25th of Ramadhan, cost per pack £5.

INDIA 2005

`Weddings Programme` *(pics. 1, 2)*

Collective weddings programme of 25 couples at Ranod in the Patan District on Thursday 10th March and 50 couples at Ahmedabad on Sunday 10th April, **total cost £11,250 out of which £7,500 was donated by 1 family.**

`Al Kawthar Water Project` *(pics. 3, 4)*

Officially opened on Saturday 12th March at the village of Dahegham in the Jambusar District, this newly constructed water system will provide 6000 residents with clean water very close to their homes, **£6,500 donated by the Adnan Charitable Trust.**

`Mobile Clinic` *(pic. 5)*

Annually 45,000 patients access the health facilities provided by the Mobile Clinic of the Gujarat Sarvajanik Welfare Trust in rural and remote areas around Ahmedabad, **£3,800 donated for running costs of 2005.**

`Sonography Machine & Dialysis` *(pics. 6, 7)*

For the detection of the illness of the kidney, **we donated £5,000 towards the purchase of a Sonography machine** at the newly opened Maryam Hospital in Jamalpur, Ahmedabad. **We also donated £1,200 for the dialysis of 100 patients.**

`Construction of Washrooms` *(pic. 8)*

120 washrooms constructed in the state of Rajistan, one of the poorest states of India, **£4,500 donated for this project.**

`Food Distribution` *(pic. 9)*

Distribution of food parcels to the most needy in Rajistan, £2,500 provided towards this project.

`Hafez Sponsorship` *(pic. 10)*

73 students have been sponsored throughout the year to become Hafez at 5 institutes in India.

SRI LANKA 2005

To assist the victims of the Tsunami, in conjunction with the All Ceylon Jamiyyatul Ulema (ACJU) of Sri Lanka, 3 projects have been completed and 1 project is ongoing.

`Bicycle Distribution` *(pic. 1)*

50 bicycles distributed in the Matara district **at a cost of £2,250.**

`Distribution of Hijaabs & Widows Sponsorship` *(pic. 2)*

200 sets of ladies Hijaabs and Abayaas distributed at a cost of £1,250, we also sponsored 20 widows for their Iddah period **at a cost of £2,000.**

`Rehabilitation Project` *(pic. 3)*

Construction of 15 houses for people affected by the Tsunami in the Maruthamunai and Galle districts **at a cost of £17,100.**

GIFT AID DECLARATION - CALLING ALL TAX PAYERS! INCREASE YOUR DONATION!

By completing the Gift Aid Declaration Form, you will enable us to reclaim 22% of the tax you have paid on that amount. There is no minimum limit to the amount you donate, therefore, complete the form & return with your donation (see overleaf). 2 brothers donated £5580 last year & we claimed their tax on that amount which was £1573, which increased their donation to £7153.

THEREFORE, PLEASE DON`T MISS OUT! FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT US

Title:..... Forename:..... Surname:.....

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Please tick one of the following:-

☐ I wish Muslim Welfare Institute to reclaim tax on all donations I have made since 6th April 2000, and all further donations I make thereafter.

☐ I have already completed a gift aid form.

*Please note that for your donation to qualify for tax relief, the amount of income tax you pay must at least equal the amount of tax Muslim Welfare Institute will reclaim from your donation.

e.g, If you give £100 a year, you need to be paying at least £28 a year in income tax.

Signed:..... Date:..... **(Office use only)** Ref. No:.....

CRUCIAL PROJECTS FOR 2006

Hafiz Sabri Institute Albania *(pics 1, 2)*

Our residential Madrasah in Albania has completed its first year. In a country where religious practices were prohibited for 50 years, 10 families who witnessed this dark period have presented their sons to acquire Islamic knowledge. We now need 10 families from the U.K. to donate £1,000 each towards their studies & boarding costs, as the annual cost for 2006 is £10,000. A brother donated £1,000 last year, which resulted in a student by the name of Hamza completing his studies, who will now serve as an Imam & Teacher, Lillah donations only please.

Islamic Awareness Projects Albania *(pics 3, 4)*

16 childrens classes are operating as part of this project. Average monthly salary for the teachers is £60. During 2005, ten of these teachers were sponsored by 10 families who donated £720 each for the year. These classes provide the foundations for children to learn about Islam to become practicing Muslims. We require 16 families to donate £720 each to reach our annual budget of £11,520. Lillah donations only please.

Your Chance Once Again

Due to the wonderful response from our readers, the year 2005 brought happiness to many thousands in the countries we are working in. In order to have many more smiling faces, we need your support. Your Zakaah & Sadaqaah donations will surely benefit thousands in India & Bangladesh and your Lillah donations will contribute immensely towards our Albania Projects. Please send us a donation using the Standing Order/Donation Form below including the Gift Aid Form overleaf if possible.

A Complete Project on Your Behalf

During 2005, we carried out 9 projects on behalf of individual families and organisations. This is a wonderful way of passing on rewards to your near & dear ones who have left this world. We work to your specified budget hence no financial pressures. You will be provided with updates & reports. Please get in touch with us for more details.

STANDING ORDER

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....Tel: .....

Please pay Muslim Welfare Institute £.....
every month until further notice and debit
My Account Number: .....

Starting on (Date): .....

Signature:.....

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Please make payment according to the information provided on the 26th of every month thereafter to:
Natwest Bank, 35 King William St. Branch, Blackburn, BB1 7DL.
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PLEASE SPECIFY PROJECT:

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Islamic Awareness Projects (Lillah)	£.....
Hafez Sponsorship (£120 Annually)	£.....
Sadaqaatul Fitr Special Appeal (£5 per Gift Pack)	£.....
Zakaah	£.....
Sadaqaah	£.....
General Administration (Lillah)	£.....

For efficient supervision of all projects, admin costs are incurred. Do kindly donate towards them.

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