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THE VIRTUES OF PROVIDING IFTAAR

As the Holy Month of Ramadhan draws closer, let us be thankful to The Almighty upon all the blessings he has bestowed us with. At the time of Iftaar and Suhoor, our plates are full with all types of food, a lot of which also goes to waste whilst our brothers and sisters in many parts of the world may not even be fortunate to open their fast with a single date.

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) said: 'This (Ramadhan) is indeed the month of patience and the reward for true patience is Jannah. It is the month of sympathy with one's fellowmen. It is the month wherein a true believer's rizq (provisions) is increased. Whosoever feeds another who fasted in order to open the fast, for the feeder there shall be forgiveness of sins and freedom from the fire of Jahannam and for such a feeder shall be the same reward as the one who fasted (who he fed) without that persons reward being decreased in the least'. Thereupon we said, 'O Messenger (S.A.W.) not all of us possess the means whereby we can give a fasting person to open his fast'. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) replied 'The Almighty grants the same reward to the one who gives a fasting person to open the fast a mere date or a drink of water or a sip of milk'.

CAN YOU SPARE FEW HOURS 4/5 TIMES A YEAR?

The MWI is looking to recruit volunteers (brothers & sisters) to help distribute the UNITY magazine which will be published on a quarterly basis & the In-Focus magazine which will be published annually I.A. We need volunteers for all towns & cities of the UK, if you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact us, we look forward to hearing from you.

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ALBANIA

Iftaar Programmes - Ramadhan 2010

Due to Communism, all Islamic practices had been banned in Albania. For nearly half a century, Muslims were not allowed to fast during the month of Ramadhan. As part of our Islamic Awareness Programmes, adults and children are taught the importance of the month of Ramadhan together with the virtues of fasting. Our Imams & Teachers in Albania are very active during this month and readers will be happy to learn that many Albanians, adults and children alike fast during Ramadhan and the blessings of the month can be felt throughout the country.



To assist the needy families and educate them further, MWI distributed 1,000 Iftaar Packs in many areas including Kamza, Kavaje, Laknas, Leze, Shkoder and Vore. In addition to this, some Iftari meals were also provided.





BANGLADESH

Iftaar Programmes - Ramadhan 2010

Hot Meals

It is pleasing to report that hot meals were provided daily to over 2,000 people at the time of Iftaar in Dinajpur, Gazipur, Khulna, Kishoreganj, Mymensingh and Rangpur during Ramadhan 2010. Nazimuddin Mukarram, one of the co-ordinators of this programme had this to say: 'In Ramadhan there are many distressed poor people who keep their fasts with little or no food. Realizing this, Islahul Muslimeen Parishad Bangladesh (IMPB) initiated this programme with financial assistance from the MWI to feed the fasting poor. Besides providing Iftaar, the people are taught how to recite the Quraan correctly and collective Taleem takes place on a daily basis'. The cost for feeding one person for the whole month is £10.



Iftaar Packs

Arrangements were also made for the distribution of 700 Iftaar Packs in many areas including Netrokona and Sylhet. One of the distributors is Qamruz Zaman, here he sums up the feelings of the people: 'The families are so poor that many of them would have to open their fasts with water and a very small amount of food, thanks to the brothers and sisters of the UK for providing these Iftaar Packs, it is so pleasing to see the happiness on the faces of these families, the duas from their hearts will definitely bring barakah to the donors'. Each pack cost £15.

INDIA

Iftaar Programmes - Ramadhan 2010

2,500 happy families

In the days preceding Ramadhan 2010, the MWI made the arrangements for 2,500 Iftaar Packs to be distributed in many areas including Gujarat, Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. Each Iftaar Pack consisted of dates, rice, lentils, sugar, oil, flour, tea, rose syrup & custard and cost £15.



The distribution centered on the neediest families and in the Narol and Vatwa areas of Ahmedabad Gujarat the distribution was specifically for those people who had some form of disability.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Masjid-e-Anisul Islam Blackburn, Ilford Muslim Society London, Rabetul Ulema Batley, Tayyabah Masjid Bolton and the Ummah Welfare Trust for taking part in our Iftaar Programmes last Ramadhan, may The Almighty reward you in abundance, Ameen. We look forward to your continuous support in the years to come I.A

AS WE APPROACH RAMADHAN 2011



So there you are brothers & sisters, the virtues of providing Iftaar and the results of your donations have been reflected in the preceding pages, from the orphans of Albania to the widows of Bangladesh and the disabled of India, our brothers & sisters in these 3 countries are in their hour of need.

This copy of UNITY has been specifically timed to be in your hands in the first week of July which is also the first week of Shabaan, the month of Ramadhan is only 4 weeks away. Now is the time to start sending in your donations to take part in our Iftaar Programmes.

Do you know how many people will be smiling?

If we take an average of 5 members per family, then the beneficiaries will number 20,000 people, what an achievement. However, in order to reach this target, we are all going to have to take part in this noble cause, our appeal starts from Friday 1st July and ends on Friday 29th July, we at the MWI have full faith in The Almighty that all our brothers & sisters will respond to this call with a donation of £30, remember that this donation could be from your Zakaah, Sadaqaah & Lillah allocations. May The Almighty give us all barakah in Shabaan and take us to Ramadhan. Ameen

£30 APPEAL
£1 A DAY FOR RAMADHAN

As the saying goes 'many hands make light work', with this in mind we are taking the opportunity of requesting all our readers to donate £30 each (the price of 2 Iftaar Packs) which is equivalent to £1 per day of Ramadhan.




DID YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IMPACT A DONATION OF £30 COULD MAKE? HERE IT IS.....

We have distributed 2,000 copies of this edition of our UNITY magazine, if each household donates just £30, then just through this edition of UNITY alone we will have raised sufficient funds to provide Iftaar Packs to 4,000 families.



DONATIONS

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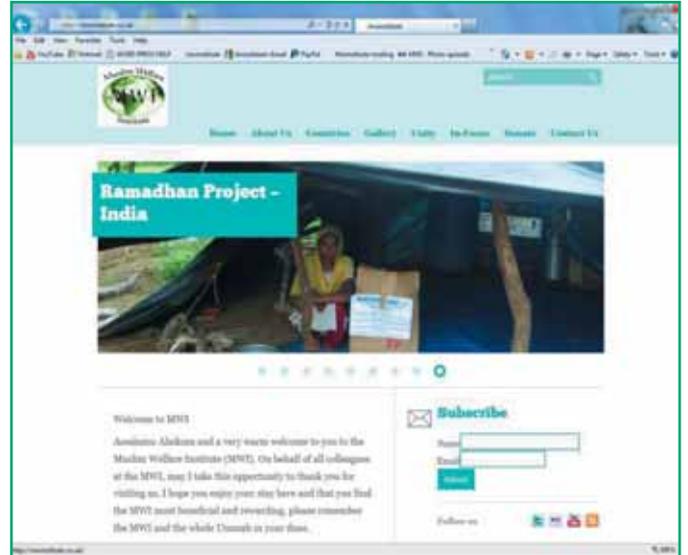
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For the convenience of our donors, we have now set up facilities to accept donations on line. You can transfer direct from your bank account or you could choose the Paypal option. If you use Paypal, we would humbly request you to add on £1.50 to every £100 you donate as Paypal will be charging admin costs to the MWI.

You may also post a cheque to the MWI.

If you donate on line, please drop us an email confirming your name and address so that we can post a receipt out.



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If you are a UK taxpayer, the MWI can reclaim 25% of the tax paid by you on your donation. This a wonderful way of increasing your donation without any extra cost to you, so if you live in the UK and pay tax, please complete the declaration below and post it to the MWI. If you pay tax at a higher rate, you can reclaim the difference from the taxman, please enquire with your accountant.



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