



ALGESTER NEWS

V. 2 JANUARY 2008

All praise, glory & gratitude belong to Allah (SWT). The Lord of the Worlds and peace and blessings be upon the highest of creation, Hazrat Muhammed Mustafa Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam.

It's been a very busy and eventful year, with the focus being on fundraising for the new Masjid. The ladies auxiliary opened a building fund account in early July and since then have raised approximately \$30 000; this being primarily from Friday lunches, classes, cake sales, Eidfest etc.

We are currently sponsoring an orphan child in Sudan through Human Appeal International. This costs \$50 a month, which comes out of the above account. Insha Allah the sawaab-e-jaariyah from this sponsorship will benefit the whole community, as everyone supports this fund in one way or another. If anyone would like to make a donation of any kind, be it towards the support of orphans or simply towards the building fund, please find the account details below.

A/C Name: Islamic Society of Algester

A/C Number: 064203 1024 5194

EVENTS

A seminar entitled, SMALL KINDNESSES will be held on Friday 22nd Feb at the Springwood Community Centre at 8, for 8:30pm. The main speaker will be Sheikh Ahmed Ghazali, who will be speaking about the Soul.

REMINDERS

- We do have a website! www.isoa.com.au
- Ladies tafseer classes are held every alternative Wednesday

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- A catering committee has been established
- A series of successful educational seminars have been held, focusing on the Body, Mind and Soul
- Ramadan hampers for the less fortunate were distributed
- A Qasida book
- The telephone list has been updated
- A fundraising committee is in the process of being established
- Picnics and outings for the elderly (Thanks to Shabnam Adam)
- Very successful groundbreaking ceremony

APPEALS

We need people who are willing to share a skill to raise funds for 2008 e.g. flower arranging, cooking, painting, icing etc. absolutely anything!

A big THANK YOU to the whole community for their input, generosity and support. A special thanks to all the madressah teachers for their sacrifice in educating our children. Thanks also to the ladies who always help make Friday meals; without them,

we would not have raised the amount we have to date.

Insha Allah the Ladies Auxiliary Annual General Meeting will be held on the 1st February – an email will be sent out notifying members. Nominations are asked for the following positions:

CHAIRPERSON: to facilitate all events, ensure goals are met etc.

VICE CHAIRPERSON: the understudy to the chairperson

SECRETARY: to take minutes of meetings

TREASURER: to take care of all financial matters

AND 3 MEMBERS to support all of the above

Ladies may contact Shamshad Osman by email: shamshadosman@yahoo.com or phone: 3711 2426 mob: 0421 326 376 with their nominations before 25th Jan.

ROLE OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE PROPOGATION OF ISLAM

By Maulana Aslam

All praise be to Allah Ta'ala. We bear witness that no one is worthy of worship except Allah and that Hazrat Muhammed Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam is the last messenger of Allah Ta'ala; Blessing and salutations be upon him. Allah Ta'ala says "O believer: if you help the religion of Allah, Allah will help you and make your feet firm". s47:v7.

Allah made us as khalifa (successors) on the earth. "And when your Lord said to the Angels: Indeed I will make upon the earth a successor". s1:v30. Allah Ta'ala blessed us by being the followers of the Prophet Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam). Allah has given us the responsibility to spread Islam around the world and implement His laws on Earth. We are responsible for the Prophet's mission. For this reason we are the best Ummat (nation). As Allah says in the Quran, "You are the best nation

produced (to lead) mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is evil, and believe in Allah". s3: v110. Our Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) said I am the last messenger of Allah and my Ummat (followers) will continue my mission after me.

There is a big role for Muslim women in the propagation of Islam. If we go back to the time of Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), his wives did much for Islam. During the early days of Islam when the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was facing many problems and difficulties, his first wife Hazrat Khadija (Radiallahu Anha) was a great support and sacrificed much for Islam. Some Sahabiyaat (companions wives) used to accompany their husbands into battle to assist the injured. A woman became the first shaheed in islamic history.

We are travellers in this world. This world is a transit and it is a very short life. If we practice good deeds in this world we will be granted the bounties of Jannah. Serving the community is the best ibadat in Islam and every good deed should be done for the sake of Allah Ta'ala.

I would like to thank all the sisters in the community for their hard work. May Allah reward them in this world and in the hereafter, and make their difficulties easier and make it sadqa jaaria.

Ameen

HADITH

Abu Hurayra reported that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "The best house among the Muslims is the house in which orphans are well treated. The worst house among the Muslims is the house in which orphans are ill treated. I and the guardian of the orphan will be in the Garden like that," indicating his two fingers.