



ABSBN February 2013 News Box



In His Name The Most High.

Salaam un alaikum,

Malakisi is on the way to Uganda and one of our representatives went there to see the new mosque and meet the sisters there. The function started with a Quran recitation from Sheikh Ogutu. Sister Husna was invited to give a speech.

She thanked all the women for attending and asked them if they are aware of ABSN. Some knew of the organization, others had heard the name. She explained to them that ABSN encourages women to gain skills and knowledge that will help them to develop within themselves and the society at large. They also get a chance to meet people from different races, religion and ethnicity.

ABSN is a self-help and support group and their main aim is to empower women in social, spiritual, educational and the cultural field. ABSN has a sponsorship scheme which supports students from needy families to pursue their education and thus encourages women to try and do something as a group that will help both women and children in their families.



New Mosque at Malakisi.

Books were donated to Sheikh Ogutu to create a library in the mosque. Toys for children, clothes, hijabs and calendar were also given which were collected in Nairobi.

Sheikh Mahdi gave a talk on women of influence, and gave them examples on what they can do using chapters from the Quran. He said, *"Women are the backbone of a home they can either make it or break it."* He encouraged them to continue with small projects that they are doing now, and with their effort these projects will come to be bigger. Inshallah ABSN will help them grow in both ways. Ali Ogutu closed the meeting with a dua.

"Because we are mortals, every beauty we possess will ultimately be lost, unless we share it."

Report on the short vocational courses at Riruta Muslim sponsored by BCT.



Some of the students outside the Old Ghadeer Clinic.



The classes started on 22nd Jan 2013 with Quran ,Fiqh, and Islamic studies by sister Fahima.

The tailoring classes have started well, Alhamdulillah with more than 10 students in attendance.



Tailoring Classes.



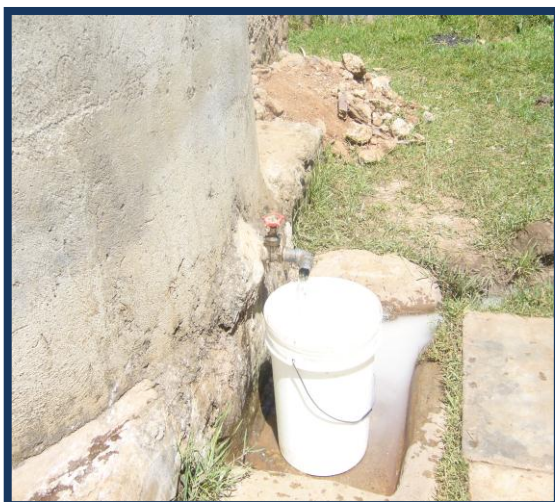
Computer Classes

Presently we are using our old computers from the girl's school and ABSN offices. The English classes will start after the elections Inshallah. There is a possibility of also starting cookery classes as there is room outside on the verandah.

Porridge Project.Riruta Satellite (B.C.T)

Porridge, flour and sugar were purchased for the Madressa (Riruta Satellite) for their Madressa children. This will ensure the children get at least one good meal to help them in their studies.

Water Project at Riruta Muslim.(B.C.T)



The existing water bill has been cleared and the nursery school is now able to sell and use the water. They have promised us full reports on their progress Inshallah.



Ahlul-Bayt (a.s) Relief Committee



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Sadaka report by Ahlul Bayt (as) Relief Committee.

We would like to thank you for the Sadaqa collected and handed to us. We are trying our best to make them reach to the needy and underprivileged people. Kindly find below, a short report on how much was collected and spent in these three and a half months. For any detailed queries please contact Sister Fadia or Sister Zahida.

SADAQA COLLECTED AS FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 2012 TO 13TH FEBRUARY 2013

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED	151,947.50
AMOUNT USED	
SCHOOL FEES	35,000.00
TRANSPORT	6,000.00
MEDICATION	45,570.00
MISCELLANEOUS(RATION,RENT)	57,900.00
TOTAL AMOUNT USED	144,470.00
BALANCE	7,477.50



Another Sadaqa beneficiary is Fatuma Ali whose house has been flooded since 2010.



After inspection of her 'house' ABSN has agreed to help her in three phases, depending on our sadaqa collection.

Al Mahdi Sponsorship Scheme Report.

Introduction

The Muslim community is growing slowly gaining momentum in all spheres of life i.e social, economic and educational. Whereas some Muslim parents have made an effort to help their children to access education, their dreams are often shattered by the unfavourable economic conditions they live in. Every year, school fees present a huge barrier to tens of thousands around the world hoping to continue their education, thus cutting short journey to a better life.

Our Mission

To help needy and deserving Muslim students with limited financial resources who display academic excellence and the desire to acquire knowledge and skills to enhance self-reliance by pursuing their education.

About the Scheme

In an effort to impact on accessibility to education, the Al Mahdi Sponsorship Scheme was launched to ensure that students complete their educational courses without any interruptions. The scheme supports bright needy students in Kenya through sponsorship thereby turning talented needy children into empowered and active citizens who lead our communities and become role models for others. We do this by paying fees and other related costs e.g uniforms, schoolbags, textbooks, stationery. Al Mahdi Sponsorship Scheme therefore takes students from Primary, Secondary through University education.

Our Applicants

Due to inadequacy of funds, the scheme has mainly been concentrating on helping primary and secondary school students. However, we are currently wishing to raise enough funds to help our college and University students as well, where the need is great.

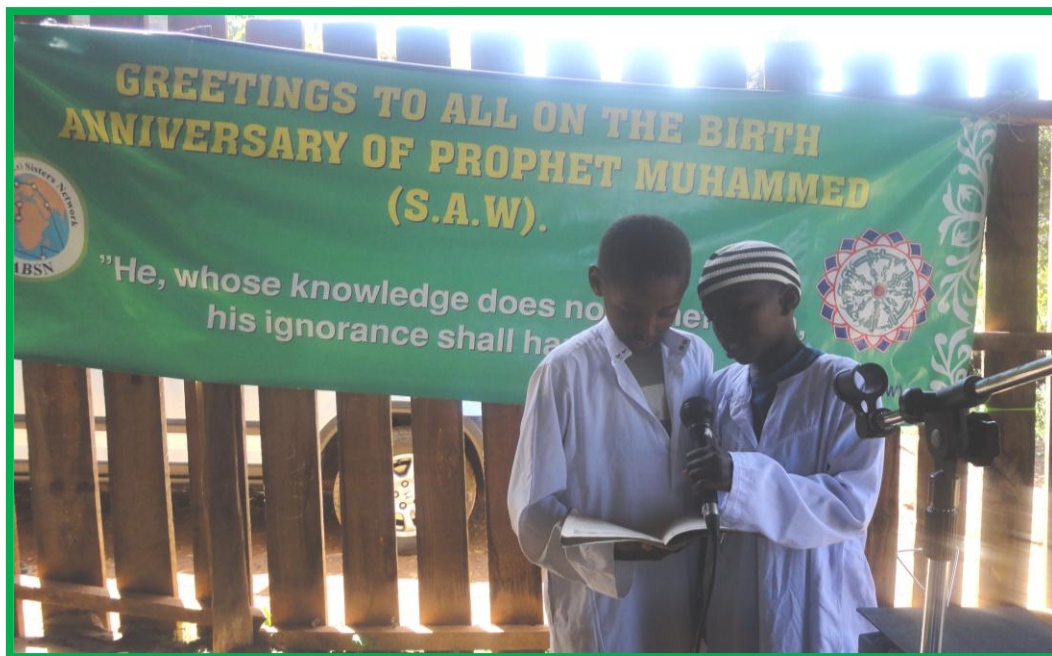
The scheme is now handled by sister Zahida Mazahir and sister Yasmin Wangui as Sister Batul has moved on to Wiphas in Dar es Salaam and ABSN wishes her all the best.

During the months of December 2012 to February 2013, we have received several applications for students. If you wish to sponsor any student kindly contact the above. Thank you.

Milad un Nabi Celebrations at Riruta Muslim.

The birth Anniversaries of Prophet Mohammed(saw) and Imam Jaffer as Sadiq(as) were celebrated at Riruta Muslim on 9th February 2013. We also held the official opening of the Old Ghadeer Clinic for the short vocational courses which are sponsored by Beta Charitable Trust from U.K.

The program started well with a Quran recitation from Brother Hassan Ndegwa and was translated into Kiswahili by Abdulrahman Ahmed.



Hassan and Abdulrahman



Sister Hawa expressed her heartfelt thanks to all who attended the function and announced the presence of the new Cultural councilor from Iran ,Mr. Shaffiee Shaqib and the Director General of Women and Youth affairs in Iran, Mrs. HijazeeSadiqe. She thanked them for taking their time from their busy schedule to join us in celebrating the birth anniversary of



Prophet Muhammad (saw) and Imam Jaffer as Sadiq(as).

Children from Riruta Muslim Madressa performed their Qasida .

Sister Fatma Chagpar gave brief talk on Prophet Muhammad (saw). "He was born on 17th Rabbil Awal. This

was the era when the Arabs were in the time of Jaahiliyah (ignorance). He was an ordinary man like us but Allah (swt) had given him certain privileges over other believers besides the Prophet Hood.

He was bestowed with the quality of '*Ismah*', a protection from committing sins.

Some of his characters were so profound that we should emulate him. The Prophet himself has said that he came to perfect the character of man.

He portrayed a good reputation through his character. Imam Ali (as) in Nahjul Balagha sermon 108 describes him.



Imam Ali (as) says: "He was like a roaming physician who has set ready his ointments and heated his instruments, searching with his medicine, the spots of negligence and places of perplexity".

"During the early years, before he was a Prophet he earned the titles of Al-Amin (the trustworthy) and As Sadiq (the

truthful). He made a firm impact on the people by his word and action. His honesty made a great impact on the people, so when he started preaching, nobody could call him a liar although they did call him a magician. Michael Hart in his book ranks him the top of the 100 most influential persons in history. He states: *"My ranking Muhammad had a much greater personal influence on the formulation of the Moslem religion than Jesus on the Christian religion"*.

He was against racism and treated everyone equally. This clearly shows when he



appointed Bilal as the first 'Muazin'. When he arrived in Madina the Ansars were very generous and they all wanted him to stay with them. He did not make distinction so he told the Ansars that he did not want to please one and upset the other

so what did he do? He left the rein of his camel saying that whenever the camel stopped he will stay there. And the camel stopped at Abu Ayub Ansari's house. He did not use his position to obtain privileges. In Madina, he established an Islamic government and in our modern terms he was the president but he did not



use his position. When they built the first mosque he also participated. He not only preached but participated in other affairs as well. From the social aspect we see how he has promoted the value of women.

In fact he gave the women their rights whereas if you see the world, United Nation chartered the women's rights in 1930.

On the family front he behaved with womenfolk very kindly and with great respect. At that time Arabia did not know how to treat their daughters. He used to honour his daughter by standing up when she entered the house and kiss her hands. The relationship with his wife Lady Khadija was very unique of give and take. She was his ideal partner. " After her very informative speech she posed some questions to the audience. They were very alert and answered all correctly!



Sister Hawa welcomed the Cultural Councilor, Mr. Shaffiee Saqib to greet the audience.

He was very happy to attend a gathering like this where people from different areas come to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet(saw).

The Director General of Women and Youth affairs in Iran was also invited to say a few words .She quoted a hadith and encouraged the ladies to keep up their good work as they play a great role in the family. She spoke a little about the Holy Prophet (saw), his character and that we should all try to take examples from his life.





During the gathering we gave out questionnaires on Prophet Muhammad (saw), whoever answered correctly was awarded with a small gift. About 24 people got the gifts which were from well-wishers in the U.K. We say thanks to them! This was coordinated by sister Yasmin.



We had more qasidas from Riruta Satellite.



Sister Fahima gave a talk on Imam Jaffer as Sadiq (as). "He was born in Madina on 17th Rabiul Awwal. His mother was Fatuma bint Qasim bin Mohammad bin Abubakar, and his father was Imam Muhammad al Baqir (as). He was brought up by his grandfather, Imam Zaynul al Abedeen (as) for 12 years, and then he went back to his father and stayed for 19 years where he gained knowledge. He started his Imamate when his father died. During his Imamate, he was able to enlighten and educate people on Islam and was also able

to open many educational facilities.

He took the opportunity to do this due to the war that was going on between the Banu Ummayad and Banu Abbasi who were busy fighting. Many people were attracted by Imams (as) teachings and he had a lot of students from all over the world. Among the things he taught were Math's, Chemistry, Biology, Science, Quran translation, Fiqh and Hadith. His teaching benefited a lot of people as many were able to understand the Islamic teachings better. He also published many books which were used all over the world and helped the spread of Islam. When the leader of Banu Abbas saw how popular Imam Jafer (as) was, he became jealous and





arranged to kill the Imam (as). He sent many different people to kill the Imam (as) while he was preaching, but instead they would be attracted by his lessons and then forget to kill him!

The king did not give up and came up with another idea, he told the governor of Madina to invite Imam(as) and after the Imam(as) had addressed the people, he was invited to eat food which had been poisoned thus Imam Jaffar (as) was martyred.

It is through Imam Jaffer(as) that Fiqh was better explained, he insisted on educating women in medicine and business so to improve their living standard and that of the community. It is through his teaching that women can be able to differentiate between Hedhi, Istihadha and Nifasi.



Sis Hadija who converted to Islam gave her short experience of being a Muslim. She was attracted by the fact how Islam treats women with so much respect and she loves wearing her hijab! She was very grateful that she has been given an opportunity to take the vocational courses.

Sheikh Safi spoke about the qualities of Prophet Muhammed (saw) and his speech was translated into Swahili by Sheikh Juma Bomari.

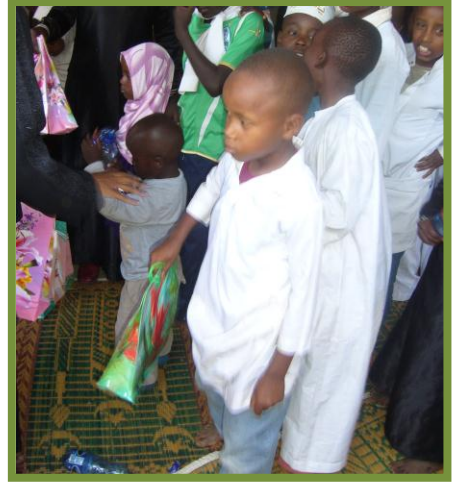
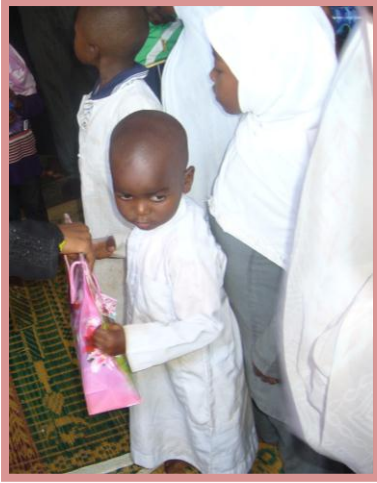




Sister Fadia expressed her sincere thanks to all who attended the function. She thanked all the speakers, for sharing their knowledge, the M.C and thanked the ABSN managing committee and staff and the children for their qasidas.

The children were taken care of by ABSN volunteers, they did colouring and sticking. At the end of the program all the children went home with gift packs donated by a well-wisher. We say a big Asante Sana to her!





Sis Nazneen gave her closing remarks. She thanked all the members for coming and especially Br. Aaseem and his team from Beta Charitable Trust for sponsoring



our sisters to undertake short courses like English, tailoring, computers and religious studies at the Old Al Gadhira Clinic. She apologized to those centers whose projects have not yet been approved. She asked them to be patient and have faith and not lose hope.



From her trip in U.K, she attended gatherings whereby 'Unity in Islam' was the theme behind the Milad programmes. Unfortunately these types of conferences have stopped in Kenya and she urged different communities to start them again. Women are the largest converts to Islam, many being attracted

by the respect shown to women. She stressed how things that are wrong have become right and vice versa, especially when it comes to things like abortion, homosexual rights and feminism. She acknowledged the presence of the guests and thanked them for coming. The guests were shown around the classes. The ribbon to open the ABSN classes was cut by the chief guest, Mrs. Hijazee Sadiqe.

Our sisters taking the short courses gave a Qasida, followed by dua Wahida and then members went for prayers and lunch was served.

ABSN would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the donors who came forward for our program. It was truly a great Eid for many! Thanks also to all those who are contributing to help the less fortunate in various ways. Your reward can only come from Almighty God. May Kenya have safe and peaceful elections!

We end with our monthly quote.

Instruction ends in the classroom, but education and knowledge ends only with life. Fredrick Robertson.

Yours sincerely ,AhlulBayt (as) Sisters Network.

