

Muharram 1433

Islamic Scholars *for*

Islamic Centres Appeal


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The Pakistan Federation

Reviving Islam in Pakistan's flood affected areas



Masjide Imam Ali Raza was destroyed by flood waters in July 2010.

Local scholars were no longer able to preach here; Islam was vanishing.

Last Muharram we appealed to you to help rebuild this and 40 other Centres.

With your support, we surpassed our target of 40.

Today, 66 of 105 new Islamic Centres are ready.

Children here need Islamic guidance. Villages cannot afford to provide Aalims.

This Muharram, help us place Islamic Scholars in all our Centres.

We must keep the progress going.



Photo (front cover):

Community children gathered in front of
MASJIDE IMAM ALI RAZA (RAJANPUR),
new Islamic Centre
funded by The World Federation

what is the **future** of these children?

Every parent is hopeful that their child will have a better life. Good health, fine education, a loving home and a moral upbringing within an Islamic environment are all blessings that we strive for. But in Pakistan's remote villages, parents are struggling to survive, children are left to live alone in their own silent world, and Islam has taken a back seat. In Pakistan's flood affected areas where The World Federation is rebuilding Islamic Centres, 90% to 100% of the people are Shias, but their knowledge of Islam is next to nothing. What is the future of these children?

should they be hopeful?

Yet something exciting is happening across Pakistan. Village after village, mosques, imambaras and madrasahs sponsored through The World Federation's *40 Islamic Centres in 40 Days Appeal* are nearing completion. 66 out of the 105 Centres we are rebuilding are ready and opening in Muharram 1433.

However, these Centres need qualified Aalims to serve the religious needs of all children, women and men. Traditionally, Aalims were sponsored by local community members. Since the October 2005 earthquake and the

July 2010 floods, poverty levels have risen considerably and villages can no longer afford the services and salaries of religious guides.

It is a matter of time (about 3 years) before these communities are financially independent again and able to sustain their own Islamic Centres. For now, they are struggling, where many are living in mud homes and four to five families under one roof.

Still, we must keep the progress going. The World Federation is working with Shaykh Mohsin Ali Najafi, an eminent scholar and Patron-in-Chief of Al Kauthar Islamic University in Islamabad. To ensure that our Centres are well utilised, and that people are educated in Islamic teachings, Shaykh Najafi has pledged to support this initiative by selecting and placing qualified Islamic scholars in our Centres.

The local residents have pledged to look after the maintenance and upkeep of their new Centres. However, they need our help to fund Aalims for the short term so that their children can have a better life. Should they be hopeful?

can **you** give **hope?**

For \$1,540 USD-CAD / £965 GBP per year, you can sponsor one Islamic Scholar in one Islamic Centre in Pakistan. Your gift will pay the salaries of these scholars who's services are so needed. You may wish to sponsor an Aalim for one, two or three years, or make a donation towards the appeal. Can you give hope?



‘Keep our cause alive. May God
bestow Mercy on whoever
keeps our cause alive.’

IMAM AS-SADIQ (AS)

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