

Salaam Alaykum....My name is.....

We have recently commemorated the wafat of Bibi Sakina (AS). The young daughter of Aba Abdilah Husayn (AS). The young girl who showed courage in the face of adversity, showed passion for Islam and for us, while she lay crying on her father's body. Her life has demonstrated how to one should care for children as Bibi Zainab (AS) cared for her and all the children.

That was 1400 year ago and even today we can see children as young as Bibi Sakina who are victims of circumstance. Children with a burning desire to succeed but with no road leading there.

For over 30 years The Zainabiya Child Sponsorship Scheme, or ZCSS as it's known, has provided education to tens of thousands of needy Shia's worldwide in a bid to raise literacy levels and opportunities for them and their families to better standard of living, through education we can alleviate poverty from our communities. ZCSS was one of the first projects undertaken by The World Federation and to date & with the grace of Allah (SWT), over 11,000 students have gone through it and made their dreams come true

We cover students from primary school through to Higher Education and have seen a number of success stories. For Example Ghulam-Abbas YusafAli from Gujarat, was a ZCSS Student from primary school until university. After graduating Ghulam-Abbas went back to his village and now teaches in the local school there sharing his knowledge to better the prospects of the new generation.

ZCSS currently have 5340 students, comprised by 4526 primary and secondary school students and 814 higher education students in 7 countries: India, Pakistan Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, Haiti and Bangladesh. We need 1700 sponsor parents for primary and secondary school students and 300 sponsors parents for higher education students to allow them to complete their education.

Higher education students cover courses from business to medical, accountancy to pharmacy, BA to MBA and everything in between.

In this country we are privileged to have basic education free but for children under ZCSS it is an uphill struggle for them. You can help them by donating £10 per month which is no more than 33 pence per day, yes 33 pence per day for sponsoring child undergoing primary or secondary education.

or if you wish to sponsor a higher education student you can do so from as little as £55 per month.

Your initial sponsorship allows you to earn Sawaab – e- Jaria and helps build our community organically. If you would like further information please feel free to speak with me after the program, or contact COEJ the World Federation office. We have volunteers both in the men's and ladies hall who will have donation forms. Inshallah our aim is to find 50 sponsor parents to complete the sponsorship form tonight and Inshallah with you help I am confident that we can achieve this.

Bibi Zainab (AS) and Bibi Sakina (AS) went through torture and torment to show us not only about sacrifice and belief, but to show that helping the believers is the glue that holds us together as a community.

So I ask you, will you be the glue that holds our community together by sponsoring a ZCSS Student? Will you uphold what Imam Husayn (AS) Stood and died for? Let us look to the needy students in our community and help them to lead a better life, Inshallah.

Let's educate and empower the new generation.....together. W'Salaam Alaykum.