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of Al-Azhar, a Voice for Moderate Islam  
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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Samina and I returned a few weeks ago from the Philippines and Nigeria. Once again the cool crisp autumn air and the bright yellow and red foliage of Dublin, Ohio herald the end of the current year, and the beginning of the new. Looking back on the past year, we thank Almighty Allah with all humility, for the many favors he has bestowed upon our jamaat and the successes He has granted us in our projects.

The greatest publication achievement of this year has been the completion of the newly typeset edition of Volume one of *Fazlul-Bari*, Maulana Muhammad Ali's monumental Urdu translation of the Sahih Bukhari with extensive commentary. The book is being placed on the internet. It is hoped that the new modern typeset, which has many features which facilitate navigation online, will make it easier for people to access this great work. The second volume will, inshallah, be completed early next year.

Our work in the Philippines continues apace with the formal inauguration of our Center and the first annual Ahmadiyya convention of the Jamaat in Cagayan de Oro, and the conferences held in the University of the Philippines in Cebu and the Ateneo Universities in Manila and Zamboanga. Professor Renato Olviros has completed the Tagalo translation of the English translation of the Holy Quran by Maulana Muhammad Ali and it is being proof read. More new titles and the Light and Islamic Review are being printed and distributed in the Philippines, and the radio program in Cagayan de Oro has been restarted.

Al-hamdolillah! Our ties with the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Nigeria continue to strengthen. We have sent tens of thousands of Maulana Muhammad Ali's English Holy Quran translation for free distribution

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### The first Albanian Edition of the Light published by the USA Jamaat



and are printing many more of our other books in Nigeria for free distribution. We are now setting up an educational course in Islam and Ahmadiyya movement with them in order to give an impetus to Tabligh efforts in the country.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, The Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat is now officially registered in Albania, and has a center in Tirana. Our literature, including the Light and Islamic Review, is being translated into Albanian, and we are exploring avenues to cooperate with the Muslim Albanian Community.

In other developments abroad, Samina met with the new grand Imam of Al-Azhar, his Excellency Sheikh Professor Dr. Mohamed Ahmed El-Tayyab, and the initial meeting has been very encouraging. Likewise the meeting with the new Minister of Religion in Jordan has been very promising.

News from South Africa, Fiji, New Zealand, Holland and other jamaats demonstrates their commitment to Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

At home, our annual convention in the United States was very successful with many non muslims attending the main lecture on Saturday. We have undertaken an initiative to strengthen and improve our ties with our Muslims brothers and with other faith communities. We humbly implore Almighty Allah to Bless our efforts and Grant us success. Ameen!

Dr Noman Malik

**12th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF DR. SAEED AHMAD KHAN SAHIB:**

## Some Reminiscences of a Man of God

By Mrs Samina Malik



**Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan Sahib**  
1900 – 1996

As Always, at this time of the year our thoughts turn to our beloved late ameer Dr. Saeed Ahmad (affectionately called jaanji) of blessed memory. History will credit this waliullah for safely guiding the ship of Ahmadiyyat during a very difficult period and for inspiring initiating measures which are now bearing fruit.

Janji died at the age of 96 in Lahore, Pakistan on November 15th 1996.

He took the *bait* at Hazrat Mirza Sahib's hand when he was six years. Since then he showed extraordinary fidelity to the conditions of the *bait*, and was one of those rare individuals who was the recipient of ilham and Kashf.

The events of 1974, when Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims, were a severe trial for the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. An armed mob supported by the local authorities attacked Jaanji's house. They set fire to his clinic which was in front of his home, but Almighty Allah pro-

tected Jaanji and his family, and they were finally rescued after enduring many hours of the armed assault.

Following the attack, Jaanji, together with his family, moved to Lahore, where he became vice-president of the Central Anjuman. Maulana Saddrudin, the Amir of the movement, was quite old by this time and Jaanji functioned essentially as the head of the movement, managing everyday affairs. Many Lahori Ahmadis left the jamaat at that time under pressure. It was he, who, with his towering spiritual personality, held the jamaat together during that difficult time.

The situation in the overseas jamaats was similar to the one in Pakistan. Ahmadis there were also being ostracized in their own countries by the Muslim community. He made several tours abroad visiting the UK, Canada, USA, Suriname, Trinidad and Guyana. At that advanced age, he travelled in economy class alone without any

help. He used to attend conventions and meetings as late as midnight. He always had a pleasant smile on his face, even though he was tired. He inspired and rallied the jamaats so they stood firm, and the worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat survived this storm by the Grace of Almighty Allah.

All the publication and translation work of the USA jamaat was initiated and inspired by this God-inspired person. It was Janji who instructed the USA Jamaat to start the printing and translation projects which have done so well by the Grace of Almighty Allah.

May Almighty Allah Grant us the spirit to carry on the work of the Ahmadiyya Movement. We all miss this man of Allah. I pray to

Almighty Allah that He Grants our dear Janji a high place in paradise. May Almighty Allah show us the way to serve Islam and the Quran with the same dedication as did this great man.

Wassalaam.



**THE LAHORE AHMADIYYA ISLAMIC SOCIETY, PHILIPPINES:**

## Formal Inauguration of the Center & 1st Annual Ahmadiyya Convention in Cagayan de Oro



*Members outside Cagayan Center*



*Mrs Neena Mendosa giving lecture*



*Five New Members taking the bait at the hand of Dr Mohammad Ahmad*

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of the Philippines, continued to make steady progress in 2010.

The most important event of the year was the formal inauguration of the jamaat's Center in Cagayan de Oro city and its first National annual convention on February 19-20, 2010.

The Formal opening of the Jamaat Center and the first National Annual Convention of Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of Philippines were held on February 19 and 20, 2010 in Cagayan de Oro city.

Dr Noman Malik and Mrs Samina Malik had arrived in the Philippines a month prior to help in the preparations for the Convention. The other USA attendees, Dr Muhammad Ahmad and Mrs Lubna Ahmad arrived on February 16 and Mr Fazeel S. Khan on February 19.

Filipino members came from Negros, Marawi, Manila, Illigan City, Padadian City, Cebu, Zamboanga and Cagayan de Oro to attend the two day convention. The convention began with the formal opening of the newly constructed Lahore Ahmadiyya mosque and Library by Mr Sakiran Hajan, the director of the Office on Muslim Affairs for the Visayas region. After a heartfelt *dua* by Dr Muhammad Ahmad, Director Hajan cut the ribbon formally inaugurating the center.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by jummah prayers. Dr Mohammad Ahmad delivered the sermon and led the prayers. The Prayers were followed by a delicious catered lunch.

After lunch, our afternoon session began with a recitation from the Holy Quran.

The first speaker was Dr Mohammad Ahmad, who spoke about the

role of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the spread of Islam.

He was followed by Prof Yusuf Morales from Manila, who gave an account about how he joined the Movement.

The third speaker was Ismaiel Ares from Negros, who also spoke about his joining the Ahmadiyya Movement and his Dawah Activities.

Prof Martinez from Manila, talked about the role of Muslim teachers in Education. He said that he was delighted to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. He said that he had been looking for a group which espoused the correct teachings of Islam, and had found that group in the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.

Prof Abdul Ghaffar Henry Espiritu from Cebu was the next speaker. He gave a very inspiring speech about how he came to know about the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement, and how subsequently Mrs Samina



Prof Henry Espiritu giving lecture



Members making dua after the opening of the Center's mosque



Maulana Ariraya delivering speech



Mrs Lubna Ahmad giving lecture



Fazeel S Khan Esq giving lecture



Director Harjan giving speech

Malik got in touch with him. He wished that he had known about the established jamaat in Cagayan earlier so that he could have begun work with them sooner. He said he was very happy to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of Philippines and become its board member.

Maulana Arriraya then briefly related how happy he was to be a part of the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat.

He was followed by Mrs Lubna Ahmad who gave a very convincing lecture on the death of Jesus Christ illustrated with a power point presentation of the relevant Quran and Hadith verses.

Mrs Hanifa Nena Mendoza then spoke about how she joined the Movement. She related that how

she also, like some of the other members, was initially not in favour of joining the Ahmadiyya Movement due to the widespread negative propaganda about it; but after reading the book, the *True Conception of the Ahmadiyya Movement* by Maulana Muhammad Ali and discussions with Dr Malik, she became convinced about the truth of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. She is the Secretary of the jamaat and strives tirelessly in the way of Islam.

She was followed by Mrs Samina Malik who spoke on how she came alone to Philippines, and by the Grace of Almighty Allah, literally single handedly established a Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat in spite of severe opposition. She thanked Allah Taala and expressed her gratitude to

people like Dr Mendosa and Mrs Nena Mendosa who helped her in setting up the Jamaat. She also thanked each member for participating at the Convention. Everyone was very moved by her speech.

Then Mr Fazeel S Khan spoke about Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad and his role as Mujaddid in reforming Islamic thought, especially in areas such as Jihad etc.

Dr Noman Malik then spoke about the need to join the Ahmadiyya Movement.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, at the end of the session, six Muslim brothers who were very active in *dawah* work decided to join the movement by taking the pledge at the hand of Dr Mohammad Ahmad. Among these were Ustaz Khalid, and brother Daud. May Allah Taala Guide them and strengthen them in Iman to serve Islam. These brothers are especially active among Christians and newly converted muslims who are also called *Baalik Islam*.

Dr Mendoza, who was the moderator, concluded the session with a short speech about his joining the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and a closing dua.



Audience in the mosque of the Cagayan center



## Cagayan Symposium – February 2010



*L to R: Dr Noman Malik, Mrs Samina Malik, Fazeel S Khan Esq, Director Hajan, Dr Abd Nasser Mendosa*

The next day on Saturday February 20, a symposium was held at the Dynasty Hotel in Cagayan de Oro City. The theme of the symposium, *Muhammed the last prophet* focused on how the universal message of Islam, as demonstrated practically in the life and morals of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, could make an important contribution to world peace and the oneness of Humanity.

Dr Noman Malik welcomed the guests to the Convention. He was followed by the Director of the Office

on Muslim Affairs, Mr Sakiran Hajan who spoke about the need for holding such Symposia which promote Interfaith Peace and Harmony.

Mrs Samina Malik, President of The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society, Philippines as well as Vice



*Mrs Samina Malik addressing the audience*

President, Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society, USA, began the lecture sessions by briefly describing the history of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and its role in spreading the tolerant and peaceful teachings of Islam.

Next, discussing the institution of



*Fazeel S Khan Esq giving lecture*

Prophethood as one of the great moralizing forces in history, Attorney Fazeel Khan, Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore USA and board member of Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of the Philippines, showed the universal scope of the holy Prophet Muhammad's dispensation as a uniting force for mankind.

He was followed by Dr Noman Malik, Treasurer of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore USA and board member of Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of



*Director Hajan of the Office on Muslim Affairs addressing the audience*

## Cagayan Symposium – February 2010



*Prof Abdil Gafar Espiritu giving lecture*

Philippines. Dr Malik showed how the development of a God oriented outlook on life, strict adherence to the principles of justice, adherence to treaties and democratic government as demonstrated in the Holy Prophet's life was necessary for peaceful coexistence among nations.

Professor Henry Abdil Ghaffar Espiritu of the University of the Philippines, and a board member of Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of Philippines spoke about the all-



*Dr Abd Nasser Mendoza giving lecture*

encompassing nature of the holy Prophet Muhammad's charity. He demonstrated through the Holy Prophet's example, how charity involved sharing whatever assets one may possess, whether material, spiritual or intellectual.

Expanding on the theme, Prof Abd. Nasser Mendoza, Imam and treasurer of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of the Philippines, focused on the virtues of the Holy Prophet Muhammad as the require-



*Dr Mohmmmad Ahmad delivering lecture*

ments of an ideal citizen.

Father Renato Oliveros of the Ateneo de Manila University, discussed the common goals of Islam and Christianity.

Finally Dr Muhammad Ahmad, President of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore USA and board member of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society Philippines, summarized the proceedings of the symposium. He showed how the spiritual values as demonstrated by the Holy



*Question and answer session at the symposium*



*Audience partaking of dinner*



*View of Audience at the Symposium*



*Dr N. Malik welcoming Fr Jose Ramon D. Villarin S.J.*



Prophet Muhammad's life were the key for promoting Peace and Harmony among nations and Religions.

Professor Father Villaron, the dean of Xavier University, was present among the audience, and Samina requested him to address the audience as well. Samina and Norman had been introduced to him a year ago by Professor Renato Oliveris, and he had arranged for them to deliver a lecture on Peace and Tolerance in Islam to the Students and Faculty at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro. We had been very impressed by his sincerity and willingness to help us in advertising our convention symposium.

We thank Professor Espiritu for conducting the symposium, and Professor Yusuf Morales for conducting the Question and Answer session. A delicious buffet dinner was



*Fr J. Ramon Villarin addressing the audience*

served. And the guests of Honor and speakers were given small gifts as tokens of appreciation for their participation by Mrs Samina Malik.

Everyone was very impressed by the high caliber of the speeches. A lively Question and Answer session followed the speeches. We thank Almighty Allah that the symposium was a great success. Many people



*Dr Noman Malik delivering lecture*

in the audience inquired about future symposia. A large number of free booklets on Islam and copies of the Holy Quran were distributed among the audience.

The Jamaat especially appreciates the hard work of Dr Abd Nasser Mendosa and Mrs Nena Mendosa in helping in the Convention arrangements.

## Lectures at 3 Major Philippine Universities

### Ateneo de Manila University

On February 17, Dr Mohammad Ahmad, Dr Noman Malik, Mrs Samina Malik and Mrs Lubna Ahmad visited the Ateneo de Manila University where Prof Renato Oliveros had arranged for Dr Ahmad and Dr Malik to deliver lectures to students and faculty of the Theology Department. Before the lectures, Father Oliveros gave them a tour of the beautiful

Campus of the University, and introduced them to the Dean of the Loyola School of Theology.

Approximately, one hundred students and faculty attended the lecture.

The speakers were introduced by Father Oliveros.

Dr Ahmad gave a short presentation about the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and Dr Noman Malik spoke on *Tolerance in Islam* for forty five minutes.

Finally, Mrs Samina Malik gave a short overview of the work being done by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society in the Philippines, and thanked Father Oliveros for his support and help in arranging the lectures.

The lectures were followed by a lively question and answer session. Free Holy Qurans and Islamic literature were distributed among the audience.

We are very thankful to Prof



*Dr Ahmad delivering lecture*



*Dr Malik delivering lecture*



*Prof Renato Oliveros addressing the audience*



# Lectures at 3 Major Philippine Universities

## **The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society – Philippines**

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**Conference Hall, UP Cebu**

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### **INVOCATION**

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### **WELCOME ADDRESS/RATIONALE**

**Dr Rhodora M. Bucoy**

**Chairperson, Social Sciences Division**

### **INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS**

**Professor Henry Francis Espiritu**

**Professor Belinda Espiritu**

### **FORUM PROPER**

**Mrs Samina Malik on**

*“Introduction to the Lahore Ahmadiyya Society”*

**Atty. Fazeel Khan, Esq. on**

*“The Need for the Reform of the Muslim World”*

**Dr Noman Malik on**

*“Jihad, Holy War, Terrorism: The Quranic View”*

**Dr Mohammad Ahmad on**

*“Islam: Reason, Logic and Rationality”*

**Utaz Najeeb Razul on**

*“The Need for Muslim Reform  
in the Present Day Philippine Situation”*

### **OPEN FORUM**

### **CLOSING AND SYNTHESIS**

**Emcees: Ms. Karla Marie Tumulak, Mr John Paolo Bago**

Renato Oliveros for arranging the lectures at this prestigious University

## **University of Philippines, Cebu**

On Monday, February 22 Dr Mohammad Ahmad, Dr Noman Malik, Mr Fazeel S. Khan, Mrs Lubna Ahmad Mrs Samina Malik left for Cebu City to participate in a symposium held in the University of the Philippines about the Reforms in Islam introduced by the Ahmadiyya Movement. The symposium was organized by our devoted and enthusiastic member, Professor Abdil Ghaffar Espiritu. We arrived early in the morning, and a few hours later went with Professor Espiritu to the University auditorium. The Symposium program is reproduced to the left.

A lively question and answer session followed the speeches. The symposium attendees were very impressed and motivated by the speeches, and several Muslim Students approached Prof Espiritu and expressed their interest in the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.

We thank Prof Espiritu for organizing this Lecture for us in the University of the Philippines. We would also like to thank Professor Dr Rhodora M Bucouy, Chairperson Social Sciences Division, for her support and inspiring speech at the Symposium.

## **Ateneo de Zamboanga University**

On February 23 Dr Noman Malik, Mrs Samina Malik, Dr Mohammad Ahmad, Mrs Lubna Ahmad and Fazeel S Khan Esq. flew from Cebu city to Zamboanga, Mindanao, for a lecture session scheduled for February 24 at the University of Ateneo de Zamboanga.

The University Van took them to the Campus where they were greeted by Prof Oliveros and some faculty members who took them to

## Cebu



*Ustad Najeed Razool, Prof Espiritu, Dr Noman Malik, and Mrs Samina Malik*



*Audience at the symposium*



*Students giving opening prayer*



*Dr Rhodora M. Bucoy giving welcome address*



*Director Harjan addressing audience*



*Prof Abdil Gafar Espiritu addressing audience*



*Mrs Samina Malik delivering lecture*



*Fazeel S. Khan, Esq. delivering lecture*



## Lectures at 3 Major Philippine Universities



*L to R: Mrs Lubna Ahmad, Mrs Samina Malik, Fr Fruto Ramirez, Dean, Loyola School of Theology, at Ateneo University, Dr Noman Malik, Prof Oliveros, Student.*

meet the President of the University, Fr Antonio Moreno S.J. While they were there, Dr Abd Nasser Nathaniel Mendosa also arrived from Cagayan de Oro. After spending about thirty minutes with the President they were taken on a tour of the campus.

After the campus tour they went to the Conference hall, which was packed with approximately three hundred students and faculty including the University President. There were so many students that some of them had to stand outside.

The program began with a Muslim and Christian prayer delivered by

students of the respective faiths. The first speaker was Dr Noman Malik who gave a short introduction to the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. He was followed by Fazeel S. Khan esq, the main speaker, who spoke on *The faith of Abraham*. The students listened attentively to the speeches, and participated enthusiastically in the question and answer session following the speeches. They were very satisfied by the answers, and frequently applauded Mr Fazeel Khan and Dr Noman Malik

Free literature and the Holy Qurans were distributed. We thank

Dr Mendoza for bringing the books from Cagayan de Oro Ahmadiyya Center to Zamboanga.

We also would like to thank Prof Oliveros for arranging the lectures. The Jamaat highly appreciates Mrs Samina Malik's efforts in arranging the lectures at the Ateneo Universities in Manila and Zamboanga through Prof Oliveros, and at the University of the Philippines in Cebu through Prof Espiritu.

May Almighty Allah Bless and Reward all those who have contributed to the success of our endeavors in the Philippines.



*Meeting with Father Antonio Moreno, S.J. President of Ateneo University*



*Samina Malik presenting Holy Quran to Father Antonio Mareno, S.J.*



## Zamboanga



*Muslim student giving the opening prayer*



*Prof Oliveros addressing the audience*



*Father Moreno S.J. addressing the audience*



*Fazeel S Khan Esq delivering lecture*



*USA Board of Directors with Prof Oliveros and Mrs Lubna Ahmad in front of Ateneo University Zamboanga.*



*View of audience in the lecture hall in Ateneo University Zamboanga*



*Samina Malik addressing the audience*



*Dr Noman Malik addressing the audience*



## Zamboanga



*Question and answer session*



*Question and answer session*



*Lecturers and University Faculty group photograph*



*View of audience*



# Visit to Negros

By Dr Noman Malik



*Samina Malik addressing the audience*



*Dr Espiritu translating Dr Malik's lecture*



*Brother Ares addressing the audience*

We visited Negros Island twice in the early part of 2010. We were invited by our dedicated and sincere Ahmadi Brother Ares to attend two conferences, one in Guihulgan city and the other in San Carlos. Brother Ares made all the arrangements for both meetings. He is very active in Dawah work in Negros and has distributed many Holy Qurans and free literature in the region.

Dr. Abdul Nasser, Dr. Espiritu and I attended the conference in Guihulgan city, and Samina and I attended the conference in San Carlos. In both conferences, we lectured on the true concept of Jihad in Islam and on the Ahmadiyya Movement and its role in defending Islam and presenting its true, peaceful and beautiful teachings to the world. The Audience in both conferences

greatly appreciated the lectures, and each conference was followed by a long question and answer session. About twenty five people in Guihulgan city and thirty people in St. Carlos took the *bait* to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. We pray that Almighty Allah brings about the establishment of a strong jamaat in Negros.

Ameen!



*View of the audience*



# Visit to the Philippines – October, 2010

By Mrs Samina Malik

Noman and I made our second trip to the Philippines in October 2010. We visited Manila, Cagayan de Oro and Cebu city. By the Grace of Almighty Allah, our visit was very productive.

## Manila

We were in Manila twice, once on our arrival and again when we left the Philippines. We have three very energetic and enthusiastic young members, Brother Nazeer, Brother Yousaf Akbar and Brother Mahdi in Manila who are actively engaged in dawa work. We had several meetings with them, in Manila, and in Cagayan de Oro. In our meetings we discussed ways to promote Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement in Manila. On our first visit, we also finalized arrangements for them to attend the course on the Ahmadiyya

Movement which was conducted by Noman in Cagayan de Oro.

We also met Prof Renato Oliveros and his wife Gloria on both our visits to Manila. Al-hamdolillah, Dr Oliveros has completed the Tagalo translation of Maulana Muhammad Ali's English translation of the Holy Quran, and we are now having the translation proof read. The proof reader after reviewing the initial portion of the Quran, has found the Tagalo to be very good. We are very grateful to Prof Oliveros for having completed a high quality work in less than two years. After the proof reading is complete, we will typeset the Tagalo translation of the Quran and print it.

## Cagayan de Oro

We arrived Cagayan de Oro on October 1st.

We met with Dr Mendosa and

Mrs Nena Mendosa at the center the same evening, and had extensive discussions about the jamaat and the work being done in the Cagayan center. We were very impressed by the well-kept condition of the mosque and house. Al-hamdolillah, This Ramadan, about ten people had stayed in the Mosque for *It-tikaf*.

The first session of the educational course on the Ahmadiyya Movement by Noman started the next day, Saturday, after Zuhur Prayers and lasted for six hours. Fifteen members, including members from Manila and Padigian City, and five non-members attended the course. Noman gave a four hour lecture on Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's claim as Mujaddid which included a discussion of prophetic and non prophetic revelation.

The next day, Sunday, several



*Dr Noman Malik with students taking the course*



*Dr Noman Malik conducting course*



*Dr Noman Malik taking bait of course participants*



*Some of the students attending the course*

## October visit to the Philippines

more people joined the attendees. Noman discussed the claims of hazrat Mirza Sahib as the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, the Death of Jesus and Gog and Magog. The course lasted for seven hours and was conducted in two sessions. After the first session, six people, three men and three women, all Muslim converts, joined our Movement by taking the *Bait* at the hand of Noman. One lady among them is a school Teacher, another is in the last year of college, majoring in education and one is a regular attendee of our Islamic classes who lives close to the center. May Allah Bless and Help these new members. On Monday, Noman conducted classes on the Split in the Ahmadiyya Movement and Life after death. Classes were concluded on Tuesday with a review session. Question and answer periods were interspersed among the lectures. The course at-

tendees were very pleased with the lectures and took extensive notes. After the lecture series, discussions about future dawah projects were held.

### Symposium at the University of Philippines, Cebu

Noman and I flew from Cagayan de Oro to Cebu City on October 5 where we met with Professor Abdil Ghafar Espiritu and His wife Prof Belinda Espiritu.

Dr Espiritu informed us about the arrangements he had made for the conferences he had scheduled for the coming Saturday on October 9. For the next three days we were busy with realtors looking for a center for the Cebu Jamaat.

But in the meantime, Allah Taala in his infinite Mercy and Grace has opened another way for us to con-

vey the message of Islam. As Dr Espiritu has done so much to promote a better understanding of Islam in the University of the Philippines, the dean of the university has asked him to form a center for Islamic studies with an emphasis on interfaith understanding. A fairly large size room has been allocated on the campus for this purpose, and this center will be sponsored by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of Philippines. The room will be utilized as an Islamic library cum reading room and as a venue for lectures and discussions on Islam. Our jamaat will renovate and furnish the room and stock the library with our books. Our contribution will be acknowledged by a plaque on the wall of the Center with the engraving, "Sponsored by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society of the Philippines".

On Saturday, October 9, Noman delivered two lectures in the Univer-



Banner advertising the lecture



Dr Noman Malik delivering lecture



View of audience



Question and answer session



## October visit to the Philippines



*Prof Dr Catherine Rodel addressing the audience*



*Prof Belinda Espiritu addressing the audience*



*Mrs Samina Malik delivering the lecture*

sity of the Philippines. The first lecture titled "Islamic Perspective of Education as Progressive spiritual development" was scheduled from 10 am to 12 noon. Prof Dr Sofia Logarta head of the Social Sciences Division and Professor Espiritu welcomed us and the audience. About eighty five people, mainly Master's students in Education and the Social sciences and Faculty attended the lecture. Before the main lecture, I delivered a short introductory talk on the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.

The second lecture titled "Islamic perspective of education as progressive spiritual development" was scheduled from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The audience which consisted largely of undergraduate students listened attentively to the lecture.

Both lecture sessions were followed by lively question and answer sessions. Copies of the Holy Quran were presented to the Professors and many free booklets on Islam were distributed among the audience.

On Sunday October 10, we met with Ustad Najeed Rasul. Brother Najeed Rasul continues to broadcast his radio program five days a week, spreading the tolerant and enlightened Lahore Ahmadiyya interpretation of Islam. Recently he gave a talk about Islam to officers in the Philippine Army and distributed 180 copies of Maulana Muhammad Ali's English Translation of the Holy

Quran among them.

Brother Najeed Rasool also broadcasts the audio CD recording of the English translation of the Holy Quran by Maulana Muhammad on the Radio three times a week.

During our stay in Cebu, we met almost on a daily basis with Prof Espiritu and his wife Prof Belinda and had dinner with them. At one of these meetings, Maulana Arrirya one of our members from Marawi, Mindanao who was visiting Cebu City was also present. During these meetings, we had many long and helpful discussions with Dr Espiritu about how to spread the message of Islam in the Philippines.

### Publication in Philippines

We returned to Cagayan de Oro on October 11th. For the next two days together with Dr Mendoza, we

met with the Printers. In addition to reprinting our free booklets such as the *Prophet of Islam*, *Islam the Religion of Humanity* and *Islam and Christianity*, we decided to publish the following new titles:

*Death of Jesus,*  
*Need for an Imam,*  
*Muslim Prayer book,*  
*Fundamentals of the Christian Faith in the Light of the Gospels.*  
*Introduction to Islam in the Bisayan Language*

These books will greatly help in our propagation efforts.

Another important development is the printing of the *Light and Islamic Review* magazine in the Philippines. five hundred copies have been printed and distributed to all the major libraries and important individuals.

Inshallah, the distribution of this magazine will greatly enhance our dawah efforts



*Group photograph of lecturers, the faculty staff and students.*

## October visit to the Philippines



*Mrs Samina Malik presenting the Holy Quran to Prof Dr Catherine Rodel*



*Mrs Samina Malik presenting the books to Prof Dr Sofia Logarta*



*Prof Abdil Ghafar Espiritu presenting certificate to Mrs Samina Malik*



*Prof Abdil Ghafar Espiritu presenting certificate to Dr Malik*

### Radio program in Cagayan de Oro

We have restarted our radio program of reading Maulana Muhammad Ali's Quran on air. Dr Mendosa is in charge of the project.

During our stay in Cagayan de Oro city, We met daily at the center with Dr Mendosa, and Sister Nena Mendosa, and had many useful and productive discussions with them.

One of the great blessings we experienced was praying our magrib and Isha prayers in congregation with our members in our mosque. We greatly appreciate the services rendered to the center by Dr Mendosa, sister Nena Mendosa and brother Jafar.

Inshallah we will be returning to the Philippines in January for a series of conferences and symposia in the major cities of the Philippines.

Noman and I would like to say Jazak Allah to Prof Abdil Ghafar Espiritu, Dr Abd Nasser Mendosa, Sister Nena Mendosa, Brother Jafar and our three brothers from Manila Nazir, Yusuf Akbar and Mehdi for their invaluable help.

Please pray for the success of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement, as the message of Islam which its projects is crucial for the survival of humanity in this day and age.



# Visit to England, Turkey, Albania, Jordan & France

By Mrs Samina Malik

## England

I left USA for London on August 10th. Habiba Anwar came to pick me from the airport. Sister Bano took me to visit Mrs Akhtar Aziz (Dr Zahid Aziz's mother). I also meet her son in law Mr Saleem Ahmad and daughter Samina. It was a pleasure to meet them all. May Almighty Allah grant them good health. Sister Bano also took me to visit Ch. Bashaarat Ahmad (brother of Ch. Saadat Ahmad) and family. They were very happy see me, and we had a long talk about our publications, Hazrat Mirza Sahib and Maulana Muhammad Ali.

Ch. Basharaat Ahmad donated 1000 pound sterling to the USA jamaat for the publication projects. May Allah Bless and Reward him and his family. May Allah Bless and Reward these two brothers for their very generous contributions for the spread of the Quran and other Islamic literature of our jamaat. I thank my sister Bano and Habiba for taking such good care of me while I was in the London Center. May Allah Bless and Reward them both.

## Turkey

On 13th August, I left London for Istanbul, Turkey. In Istanbul, I met

our printer and placed an order for printing eight booklets dealing with Islam and Ahmadiyyat which we had translated from English into Turkish. I also had a long discussion with him about how we could place our Turkish translation of the holy Quran in all the libraries in Turkey. He has agreed to do this for us. I published this news in my e-mail newsletter which Mian Umar Farooq read. He contacted me and told me that he wanted to contribute towards the distribution of the Holy Quran. I replied that we needed funds to mail the Holy Qurans and \$6000 would cover the mailing cost. Mian Umar Farooq then said he would like to bear the cost. Alhamdolillah, we have received the funds from Mian Umar Farooq. May Almighty Bless and Reward him for this striving in the way of Allah.

While in Istanbul, I stayed with my dear friend Ayesha Kucur and her husband Prof Sadi Kucur. I am very grateful for their love and hospitality. They have volunteered to get the addresses of the university libraries and major city libraries for placing our Turkish Holy Quran and other literature. May Almighty Allah Reward and Bless them for their good work

Sister Ayesha Kucur has translated *Islam the Religion of Humanity* from English into Turkish free of cost. May Allah Bless her and Grant her all the best. She is now proof reading the Turkish translation of Religion of Islam. We shall, inshallah, publish the book as soon as the proof reading is completed

There is something very interesting which I would like to share with you all. Ayesha has a daughter, Zainab who is only three years old. When she was in the summer home with her parents, brother and grandmother, she would go every morning to a disabled person's house, take money from him, go to the shop, purchase a newspaper and bring it back to this person. Her parents found this out after she had been helping the disabled person for two weeks. She is a very sweet, friendly and pleasant child and is very popular in the neighborhood. May Almighty Allah Bless this child for the generosity she is showing towards the needy at such a young age.

## Albania

On August 15, I flew From Turkey to Tirana, Albania. Alhamdolillah, the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat is now



Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat's shop on ground floor in Tirana, Albania



Office of the Muslim Community of Albania

## Albania



First Mosque in Tirana



Chairman Musa of Muslim Community of Albania

fully registered in Albania. We thank Almighty Allah that our center in Albania is also ready. The USA jamaat has bought a two bedroom apartment in a multi-story building and an office/shop on the ground floor of the same building. This office/shop can be utilized for storing and distributing books and giving lectures. In Tirana I met with our translators and made arrangements to print the books which have been translated into Albanian so far. These are: *Islam the Religion of Humanity*, *Prophet of Islam*, *Ahmadiyyat vs Qadianiyat*, *History of the Prophets*, *Teachings of Islam* and *Islam my only Choice*. The Holy Quran translation has been completed and is now being checked by a second translator and an expert in the Albanian language who also is an Islamic scholar.

I also had a meeting with the Chairman of the Muslim Community of Albania. We discussed how both our organizations could work together in furthering the cause of Islam in Albania. Inshallah, we intend to jointly publish an Islamic magazine and distribute it free in Albania. *The Light and Islamic Review* is being translated into Albanian and will be posted on our website.

On August 19, I returned to Turkey, and after a few days went to Jordan.



Samina and Chairman Musa



# Jordan

## Jordan

Alhamdulillah! on August 21, I had a meeting with His Excellency Prof Dr Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, Minister of Auqaf and Islamic affairs of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. May Almighty Allah Bless and reward our brothers, retired General Sami and retired Mayor Mohammad Bashir, who set up this appointment for me with his Excellency Dr Abbadi. As it was the month of Ramadan, the offices in Jordan closed early after Zuhur prayers, so it is very difficult to get an appointment, and it is only by Allah Taala's Grace and Help, that Dr Abbadi made time to meet me at such a short notice.

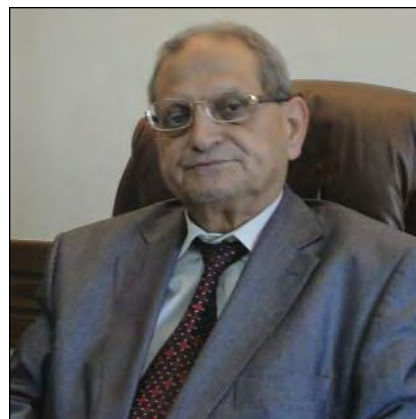
Our meeting lasted for forty minutes. I donated a set of Arabic and English books to Dr Abbadi. He was very pleased to receive them. He is a very well educated and learned person with a deep knowledge of Islam. Prior to his present appointment he had been the dean of Al Bait University in Amman Jordan (This university specializes in Arabic and Islamic studies). He said he was familiar with the writings of Maulana Muhammad Ali and regarded him highly. We discussed the differences between the Lahore and Qadiani groups and the reasons for the split between the two groups. We also discussed the procedure to send two thousand copies



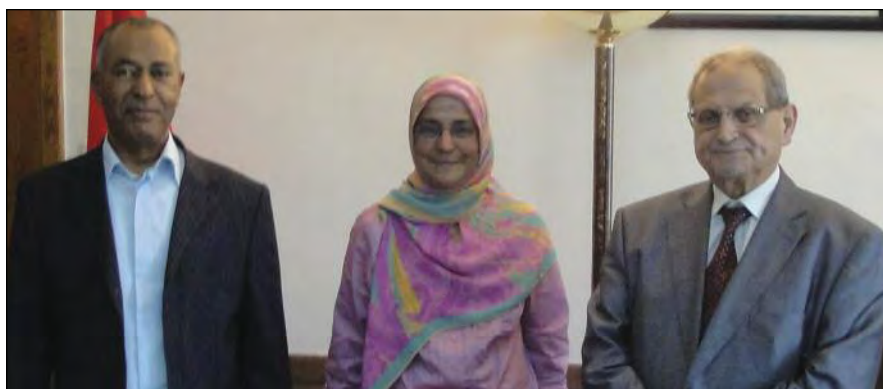
*Mr Mehmood Assaf – Amman Jordan*



*L to R: General Sami, His Excellency Dr Adul Salam Al Abbadi, Mrs Samina Malik*



*His Excellency Prof Dr Abdul Salam Al – Abbadi Minister of Auqaf and Islamic Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*



*L to R: General Sami, Samina Malik and His Excellency Prof Abdul Salam Al Abbadi*

of Religion of Islam, Mohammad the Prophet, Living thought of Prophet Muhammad and Manual of Hadith to Al Bait University for free distribution. He said he would personally oversee their distribution.

I thank Almighty Allah for all the friendly contacts with brothers and sisters in Amman, Jordan who help me meet these important personages.

The people in Jordan are very friendly and hospitable. During my four days stay in Amman, I was invited daily for iftar. May Allah Bless these people for taking such good care of me, when I was traveling alone in the month of Ramadan.

# Cairo – Al-Azhar University

By Mrs Samina Malik

**B**y the Grace of Almighty Allah, my visit to Cairo, Egypt in August of 2010 was a great success.

I got an appointment to meet with the new Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Al Shareef, Sheikh Professor Dr Mohammed Ahmed El-Tayyab. Professor Sheikh El Tayyeb is a highly educated and respected Sheikh and scholar.

I thank brother Sheikh Omar Bastwasi for securing the appointment for me to meet with the Grand Imam in this busy month of Ramadan.

The procedure for obtaining an meeting had changed with the appointment of the new Grand Imam, and a strict protocol was now in effect. A pre-appointment interview was now required, and I would like to thank Professor Dr Mahmoud Azab, director for the Grand Imam Dialog Center, who interviewed me initially, and recommended me for an appointment with the Grand Imam. He was also present at that meeting.

The meeting with the Grand Imam was scheduled for twenty minutes, but it lasted for an hour. We talked about the Lahore Ahmadiyya

Movement and the work that we were doing in propagating Islam in the World. Sheikh Dr Tayyab was very happy to know about our travels and efforts for spreading the Holy Quran and other Islamic literature in the world.

I told him that the late Grand Imam Sheikh Sayyid Muhammad Tantawi and I had a very good relationship. He was very happy to know this, and said that he will, Inshallah, also have a good working relationship with me.

I raised some issues which were of concern to me, and he very graciously attended to them immediately. May Almighty Allah Bless the New Grand Imam Sheikh Dr Ahmad Tayyab. Everyone I met was full of praise for him for his enlightened and moderate views.

I thank Almighty Allah for all His help, and I also thank my contacts in Egypt who still try their best to help me out in every way they can.

## Arabic Literature update

Alhamdulillah, I am very glad to inform you, that many of our books have been translated from English into Arabic.



*Dr Mehmood Azab Director of the Grand Imam Dialog Center*

## Books translated into Arabic and printed

- The Religion of Islam
- The Manual of Hadith
- Muhammad the Prophet
- Living Thoughts of Prophet Muhammad
- The Teachings of Islam
- The Ahmadiyya Movement
- The Introduction to the Holy Quran
- Jihad in Islam

## Books translated and ready for printing

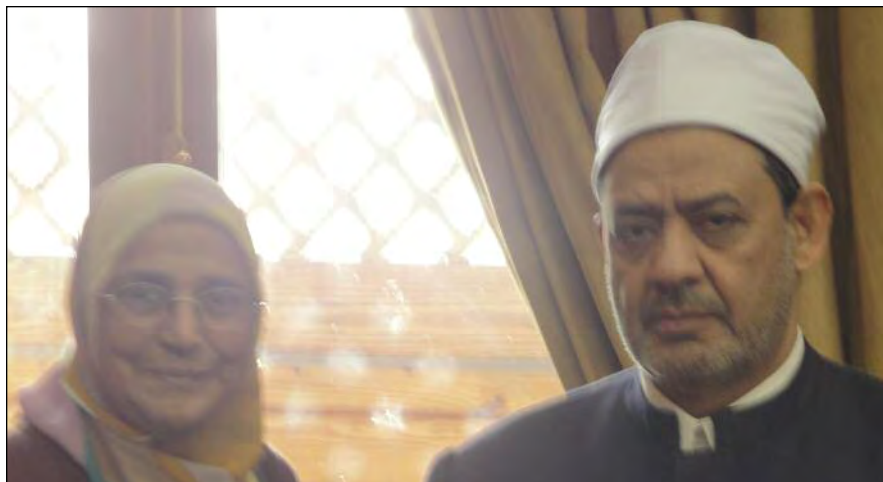
- The founder of Ahmadiyya Movement
- Muhammad and Christ
- Ahmadiyya Case
- The Ideal Prophet
- Islam the Religion of Humanity
- The New World Order
- The Mighty Striving
- Essence of Islam
- Death of Jesus

Inshallah, we will upload all these books on our website.

## Books in process of translation

- Early Caliphate.

I also met with our Translators and Typesetters in Cairo. I thank Almighty Allah for granting this success to our printing projects.



*Samina with the new Grand Imam Sheikh Prof Dr Mohammed Ahmed Al-Tayyab*



## Cairo – Al-Azhar University



*New Grand Imam His Excellency Sheikh Prof Mohammed Ahmed Al-Tayyab.*



*Mrs Samina Malik with Sheikh Omar Bastiwas in Cairo*

## France – 2010

From Egypt I flew back to London, and then boarded a plane the next day for Paris. Brother Hoeseni, the president of the Stichting jamaat, Sister Safoora, his wife and our German translator joined me in Paris. We met with Brother Daoud, our very enthusiastic and hard working member in Paris and his dear wife sister Norhani and lovely daughter Jawarha. Brother Daoud had arranged for us to meet our Lahore Ahmadi members and we had iftar together. We also had a very cordial meeting with a Buddhist Teacher which lasted a few hours. The meeting was also arranged by Brother Daoud.

The next day we went to meet with Swami Veetamohananda of the Centre Vedantique Ramakrishna. This Center which is located on twenty eight acres is about a twenty minutes drive from Paris. The Organization had purchased this land in 1948. Swami Veetamohananda is a very pleasant and sincere gentleman, who is very active in inter-

faith dialog. He was very happy to know that we were going to form an Islamic organization in France with such peaceful and tolerant teachings. We discussed ways in which we could further inter-faith cooperation, and decided to organize a symposium for this purpose in the begin-

ning of December this year in Paris. It will be an Interfaith conference among different Religious groups, and will be held in the Vedantique Center, inshallah.

Brother Hoeseni and I also discussed the German translation project with the German translator.



*L to R: Mr S. Hoeseni, Mrs Samina Malik, Mrs Safoora Hoeseni, Mr Daoud Boussin, Swami Veetamohananda in the Centre Vedantique Ramakrishna.*

## France – 2010

We are very grateful to Almighty Allah for a sincere member like brother Daoud who maintains all these contacts. I would also like to thank brother Hoeseni and sister Safoora for driving all the way from Holland to France to meet us. Brother Hoeseni will also be a board member of the French Jamaat.

We are trying to purchase a place in Paris for a center, as it is very difficult to expand the jamaat without having a place where members can meet and where educational courses on Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement can be conducted.



L to R: Mr Daoud Boussin, Mr Shabir Hoeseni, Petra, Buddhist Guest



Samina donating Holy Quran and Religion of Islam by Maulana Muhamamd Ali to Swami Veetamohananda

## Sheikh Muhammad Syed Tantawi

By Mrs Samina Malik

**In memory of his Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Syed Tantawi, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar**

**H**is Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Syed Tantawi Grand Imam of Egypt's prestigious Al-Azhar University passed away on March 10, 2010 while attending a conference in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. *Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Rajjoon*. Sheikh Tantawi was a prominent voice for moderate Islam in the Muslim World. I knew Sheikh Tantawi very well and he regarded me like a daughter. I used to visit him each time I used to be in Cairo. When I had the *Religion of Islam* translated into Arabic, I took the manuscript to Sheikh Tantawi, and asked him to review it and

requested him to write a foreword for it. After reviewing the manuscript he wrote a very favourable foreword praising the book and Maulana Muhamamd Ali. When I asked him where I should get the book printed, he picked up the phone and called his personal printer to come over and discuss the publication of the book with me. His personal printer has also printed the Arabic translations of Maulana Muhammad Ali's *Muhammad the Prophet*, *Living Thoughts of the Prophet Muhammad* and *Manual of Hadith*.

He regarded the Lahore Ahmadis as Muslims and spoke well of us. He

used to quote from the *Religion of Islam* in his articles. When I used to visit Cairo sometime some of the news papers used to write against the Ahmadiyya Movement and myself. Sheikh Tantawi used to show his support for me by telling me not to worry about these articles and would throw the news paper in the waste paper basket. Whenever I visited him, he used to tell me to learn arabic so I could directly speak with him. We will miss his enlightened leadership very much. May Almighty Allah admit him to His Mercy and Grant him a place in paradise. Aameen!



# Ahmadiyya Convention in Lagos, Nigeria

By Mrs Samina Malik

Noman and I were invited to attend the 94th Annual Convention of the *Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Nigeria* to be held in November in Lagos.

We arrived in Lagos on November 2nd. We were received at the Airport by The President Haji Lukhman Adebisi, Mrs Lukhman Adebisi and other members of the Movement. We were very happy to meet the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam again after a year. From the airport, we all went to our host's Mr and Mrs Musliuwole Shodeinde's house where we discussed our plans for the coming week.

On Friday, November 5, the Convention began with the jummah prayers at the main mosque of Ahmadiyya Movement on Simpson Street. After the jummah prayers the convention sessions commenced.

Mr Alatishe Ope the Secretary of the Movement had arranged for a half hour television interview for Noman at Lagos Television, the main television station in the City of Lagos that afternoon. Noman, the Secretary and the President went to the Television Station where they met



*Sitting L to R: President Lukhman Adebisi, Mrs Samina Malik;  
Standing L to R: Imam Momdu Odebe, Chief Imam Ibraheem, Dr N. Malik  
and Mr Musliuwole Shodeinde*

with Mr Lookman A. Andu, the Director of the production services and the producer of a very popular, live Islamic weekly TV program. The interview hosts were Hasan Abdul Gani and Folami Abiola Jibril. These two young and very energetic muslims interviewed Noman for thirty minutes about Muslim Unity. The interview went very well, and they even asked Noman if he was avail-

able in the coming week for another session.

On Saturday, the main speaker was Noman, and he gave a lecture on *Muslim Unity* in the morning session for three hours, and a shorter lecture on the *Split in the Ahmadiyya Movement* in the afternoon. Both lectures were also translated into Yoruba by the President Haji Adebisi. Each lecture was followed by a long question and answer session in which Noman gave detailed replies to the questions of the audience.

On Sunday I spoke on the Ahmadiyya Movement and the need to take the *bait*. After my lecture I invited those who had not taken the *bait* and those who wished to renew their *bait* to come forward and take the *bait* at Noman's hand. Haji Lukhman Adebisi translated my lecture and appeal to take the *bait* into Yoruba. Alhamdulillah! over one hundred people came up to the podium and took the *bait*. The session ended with a dua by Chief Imam Habeeb Ibrahim.

Noman and I are very impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication



*Jamaat members attending jummah prayers*

## Lagos – Nigeria



*L to R: Secretary Alatishe Ope, Islamic Talk show Host, Hassan Abdul Gani, President Adebiyi, Dr Noman Malik, Hassan Abdul Gani, Director of TV Production and TV talk Show Host, Folami Abiola Jibril*

of the executive and members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Nigeria. May Allah Taala Bless their efforts to spread Islam. Ameen!

After the Zuhur and Asar prayers we all went to offer our condolences to Sister Rasheeda Hasheem, the President's sister, whose husband had passed away four months ago. Sister Rasheeda and her family had come to attend the Convention in Columbus Ohio in July, 2010. One of her daughters is settled in Maryland, USA. She was very happy to see us and had prepared a delicious lunch for us. We were very glad to meet her other daughter and her family.

After the visit with Sister Rasheeda, we went to pay a visit to the past secretary and vice president Mr Ogumbambi and his wife. He is eighty six years old and very alert and energetic. He was very interested about our dawa work in Nigeria and other countries.

On Monday we had meeting with the President of *Anwaar ul Islam* at Mr Oluwole Shodeinde's house. The discussion went very well by the Grace of Almighty Allah. We hope and pray that Allah Almighty blesses the efforts of the two jamaats to co-operate in their dawa work.

Later in the evening, we had a session with the President and the

Past President of the Youth Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Nigeria, in which we discussed ways in which we could develop Islamic educational programs for the Movement's youth.

On Tuesday morning we had a meeting with the vice president Jose of *Anwar ul Islam*. We discussed the Ahmadiyya Movement with him, and Noman answered many questions he had about the death of Jesus and Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. We also agreed to hold a conference in

March about the Ahmadiyya Movement which will be attended jointly by Anwar ul Islam and the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Nigeria.

Later in the morning we went to visit the Patron and Past President of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Nigeria, Chief Abdul Ghafar Animashawun. We were accompanied by the President, Mr Lukman Adeyemi Adebiyi, his wife Mrs Ayesha Adebiyi and the Secretary Mr Sulaiman Alatishe Ope.

It was a pleasure and honor to meet him after fifteen years. We informed him about the joint printing and dawa projects of the USA Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore and Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Nigeria and the world wide dawa activities of the USA Jamaat. He was very pleased to hear about these activities. The Patron also thanked the USA Jamaat for sending 10,000 copies of the English translation of the Holy Quran by Maulana Muhammad Ali for free distribution.

Patron Animashawun is a pillar of strength for the Ahmadiyya Move-



*Convention theme banner with Secretary Ope in foreground*



## Lagos – Nigeria

ment in Islam Nigeria and contributes generously towards the running of the jamaat in Nigeria.

He has donated two valuable pieces of vacant land to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Nigeria. The Movement is planning to build a new center and develop the property as a source of income for the jamaat.

Later, I had a private meeting with the Patron and Mrs Animashawun in which I requested matching funds of twenty thousand dollars against the twenty thousand dollars which Noman and I, inshallah, were giving for the translation and publication project in Nigeria. He readily agreed to provide the matching funds of twenty thousand dollars.

Mrs Animashawun served us a very delicious lunch in their beautiful dining room. We pray to Almighty Allah to grant Patron and Mrs Animashawun a long and healthy life.

Inshallah, Noman and I will be back in March 2011 for two Conferences to be held in Conjunction with IBO and Anwar ul Islam.

Noman has offered to give a two month educational course on Islam and Ahmadiyya Movement to the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam for the next three years, inshallah. The jamaat in Nigeria highly appreciates his offer.

On the last day of our visit we



*View of the Convention Audience*



*President Adebisi and Dr Malik*

met with Prof Tajudeen Gbadebo Olusanya, a well known and highly respected Islamic Scholar and History Professor in the University of Lagos. Prof Olusanya, who has recently retired, has agreed to trans-

late the Holy Quran into Yoruba, one of the major languages in Nigeria. Noman and I will bear the cost of the translation. Before embarking on the translation of the Holy Quran, the Professor will translate the two book-



*View of the Convention Audience*



## Lagos – Nigeria



*Ladies welcoming Sister Samina Malik*



*Jamaat members taking the bait at Dr Malik's hand*



*Ladies in audience welcoming Sister Samina Malik*



*Jamaat children with sister Samina Malik in the Mosque*



*President Adebiyi and Sister Samina Malik*



*Brother Adebiyi's brother and Sister Rasheedan*



*Jamaat members taking the bait at Dr Malik's hand*



*L to R: President Adebiyi's brother, President Adebiyi, Dr Malik, Sister Rasheedan and Sister Samina Malik*



## Lagos – Nigeria

lets, *Islam the Religion of Humanity* and *The Prophet of Islam* by Maulana Muhamamd Ali. These booklets are very useful for introducing Islam to non Muslims. The Yoruba translations will be put on CD for Radio broadcast. We thank Allah Almighty that we were able to get a highly knowledgeable transla-

tor like Prof Olusanya.

We pray to Almighty Allah that he grants success to our efforts in Nigeria.

We would like to thank our host Mr and Mrs Musliuwole Shodeinde for making our stay very comfortable and enjoyable. May Almighty Allah Bless both of them.

We also would like say Jazak Allah to the President of the Ahmadiyya Movement Haji Lukhman Adebiyi and his wife Ayehsa Adebiyi, the Secretary Mr Sulaiman Alatishe Ope, and other executives and Imams of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Nigeria for their help and hospitality.



*Sitting Mr. Ogumbambi and Mrs. Ogumbambi. Standing L to R: President Adebiyi's brother, Secretary Mr. Ope, President Adebiyi, Dr. Malik, Mrs. Samina Malik and Mrs Adebiyi*



*L to R Mr. Musliuwole Shodeinde, Secretary Ope, Brother Jose, Vice President of Anwar ul Islam, Dr. Noman Malik and Mrs. Samina malik at the residence of Mr. Shodeinde*



*Lunch at Chief Animashawun residence*



*Chief Animashawun and Mrs. Animashawun*



*Chief Animashawun's house*



*L to R: Dr. Noman Malik, Prof Tajupeen Gbadebo Olusanya and President Adebiyi*

## 2010 Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam (Lahore) USA Convention – Columbus, Ohio

By Zainab Ahmad

This year the Ahmadiyya Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam (Lahore) USA held its annual convention on July 16-18, 2010 in Columbus Ohio. The main convention was preceded by a highly informative course on *Adam* presented by Dr Noman Malik on the July 15. Muslims from many parts of the world gathered for this convention. Maulana Kemal Hydal and his wife Nareman Hydal came from Trinidad, Mr Sadru Dean Sahukhan came from Australia, Mrs Ayesha Sahukhan and her two daughters came from Vancouver, Canada, Mr Mansoor Malik and his wife Jasia Malik came from Toronto, Canada. Brigadier Mohammad Saeed was visiting from Pakistan. Sister Rasheedan, the sister of the President of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam Nigeria, Haji Lukhman Adebisi, her daughter who lives in Maryland with her three children, and President Adebisi's daughter Aminah who lives in California also attended the convention.

On July 15, Dr Noman Malik gave a day-long presentation about *Adam* that was based on extensive research and preparation. The presentation was very informative and captivated the audience young and old. Both the physical evolution of Adam, and the significance and implication of the allegorical account of Adam regarding spiritual development were discussed. He used power point to present his material and beautiful photographs to highlight the journey of the human embryo from conception to adulthood.

On July 16, Friday morning dars was conducted by mister Sadru Dean Sahukhan, Esq. from Aus-

tralia. Juma khutba was delivered by Maulana Kemal Hydal.

The evening program began in Hilton Garden Inn with a delicious meal. Dr Muhammad Ahmad, the President of the US Jamaat delivered the opening address. Speakers were Dr Haleema Saeed, speaking about the claims of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, sister Nareman Hydal about Miraj of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and brother Imtiaz Isakh spoke eloquently about his publication and propagation activities in Florida and the need for us all to stand up in our communities and speak out for the truth. Brother Muhammad Sadiq from Columbus spoke about the conception of heaven and hell. The session ended with combined Maghrib and Isha prayers.

During the various classes and speeches, the children attending the convention were actively listening along with the adults as well as occupied with educational activities, making Eid cards, Islamic coloring sheets and age appropriate workbooks.

On Saturday, July 17, a symposium entitled, *Al-Akhira: The Afterlife; The Islamic Perspective*, was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. A booth was set up outside the conference room to welcome guests. Books published by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society and art work made by the children attending the convention were also displayed at the booth. A large number of Non-Muslims attended this session.

The afternoon program started at 5:00 p.m. with a welcome address and an opening prayer. Dr Muhammad Ahmad, president of the US jamaat then gave a brief introduction

about the Ahmadiyya Islamic Society. The next speaker was Mr Fazeel S. Khan Esq., who spoke about the importance of the Afterlife. The main speaker of the evening was Dr Norman Malik who then gave a scholarly presentation on the *Afterlife from an Islamic Perspective*, and explained how the human soul either reaches its bliss and perfection in the Afterlife in heaven, or has to undergo remedial treatment in hell which is also a mercy from the Almighty Allah. He also explained how heaven and hell not only begin in the hereafter, but rather they begin in this world's life. A delicious complimentary dinner was served after Dr Malik's speech, catered by Embassy Suites. The last event of the evening was a panel discussion in which Dr Norman Malik, Maulana Kemal Hydal and Dr Muhammad Ahmad answered questions posed by the audience. The evening concluded with combined Maghrib and Isha prayers being offered in the conference hall.

On Sunday, July 18, the morning started with the Youth Program. Mrs Rasheedan from Nigeria presided over the session and Aafia Ahmad from Minnesota conducted the program. The program commenced with a well rendered recitation from the Holy Quran by Ayesha Isakh from Florida. Zaigham Khalil spoke about the five pillars of Islam and the need to follow them in our daily lives. Aarif Ahmad explained the benefits of Surah Falaq. Ali and Haadi Khalil from Dayton, Ohio told the audience about the importance of charity and how our actions, whether big or small counted as charity. Malaika Sahukhan from Vancouver, Canada spoke about the importance of fasting. Maryam and Ayesha recited poems, and presentations by Sister



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Rasheedan's grandchildren, Aalim Ishakh and Lyalah Ahmad were greatly appreciated by the audience. It was very heartening to see the youth of the Jamaat participating with such fervor in the convention. The children were also busy selling their handicrafts which they had prepared for fundraising. Mrs Rasheedan congratulated the children and presented them with gifts which had been generously donated by Sister Lubna Ahmad.

Following the Youth Program Dr Hameed Jahangiri from California addressed the audience. It was then time for the main presentation about the activities and achievements of the

US jama'at over the past year. Mrs Samina Malik spoke about her travels to the Philippines, South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria Jordan and Turkey and inspired the audience with her accounts of the establishment of new Jama'ats in different countries, lectures and symposiums at universities and cities in various countries and the translation and publication projects of the USA jamaat.

Mrs Samina Malik then conducted a successful fundraising effort, and members donated generously for the noble cause. Various members had also brought handicrafts with them to sell at the convention and raise money for the

propagation of Islam. Altogether about \$87,000 were raised that would directly go towards the printing and publication activities.

The convention concluded with another delicious meal at the Hilton Garden Inn.

All praise is due to Allah for this extremely successful convention that truly inspired all who participated in it. May Allah bless Dr Noman Malik, Mrs Samina Malik, Fazeel Sahukhan and Dr and Mrs Lubna Ahmad whose tireless dedication and generosity make events like this possible, and who have dedicated their lives to the cause of Islam. JazakAllah khair.

## Visit to Fiji & New Zealand

By Dr Noman Malik

**O**n March 29, 2010 Samina and I departed from Manila for New Zealand and Fiji. We had originally been invited to attend a jalsa in Fiji in October of '09 in which I was scheduled to conduct a course on *Life after death*. However, the trip had to be rescheduled due to our visits to Nigeria and South Africa.

### New Zealand

Our first stop was Auckland, New

Zealand. Brother Hafeez Raza and his son Shahid Raza picked us up from Auckland airport, and took us to the residence of Brother Abid Raza where arrangements had been made for our stay. A jamaat meeting had been arranged that evening at Brother Abid's residence. About thirty people attended the meeting. Brother Shabir spoke about the tabligh activities of the New Zealand jamaat, I gave a dars on Sura *Ikhlas* and Samina talked about the propa-

gation work of the USA jamaat in the various countries of the world, illustrated by a slide show. After our talks, a question was asked about the necessity of taking the pledge (*bai't*). In the ensuing discussion, Samina and I spoke about the significance of the *bai't* and need for taking the *bai't*. Alhamdulillah, about fourteen members then took the *bai't*.

Brother Abid Raza was in Australia on some urgent business, and



Dr Noman Malik addressing New Zealand Jamaat members



Jamaat members at Mr Abid Raza's residence

## New Zealand / Fiji



Inside Masjid Noor L to R: Mr Mehboob Raza, Hazrat Amir Dr Abdul Kareem Saeed President Naseem, Mr Nizam ud Dean, Dr Noman Malik, Imam Fazal Haq, Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan



Outside Masjid Noor L to R: Dr Noman Malik, Samina Malik, Dr Shamsudean Sahukhan, Hazrat Amir Dr Abdul Kareem Saeed, Mr Amir Aziz

was unable to attend the meeting, however, he was able to address the meeting via Skype and welcomed us to New Zealand. The meeting concluded with a delicious dinner prepared by Brother Hafeez Raza's family.

We will always remember the warm hospitality of brother Hafeez and family. We greatly enjoyed meeting our Ahmadi brothers and sisters in New Zealand, and were very impressed by their devotion to Islam and the Ahmadiyya movement. We were especially impressed by the enthusiasm of the younger members Shahid Raza, Shabir Buksh and Ethasham Raza. Their dedication portends a bright future, inshallah, for the New Zealand Jamaat. May Almighty Allah Bless and Reward the members of New Zealand jamaat.

### Fiji

The following day, March 30, we flew to Fiji where we were received at Nadi airport by Mr Sadr-ud-Dean Sahukhan and his wife Mrs Naz Sahukhan. They had flown in earlier from Australia to attend the jalsa of the Fiji Jamaat. At the airport, we also met Mr Amir Aziz, the General Secretary of the Central Anjuman who had arrived from Pakistan just a few hours earlier.

We were all driven to Suva by Mr Firoz Jan, a strong supporter of the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat, and arrived in Suva by noon after a four hour scenic drive along the coast. We were the guests of Mr Mehboob Raza, the Secretary of the Fiji jamaat in Suva. That evening we went to the Masjid Noor for Maghrib and Isha prayers. We were very happy to see the masjid once again after a period of ten years. The Masjid brought back memories of our late dear Hafiz Sher Mohammad Sahib, whose untiring efforts in collecting donations made the construction of the mosque possible.

The jalsa began the next day, Friday, with the Jumma prayers in which Hazrat Ameer delivered an inspiring Khutba.

The main session started at 4p.m. after the Asr prayers. The first speaker, Mr Amir Aziz, gave a lecture on the significance and importance of the *bait*. He was followed by Mrs Samina Malik who spoke about the work of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement being done in the different countries of the World by the USA jamaat. The members enjoyed the talk and the accompanying slide show illustrating the tabligh work, and were very impressed and inspired by the work being done abroad.

The next day, Saturday morning, I gave a five hour course on *Life after Death*. The audience evinced a keen interest in the subject, and greatly appreciated the presentation. The concept of *sadqa Jaariya*, was discussed in my course on *Life after Death*, and later in her presentation, Samina mentioned how we had built a mosque in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines in the name of my parents Mr Ijaz and Mrs Nasra Malik. She also mentioned that we were in the process of purchasing land for a Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic institute in Cebu Philippines also in their name. Alhamdulillah! After hearing about the *Sadqa Jaariya* in my parents name, Mr Mehboob Raza and Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan informed us that they wished to donate forty thousand dollars for the construction of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Institute in Cebu as *Sadqa Jaariya* on behalf of their deceased parents Mr and Mrs Tazim Raza and Mr and Mrs Hussain Sahukhan. May Almighty Allah in His infinite Mercy Grant paradise to their deceased parents, and Bless and Reward Mr Mehboob Raza and Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan.

Later in the evening, there were two speeches. In the first speech



## Fiji



Standing L to R: Mr Mehboob Raza Dr Noman Malik, Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan. Seated L to R: Ms Naseem Raza, Samina Malik, Mrs Naz Sahukhan.



Imam Fazal delivering the lecture at Masjid Noor



President Naseem of the Fiji Jamaat



Dr Noman Malik delivering the lecture on "Life after Death"

hazrat Amir highlighted the work of the Central Anjuman in conducting educational courses, printing Urdu books and of the various tours he had made with in Pakistan. I followed with a lecture titled *Peace and Tolerance in the Holy Quran, an effective answer to Fanaticism and Terrorism*. The day ended with a delicious dinner served by the Fiji Jamaat.

On Sunday, the session started in the morning with Mr Amir Aziz as the first speaker. His speech dealt

with the appreciation of beauty and the esthetic in the Holy Quran. He was followed by Mrs Samina Malik who continued her very informative and interesting account of the world wide propagation efforts of the USA jamaat illustrated by a slide show. Again the jamaat members were very happy and enthused to hear about the *dawah* work being done in the Philippines, Vietnam, Albania, Korea, Turkey, Egypt, USA, Russia, Kirgызstan, Azarbaijan, Tajikistan,

Khazakistan, Uzbekistan and Chechnya.

The last speaker was Hazrat Amir who spoke about the jamaat and took the *bai't* of the members. The jalsa ended with a closing dua by Hazrat Amir.

We regularly attended Fajr and Maghrib/Isha prayers at the Noor masjid. It was very inspiring to hear the moving recitation of the Holy Quran by Brother Fazle-Haq in the Fajr prayer sessions. Following Fajr

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*Audience Masjid Noor*



*Ladies audience Masjid Noor*

prayers, brother Fazle-Haq would deliver a very informative and inspiring Quran Dars.

During our stay we also visited a printing press which prints books for the Fiji jamaat.

The dedication of the executive and jamaat members to Islam and Ahmadiyyat impressed us greatly. This highly motivated jamaat has been in the forefront of those contributing to the propagation of Islam, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to them for their support.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Mr Mehboob Raza and his family for keeping us as guests in their house and taking such good care of us. Brother Mehboob Raza is a very dedicated Ahmadi and is source of great strength for Islam and Ahmadiyyat in Fiji and abroad. We would like to thank the Fiji Jamaat for inviting us and taking such good care of us.

We also would like to thank Mr and Mrs Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan for coming all the way from Australia to attend the Jalsa, and the course

on *Life after Death*. Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan is the past president of the Australia Jamaat. He has served the Australia Jamaat with distinction, by collecting funds for a center for the Australia Jamaat, initiating Quran Dars and other education activities, and actively participating in Interfaith forums.

## Visit to Ba

After our visit to Suva, we went to Ba which is situated on the western side of the island. We stayed in Ba with Dr and Mrs Shamsud Dean Sahukhan. Dr Sahukhan is a staunch member of the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat and the brother of Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan.

Brother and Mrs Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan had arrived in Ba earlier and were also staying at the same house. That evening, arrangements had been made for me to give a Quran Dars at the house which had previously been the House of their esteemed father, Mr Hussain Sahukhan.

This house had been a center of

the Lahore jamaat activities in those days, and regular dars had been held in this house when the elder Sahukhan had been alive. As Almighty Allah would have it, the house was purchased by brother Firoz Jan, a strong sympathizer of our jamaat, and by the Grace of Almighty Allah, Brother Firoz has continued this tradition of Quran Dars in that house.

About twenty five people attended the Dars, including brother Firoz's father and family. We were very happy to meet the people in Ba, and the function ended with a delicious dinner prepared by Brother Firoz and family.

The next morning, we departed Fiji from Nadi airport.

We thank Almighty Allah for a very successful visit to the Fiji and New Zealand jamaats. The dedication and enthusiasm we have witnessed in these jamaats has strengthened our conviction that, In-shallah, the concept of Islam as presented by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement will prevail.



## Fiji



*Hazrat Amir Prof Abdul Kareem Saeed in Masjid Noor*



*Mr Mehboob Raza, Esq. Secretary Fiji Jamaat, delivering speech*



*Mrs Samina Malik delivering speech at Masjid Noor*



*Mr Amir Aziz Secretary Central Anjuman delivering speech*



*Mr Sadar ud Dean Sahukhan, Esq. delivering lecture*



## German Translation Project

Alhamdulillah! two more books of Maulana Muhammad Ali have been translated from English into German by the USA Jamaat. They are *Muhammad the Prophet* and *Muslim Prayer Book*. Inshallah, they will be printed after they are proofread. We are getting the German Religion of Islam revised by the same translator, as it has been almost twenty years since it was translated and printed, and we have to put the new Quran verses in the book.

## News from South Africa

**A**s Salamu Alaikum. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. With the Grace of Almighty Allah we took occupation of the new Centre donated to us by the USA Jamaat. The dedicated premises have removed many obstacles we had in the past due to the absence of a proper facility for our Jamaat's functions, meetings storage of our literature etc.

This year we also experienced the sad demise of our dear brother Ismail Peck – We are from Allah and unto Allah is our return.

### The Centre

When we took occupation of the building earlier this year, it was in an advanced state of disrepair and neglect. We immediately started on a project of modification, renovation

and repairs to make the building fit for our intended use. A prayer area for approximately seventy plus worshippers was created by breaking through a wall separating the dining area and bedroom. The entire inside was repainted and the floors re-polished. The kitchen walls and floors were re-plastered. The paint on the outside walls were scraped off and repainted.

Al Hamdu Lillaah, through pledges and contributions made by dedicated members and supporters in South Africa, we were able to cover all the costs of the improvements including, carpeting, furniture and fittings of approx. R46 000.00

### Activities

- Since occupation of the premises in February, we moved all our board meetings to the new Centre.

These meetings take place once a month on a Sunday.

- The Friday congregational service was moved from our homes to the Centre for all of those who are able to attend.

- We were pleased that we could complete the renovations in time for our Eid ul Fitr celebrations. The function was well attended. Those who could not attend notified us in advance. In the Khutba, I emphasized the importance of engaging in the propagation of the Holy Quran. Our books and several copies of our monthly pamphlet, "The Good News" were put on display in the reception room. Several copies of the "Good News" and free literature were handed out to the guests. After the prayers, a sumptuous breakfast was served and several guests stayed behind to discuss various aspects of



*Some pictures before the renovations*



*Some pictures after the renovations*



## News from South Africa

religion and enquired about our movement.

- To empower and equip our members, especially the youth, with the necessary knowledge of our Faith and our Movement, classes will be conducted from the Centre, starting the first Sunday in November. These classes were started in 2008 and conducted from our homes but were discontinued due to the lack of a proper facility.

- We will also be hosting the Eid ul Adgah celebration as well as a lecture on the 'Origins of Man' and 'Science as proof of the divine origin of the Holy Quran' by Dr Yusuf Noor at the Centre in November.

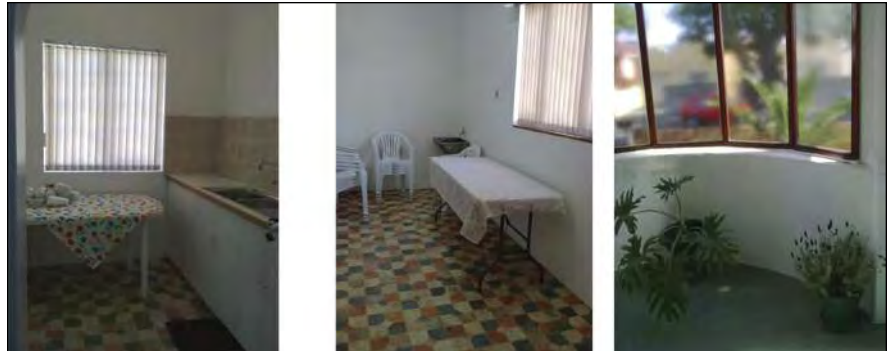
### Other

- We are working on a program of reproducing some of the works of the late Mr Dawood Sydow, founder of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement in South Africa, such as his "Reply to Obaray, a Muslim convert to Christianity" and his "Reply to Moulana Sema" and some of his articles and sermons. Mr Sydow's family has kindly dedicated most of his religious material to the Anjuman. We are still negotiating with the family to make available to us several valuable recordings of his lectures that were made during his life time. These we hope to re-record and distribute widely free of charge.

- We are expecting a consignment of approximately one thousand Qurans from the USA. This will greatly help our propagation efforts as we wish to send some of these to libraries in the neighboring states as well.

### A tribute to Brother Ismail Peck

Brother Ismail Peck played a leading role in our Jamaat. For several years he held the position of Trustee. He passed away peacefully in July this year after a short illness.



*More pictures taken after the renovations*

He is sorely missed by all. Inna Lillahi wa inna llay hi Raji' un.

Mr Peck joined the Movement through the influence of Mr Dawood Sydow, most likely in the sixties. He came from a staunch Sunni background with little secular education. He worked as a labourer for the postal services for most of his adult life. His first encounter with Mr Dawood Sydow involved a heated debate on the "Death of Nabie Esa (AS)". He held the view that anyone who believed that Nabie Esa was dead, was outside the pale of Islam. After several discussions and after being confronted with convincing arguments from the Holy Quran by Mr Sydow, he was eventually convinced that Nabie Esa had indeed passed away. From that date, an inseparable relationship between the Movement and Mr Peck ensued.

Mr Peck's association with the Movement was not without any personal sacrifice from the start. His mother, under pressure from the ulema, disinherited him and he was not allowed to attend her funeral. This was a sore point in his life, but he did not relent nor did he leave the Jamaat.

Mr Peck was an avid student of the Bible and had, over the years, committed to memory large tracts from the old and new testaments. This gave him an advantage in the several debates he had with Christian missionaries. His knowledge in this regard was often sought by

members and friends who had encounters with missionaries.

Mr Peck will most probably be best remembered for the pivotal role he played in the Ahmadiyya Case.

Brother Zahid Aziz, who fulfilled the role of translator for Maulana Hafiz Sher Muhammad in the Ahmadiyya Case, paid a fitting tribute to Mr Peck on the news of his death, which I take the liberty to quote below:

"It is with the deepest grief that we report the death in Cape Town today, 27th July, of Mr Ismail Peck, inna lillahi wa inna ilai- hi raji' un.

Mr Peck was the plaintiff in the Cape Town civil court case, 1982-1985, against various bodies of the anti-Ahmadiyya Ulama, in which he laid the claim that he, an Ahmadi,



*Maulana Hafiz Sher Mohammad (right) with plaintiff Mr Ismail Peck. This photograph appeared in the Sunday Times of Cape Town on 10 November 1985 in an article about the case.*

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was a Muslim and it was defamatory to call him kafir, and it was a denial of his legitimate rights to refuse him burial in a cemetery that was designated for Muslim burial. While knowledgeable in the Quran and the Bible, Mr Peck was a humble man of an ordinary position in life. But it took extraordinary courage to stand up as the plaintiff when the Ulama did all they could to get the case withdrawn.

Once the litigation process began, Mr Peck was at risk of his life since if he had died the case would

have terminated. Despite all dangers, he stood firm like a rock and saw the case through to the end, including appearing in court to give personal testimony.

When the judge, Mr D.M. Williamson, read out his judgment on Wednesday 20 November 1985 and, near the end, announced the words 'Second Plaintiff is declared to be a Muslim', those who heard these words, including myself, were overcome by an undescrivable ecstasy and sense of gratitude to Almighty Allah. In the post 1974 and 1984 at-

mosphere, it made life worth living just to hear these words.

My prayer is that may Allah now pronounce the same judgment on Mr Peck, and admit him into His mercy and forgiveness, ameen Wassalam Zahid Aziz" unquote.

Mr Peck bequeathed all his books and two per cent of his estate to the Anjuman. May Almighty Allah reward him and shower His Mercy on him.

Was Salaam,  
Ebrahim Mohamed,  
President, AAIL (South Africa) Lahore

## News from Canberra, Australia

**B**y the Grace of Almighty Allah we have a very dedicated and enthusiastic member, Sadr-ud-dean Sahukhan Esq in Canberra, Australia. Brother Sadr-ud-dean is the past president of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore, Australia.

In spite of his being virtually alone, his activities and accomplishments demonstrate how a single dedicated person can accomplish a great deal, and his example should serve as an inspiration and role model to those in similar situations.

He is widely read in Islam and other faiths, and is well known as a Lahori Ahmadi in Canberra.

Owing to his religious knowledge and sincerity he regularly serves as imam for Friday prayers in the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre in the Australian Capital Territory.

He is a keen student of other religious creeds and beliefs, and is always trying to find ways and means of getting people from different faiths to know, understand and

accept each other.

He has been involved with inter-faith committees, particularly with the Australian Capital Territory in Australia Interfaith, for a number of years, and is currently advisor of Canberra Multicultural

Community Forum (CMCF) Inc. and chairperson for the Interfaith Committee, known as the Interfaith Forum ACT (IFFACT). He is also a member of the Celebrations Committee of Royal Commonwealth Society which holds a function every year, and in which he represents Islam.

In this regard he has attended a number of interfaith meetings both locally, nationally and internationally, and has delivered a number of lectures on current issues from the Islamic point of view.

Recently St Albans Christian Society invited him to speak about the five pillars of Islam. In his one hour talk he explained to them what the five pillars of Islam were and what they signified. The presentation was followed by a lively ques-

tion and answer session.

One of the programs he is involved with is "Home Encounters" with the Christians and the Jews. These are held once a month at the houses of the participants. These discussions are not open to the public but only to the representatives of the different faiths, so that the participants can discuss issues openly and freely in a private situation and remove misconceptions. He represents the Islamic faith.

This year he represented Islam at a national symposium organised by Brahma Kumari Society in Blue Mountains in New South Wales

Alhamdolillah, he has now added an extension, with a separate entrance, to his house. The extension which now functions as a masjid, can accommodate about eighty people at a time for Salaat.

He is supported in all these activities by his wife Mrs. Naz Sahukhan and children.

May Allah Taala Bless and Reward him and his family for their service to Islam and Ahmadiyyat.



## News from Holland

### Youth group

Last year the youth organised a discussion program on the occasion of Eid-ul Adha. About 100 people attended, and the parents were very happy to see their children participating. This year, after Eid-ul Adha, the same group will organize a similar day, especially for the youths. The topics this year will be: 1. Upbringing, and 2. Islamic Prayer.

A smaller group from among the youths is attending Quran study sessions on regular basis and increasing their knowledge of the Holy Quran. Some of these youths also participate as students in the regular Islamic classes.



*L to R: President Husseni congratulating Dr Hidir*

### Courses by Lahore Ahmadiyya Institute for Islamic Studies

The Lahore Ahmadiyya Institute for Islamic Studies, a department of our organisation, is in charge of conducting the courses.

The younger children attend regular Friday classes, presently conducted by Mrs. Arfa Shairmahomed. This course is one of our regular courses, and has been running for more than 20 years now.

Since the beginning of last year, we have been holding Dars-i Quran on a fortnightly basis, an event which continued until Ramadan this

year. Thereafter, we had started the course, Religion of Islam, which still continues. As a prerequisite to Dars Quran, the priority is on the course Religion of Islam to enable a good basic knowledge of Islam to the students.

After finishing Religion of Islam, the Dars-i Quran classes will recommence, and there will be special attention paid to specific subjects pertaining to the Ahmadiyya Movement.

Both these courses are conducted by Mr Reza Ghafoerkhan.

An extensive Imam training course and some other minor courses are planned for the near future as well.

### July 2010 Convention of Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam (Lahore) USA

Our president, Mr. Shabbir Husseni, and his wife, Mrs. Safoora Husseni, attended the three day AAAIL-USA convention, where the president informed the audience about the activities of our organisation.



*Prof Dr Wiegers, giving his inaugural oration*

## News from Holland

### Ramadan and Eid-ul Fitr

During Ramadan we invited board members of other jamaats to participate in Iftari, and delegates from our organisation also attended similar programmes of other Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaats.

On all the weekends during Ramadan and on the day of Lailatul Qadr, iftar was observed collectively at our mosque. About 50 to 80 people participated each time. All the meals were cooked in the new kitchen of our building. Eid-ul Fitr prayers and an Eid-get-together was organised in a rented hall to accommodate about 500 people.

An Eid Milan to celebrate Eid-ul Fitr was organized by the social cultural oriented Federation EEKTA. The audience consisted of Muslims, Hindus, Christians, and others. Our organisation contributed with a speech on universal brotherhood by our board member, R. Sardar.

### Jalsahs

General jalsahs were organised to elaborate on some chosen topics, from Seerat-un Nabi and Meraj-un Nabi.



*Prof Akgunduz, rector of the Islamic Univ. of Rotterdam addressing audience*

### Excursion

This summer we organized a special excursion for our older members to visit the plants of the world-renowned, Delta Works Water Management. They also visited the museums and other attractive sites that they had never had the opportunity to previously visit.

### Publications

This year financial priority was given to the maintenance and renovation of our mosque, adjacent buildings and office, and to establish a functioning kitchen. Because of this task, there were no new publications.

A revised version (containing new photographs) of the Dutch translation of the *Muslim Prayer Book*, by Maulana Muhammad Ali, is being printed at this moment, and will be presented to the members on Eid-ul Adha day. The book will contain new photographs.

For quite some time now the final works for the publication of the Dutch translation of the *Manual of Hadith* has been worked on. Publication of this work is expected in the first quarter of 2011. There is a great demand for this work in the Netherlands and Surinam.

### University of Leiden

Last year, the president and secretary of our organisation attended the farewell meeting organized for retiring Chair Professor for Religious Studies, Mr. P.S. van Koningsveld.

Prof. Dr. van Koningsveld regarded Maulana Muhammad Ali as a great scholar on Islam, and introduced the Dutch *Religion of Islam*, translated into Dutch by Mr Soedewo from Indonesia, within the curriculum of the department of Religious Studies at Leiden University. He also used the old Dutch translation (also by Soedewo) of the *Holy Quran* by



*Youth group member Aziz, addressing audience at Eid ul Adha jalsa*

Maulana Muhammad Ali.

At the launching of the new Dutch Translation on the *Holy Quran*, in 2005, Professor van Koningsveld was supposed to deliver the inaugural speech on behalf of the Religious Studies department. As he had to be abroad during those days, he selected one of his best students, Prof. Dr. G. Wieggers, who had become the chair professor of Islamic Studies of Nijmegen University, to deliver the speech. As we all know, Prof. Wieggers gave a wonderful speech based on Maulana Muhammad Ali's booklet, *Back to the Quran*.



*Prof Dr Wieggers, being congratulated by audience members*



## News from Holland



Prof Dr Van Koningsveld

Now the new Dutch translation of *Religion of Islam*, the version which was published by Stichting Ahmadiyya isha'at-i-Islam, was chosen by the Prof. Van Koningsveld as one of

the books for the curriculum in Leiden University.

Prof. Dr. P.S. Van Koningsveld was the founder of the college of Islamitische theology at Leiden University. From 1 September 2010 he has been working for the Centre for Islamic Theology (CIT) of the Faculty of Theology at the Free University of Amsterdam.

### Islamic University of Rotterdam

Since the launching of the new translation of the Dutch *Holy*

*Quran*, board members of our organisation, and AAII-USA, have visited the university several times and have been in touch with their officials.

In October, our organisation was invited by the Islamic University of Rotterdam to attend the inaugural oration of Dr. Ozcan Hidir, who was appointed as senior lecturer of the university. Dr. Hidir is also the dean of this university, specialising in Quran and Hadith studies, and he is in line to become a chair professor for Quran and Hadith Studies in

## Fazlul-Bari



The USA jamaat is very happy to announce the completion of the new typeset of volume one of **Fazlul-Bari**, Maulana Muhammad Ali's masterful Urdu translation and commentary of the **Sahih Bukhari**. The completed volume is being uploaded on the [www.muslim.org](http://www.muslim.org) website, and will be available for viewing, soon.

Fifteen years ago, the USA jamaat had commenced the re-typesetting of the **Fazlul-Bari** along modern lines utilizing Urdu and Arabic word processing programs. However, the word processing programs at that time were not sophisticated enough to incorporate the desired features, and the project was shelved.

After the second volume is completed early next year, we shall, inshallah, print both volumes together.

## News from Holland



*Members at Eid-ul Fitr day*

the future. Our president attended together with his son.

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Akgündüz, rector of this university, has published *Introduction to Islamic Law*, an English book. In this concise book, he elaborates on the Ahmadiyya Movement and refers to Dr. Zahid Aziz's, *A Survey of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement* and Maulana Muhammad Ali's, *The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement* from the website [ahmadiyya.org](http://ahmadiyya.org). Two years back, our organisation donated 50 copies of the Dutch version of this booklet

and a copy of the English version to the university. Prof. Akgündüz is aware of the main differences between the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and the Qadiani views, and he is the one who teaches the students on the Ahmadiyya Movement and clarifies the differences. On p. 205 of his book, while discussing the differences between the two sections, Prof. Akgündüz says: "The Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement believes that Muhammad is the last of the prophets and that no prophet, new or old, can come after him."

### **University of Amsterdam**

In the same month, we were invited by the University of Amsterdam to attend the inaugural speech of Prof. Dr. G. Wiegers on the occasion of the public assumption of his office of chair professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Amsterdam, the largest university in the country. His inaugural lecture was on the topic "Religion and the art of the polemics." Our president, Shabbier Huesseni attended the meeting.

Ameen.



*Dr Hidir of Islamic University of Rotterdam giving inaugural inauguration*



# Korean Brother accepts Islam

By Mrs Samina Malik



Mr Mohammad Kareem in Cagayan Philippine Mosque

One evening In January of 2010, when we were sitting in the outdoor lobby at the Koresco Hotel in Cagayan de Oro City, A Korean gentleman approached us and introduced himself as Mr Kim. He said that he had been watching us for several days and knew that we were Muslims, and he wanted us to make him a Muslim.

He told us that for several years he had been in Qatar, and had recently retired. After his retirement, and his wife had given him this Philippine trip as a present. He said that he had been studying Religions, including Islam, for some time in a quest for the truth, and he was very attracted to Islam. He said that he had some very close Muslim friends, and they had been urging him to accept Islam, but until now he had not felt ready to do so. But watching us working daily in the hotel lobby on our computers, he had been moved by what he saw was dedication to Islam and felt that now was the time for him to accept Islam. We were very surprised, but at the same time overjoyed at his request.

The next evening we proceeded

with him to our center in Xavier Heights, and there he took his *sha-hada* at Noman's hands. He was in tears when he recited the *Kalima*. He felt very good about it, and promised us that it was now his duty is to bring more people into Islam in Korea. We then performed our Maghrib prayers together. After the Maghrib prayers, Noman continued the discussion about Islam with him and told him how important it was for him to be regular in his prayers. He then chose Muhammad Kareem as his Muslim Name.

In February, 2010 we flew to Seoul, Korea, to meet brother Kareem, and to find a translator for the Holy Quran. Brother Kareem came to pick us from Incheon airport. It was an hour and half drive from the airport to the hotel, and we are very grateful to brother Kareem for picking us up. After we checked in, brother Kareem took us out for a Korean dinner, and we had a long conversation about Islam and the need to spread Islam in Korea.

The next morning brother Kareem drove us to a new printing

company with whom I had been in contact with from the Philippines.

After that, brother Kareem took us to a meeting he had arranged for us with a well known Korean professor of Islamic and Arabic Studies. The professor had a PhD degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies and had studied Islam extensively in the Middle East. He was presently completing a book in Korean containing Holy Quran verses arranged according to subject. At first he was reluctant to take the translation project, because he thought he may not be able to devote enough time for such an important task.

However, I pointed out to him that although he was a famous Korean Islamic Professor who travels widely in the Islamic World, after his death all this would be forgotten. But, if he translated Maulana Muhammad Ali's English translation of the Holy Quran into Korean, his name would be remembered until the end of time. Brother Kareem emphasized this point as well. Noman also explained to him the importance of



Mr Kareem taking Shahada

## Korean brother accepts Islam



*Mr Kareem taking the Bait at the hand of Dr Noman Malik*

this translation for the spread of Islam among the Korean people. This line of reasoning convinced the professor, and he agreed to undertake the project.

We thank Almighty Allah that we have finally found a good translator.

Noman and I have decided to fund this translation project.

On February 14, brother Muhammad Kareem, invited us to dinner, and after dinner he said he wanted to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya movement. He then took the *bait* (pledge) at the hand of Noman. Brother Kareem was very happy to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat. He had tears in his eyes when he told Noman and myself about how much he appreciated the opportunity to join the Lahore Ahmadiyya jamaat. He said that he had been searching for the truth, and now he was very happy to be a Muslim and to belong to the Lahore Jamaat.

Inshallah, next year Brother Kareem will be coming to Dublin, Ohio to study Islam at Masjid ul Uruj. Please pray that Allah Taala helps him in his quest to study Islam and Blesses his efforts to spread Islam in Korea. Ameen



*L to R: Mrs Samina Malik, Dr Noman Malik and Mr Kareem at his house in Korea*



*Calligraphy of the word Peace by Mr Kareem*



# USA Jamaat local activities

By Mrs Samina Malik

**M**asha Allah the USA Jamaat continues to be active in various local activities. As in previous years, it participates in interfaith work (representing the true, spiritual nature of Islam to persons of other faiths) and cooperates with Muslim groups (to provide a platform from which a correct understanding of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat's views/beliefs may be gained).

## Interfaith Association of Central Ohio

Dr Mohammed Ahmad and Sr Lubna Ahmad continue to volunteer in IACO's "Spiritual Sharing" group. This program takes place at a library and provides a forum from which views are exchanged on current societal issues. The group assesses the issues based on the participant's spiritual beliefs. The controversy over the building of the Islamic Cultural Center near Ground Zero in New York provided interesting discussions and an avenue to share the Islamic positions on tolerance and freedom of religion. This program is particularly useful in learning from others and appreciating differences of opinion.

## Debate on "Ground Zero Mosque" Controversy

The Universalist Unitarian Church in Columbus Ohio organized a debate on the "Ground Zero Mosque" controversy. Both proponents and opponents of the building of the Islamic Cultural Center near ground zero in New York were selected to take part in the debate. Fazeel S. Khan was requested to participate and present a "proponent" position, along with a representative of CAIR and two other local personalities. Included in the proposed panel of "opponents" was Rev Rod Parsley of the World

Harvest Church. Many may recall that the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society invited Rev Parsley to debate his harsh views concerning Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad in a Press Release a couple of years ago. As a result, this was a much anticipated opportunity to finally engage Rev. Parsley in a discussion about his views. Sadly, the day of the debate, Rev Parsley as well as the two other "opponent" panel members cancelled their participation. The program continued despite the cancellation of the opponents. Fazeel S. Khan focused his presentation on the implications of stifling the proposed building of the Islamic Center. He argued that such an act could lead to a slippery slope, in that a precedent may be set in permitting emotions (however irrational) to be the basis for denying rights of citizens (Muslims or otherwise). In addition, the broader effect on international relations was assessed. Clearly, such an act (contrary to democratic ideals) would diminish the effect of winning the hearts and minds of Muslims in countries in which democracy is attempted to be established.

## 9/11 Solidarity Event – "Burn No Sacred Books"

An Interfaith Solidarity Event was held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Columbus Ohio on September 11, 2010. The purpose of the event was to commemorate the loss of innocent lives lost on the 9/11 tragedy nine years earlier and to stand in solidarity with American Muslims who were faced with the "Burn the Quran" campaign (initiated by a Pastor in Florida and then gained a following nationally).

There were ten presenters at the event, which was attended by over



*Fazeel S. Khan delivering a prayer and short explanation at the Interfaith Solidarity event*

400 people. Of the ten presenters, four were local Muslim representatives. Masha Allah, Mr Fazeel S. Khan was asked to represent the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society as a Muslim organization at the event. In addition, in response to the "Burn the Quran" campaign, the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society provided over 150 copies of the Quran (English translation and commentary by Maulana Muhammad Ali) to attendees, both Muslim and non-Muslim. Dr Noman Malik, Dr Mohammed Ahmad, Sr Lubna Ahmad and Br Abdul Rahman passed out Qurans and other free literature and engaged dozens of attendees in conversations about Islam as well as the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.

The event was reported on by all local news stations (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX), both in print and television. A compilation of highlights of the event can be viewed at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V59W8EPlyu4&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V59W8EPlyu4&feature=player_embedded). The entire service is also available online in five parts. The part in which Mr Fazeel Khan presents is in Part 2, available at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ3E9fxFzI&feature=player\\_embedded#at=214](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ3E9fxFzI&feature=player_embedded#at=214). Quite interestingly, the

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*Dr Mohammed Ahmad distributing free copies of the Holy Quran at the Interfaith Solidarity event*

event also gained national attention and was publicized on the Barack Obama Video website: <http://www.barackobamavideos.net/highlights-interfaith-solidarity-service-911-2010>.

### **Columbus Metropolitan Club: "Passion and Prejudice Threaten Freedom; Religious Reality in America"**

The prestigious Columbus Metropolitan Club held a panel discussion titled: "*Passion and Prejudice Threaten Freedom; Religious Reality in America*". The panel comprised of representatives of the Jewish, Christian, Unitarian and Islamic faiths. By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Fazeel S. Khan was asked to represent the Islamic faith on the panel. Information about the event may be viewed at: <http://www.columbusmetroclub.org/Default.aspx?pagelD=49313&eventId=208104&EventViewMode=EventDetails>. The event was recorded and will be televised on the Ohio State University channel multiple times throughout the upcoming months; it is also currently accessible online at: <http://www.columbusmetroclub.org/Default.aspx?pagelD=787305>. A news article about the event (which also includes photos and the recorded video) is located at: <http://www.examiner.com/unitarian-universalist-in-columbus-ga/faith-leaders-discuss-religious-freedom-passion-and-prejudice-at-cmc-forum>.

### **and-prejudice-at-cmc-forum.**

The event was very well received. Plans are being made to repeat the program in different forums. Thanks to Almighty Allah, the USA Jamaat has become a notable force in the local interfaith circles and is regularly called upon to represent Islam and Muslims in the region.

### **We All Belong Rally**

The USA Jamaat recently co-sponsored a rally held at the First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus. There were over 500 participants. Various presentations were made at the church and then a silent march was undertaken to the State House. The event received significant media attention, but the ripple effects of peace,



*Fazeel S. Khan with panel members and organizers of the discussion at the Columbus Metropolitan Club*

good will and harmony are more difficult to measure. A sense of peaceful coexistence was felt by all, regardless of differences in religion, race, nationality or gender. The event also provided another opportunity for a large group of people from various segments of the population to be introduced to the Jamaat's literature and get to know members of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society on a personal level.

### **Golden Rule Conference**

The Interfaith Center for Peace held its 2nd Annual Fall Conference on November 21, 2010. Fazeel S. Khan is a board member of ICP and was the lead member in organizing the event this year. Last year's conference had the theme



*Dr. Mohammed Ahmad, Dr. Noman Malik and Sr. Lubna Ahmad providing free literature at the First Congregational Church*



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“Children of Abraham” and focused on the commonality between the Abrahamic faiths. This year the theme was “The Golden Rule” and addressed the concept of doing good to others that is common and inherent in every religion. As with last year’s conference, skill building workshops were offered on topics such as “compassionate communication” and “deep listening” that provided attendees with opportunities to learn skills that facilitate peaceful relations with others. The conference as well as our presence on the ICP board provides excellent opportunities to develop relations with other peace groups and faiths striving to build communities of peaceful coexistence.

### Sermon on Islamophobia

Another incident of national, in fact international, exposure presented itself in our backyard. Reverend Deborah Lindsay of the First Community Church in Columbus, Ohio gave a sermon on “Islamophobia” to her congregation that was recorded and uploaded to You-Tube. The You-Tube video received over 200,000 views from all parts of the world, primarily concentrated in the mid-East and Pakistan. The sermon may be viewed at: <http://www.fcchurch.com/worship/broadcast/502-pecking-order-video>. The Reverend’s rational, humble and inspiring words of wisdom concerning the recent surge of negativity against Islam in the media created a wave of positive response from all quarters.

Members of the USA Jamaat have had the pleasure and honor of working with members of the First Community Church in various forums, including speaking at their “Men’s Breakfast” on several occasions. A number of the Church’s members are regular attendees of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic

Society’s annual symposium and have developed close ties of friendship with our members. In fact, in response to the Reverend’s sermon, the Noor Islamic Cultural Center invited Rev. Lindsay to speak at their mosque and Fazeel Khan accompanied her to this event. Her talk at the mosque is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43GSNak-dqc>.

In response to the Reverend’s suggestion to her congregation to “buy and read” a Quran in protest of the “burn” the Quran campaign initiated by a Florida Pastor, the USA Jamaat offered to provide free copies of the Holy Quran (English translation and commentary by Maulana Muhammad Ali) to every member of the Church that was interested. In addition, the USA Jamaat made particular efforts to distribute free copies of the Holy Quran at various other events in response to the ill-intended efforts by the Florida Pastor and other groups supporting his cause.

### Building Bridges with Muslim Community

The USA Jamaat continues to strive to better relations with other Muslim communities by engaging in collaborative works to further better understanding and appreciation of one another. The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society continues to support CAIR, the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights group, in their annual gathering and annual iftar dinner. Both events provide opportunities to foster personal relationships with others and a sense of brotherhood based on a common goals. Dr Mohammed Ahmad and Sr Lubna Ahmad continue to volunteer at the CAIR’s “Feed the Needy” program, in which food is provided to homeless women and children at the YMCA in Columbus.

Of particular note, a delegation

of executive members from the Noor Islamic Cultural Center (the largest mosque in Central Ohio) attended Masjid Al-Urooj (the Lahore Ahmadiyya mosque in Columbus, the name of which was given by our dear late Ameer, Dr Saeed Ahmad Khan Sahib) to say maghrīb prayers with us. This gesture of good will was very much appreciated. It was a stand to show solidarity with the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society, despite the rampant negative and erroneous opposition to it by many. Masha Allah, not only was better understanding of one another achieved, but brotherly love and respect was also realized. One of the guests wrote the following email after the meeting at Masjid Al-Urooj:

*Salaam Br. Fazeel,*

*I hope you are doing well, by the grace of Almighty Allah. It was an honor to come and visit the Lahore Ahmadiyya center last night. It was very nice of you that you take the time and give us a tour to the warehouse in which you distribute/ship the publications all around the country. I was particularly impressed with your library which includes some historic documents, including the original hand-written notes from Maulana Muhammad Ali while performing the translation and commentary of the Holy Quran.*

*I also would like to thank you for your hospitality. This includes the delicious food and the following gifts that you gave them to us:*

- 1 The Holy Quran (The English Translation and Commentary by Mulana Muhammad Ali).*
- 2 The Religion of Islam by Mulana Muhammad Ali.*
- 3 The Four Questions Answered by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.*
- 4 Jihad in Islam by Mulana Muhammad Ali.*

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- 5 *The Prophet of Islam by Mulana Muhammad Ali.*
- 6 *Islam The Religion of Humanity by Mulana Muhammad Ali.*
- 7 *An Introduction to the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society.*

In addition to developing better understanding with local Muslims, the USA Jamaat has also started working with the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) in a collaborative effort to better relations among the diverse groups within Islam. Dr Mohammed Ahmad, Dr Noman Malik, Sr Samina Malik and Fazeel S. Khan were invited to the ISNA headquarters in Plainfield, Indiana to meet with ISNA's new Secretary General, Safaa Zarzour and discuss ways in which such cooperative efforts may be accomplished. As a start, the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society was invited to participate in ISNA's first annual "Diversity Forum", which will be held in January of 2010 in Detroit, Michigan. Fazeel S. Khan was requested to attend meetings in which the agenda for next year's conference will be discussed and determined. It is hoped that such initiatives will facilitate the goal of educating the general Muslim population as to who Lahore Ahmadis are and what they actually believe. It is understood that in order to accomplish the goal of spreading the true teachings of Islam to the non-Muslim populations, the opposition normally faced from other Muslim groups needs to be addressed. We pray that these efforts will lead to the name "Lahore Ahmadiyya" being better understood by our Muslim brothers and sisters and appreciated as a force that strives to defend Islam and bring respect to the Holy Prophet Muhammad. Ameen.

### Book Packing / Free Distribution

The USA Jamaat continues its book packing for distribution to

bookstores, libraries, universities and individuals ordering them. Interestingly, a positive note to incidents of negativity about Islam is that there is always a positive correlation between the incident and the number of orders for books made. During the "Burn the Quran" episode, the orders for copies of the Holy Quran tripled. In addition to satisfying the purchase orders made, the USA Jamaat spends considerable amount of time attending to free literature requests. On average, approximately 60 packages of free literature are provided each month to those who ask.

The USA Jamaat also is making concerted efforts to satisfying the needs of Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaats internationally by providing them with Jamaat literature. This year, 30,000 copies of the Maulana Muhammad Ali's Holy Quran translation and commentary were printed. Half of these (15,000) were sent to Philippines and Nigeria for free distribution. In cooperation with the Central Anjuman, the USA Jamaat sent fifty copies of the German translations of the Holy Quran, Religion of Islam and Manual of Hadith to the Berlin Mission.

In addition, 100 copies of the English translation of the Holy Quran and Religion of Islam were sent to the Delhi Jamaat in India, as appealed by Mr Shaukat Ali. Likewise, 100 copies of each of our Arabic translations (Religion of Islam, Manual of Hadith, Muhammad the Prophet, Living Thoughts of Prophet Muhammad, Ahmadiyya Movement and Teachings of Islam) were sent to the Indonesia Jamaat for free distribution. In support of the South Africa Jamaat's propagation work, the USA Jamaat sent 1,000 copies of Prophet of Islam, Ahmadiyyat vs. Qadianiyyat and the English Translation of the Holy

Quran, and 200 copies of Ahmadiyya Movement and Split in the Ahmadiyya Movement, for free distribution. The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam of Nigeria (an independent Islamic organization that has the same beliefs as those of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat and that works closely with the USA Jamaat) has been provided 15,000 copies of the English translation of the Holy Quran, 1,000 copies of Prophet of Islam and Ahmadiyyat vs. Qadianiyyat, 2,000 copies of Ahmadiyya Movement and Split in the Ahmadiyya Movement. The New Zealand Jamaat has also been supplied various books that were needed.

### Florida Interfaith Conference

Dr Mohammed Ahmad, Sr Lubna Ahmad and Fazeel S. Khan attended an interfaith conference in Florida organized under the name of The Islamic Sunrise. The Islamic Sunrise is the publication produced by Br. Imtiaz Isakh. Br. Imtiaz, single-handedly (with only the support of his family) has been producing this magazine (containing articles on the Lahore Ahmadiyya views/positions) and distributing it widely. In addition, he has been building relationships with like-minded individuals/groups and gathering them to an annual interfaith conference. This year, the second of its kind, the conference focused on the question "What is my religion doing to achieve peace in the world today?"

The presentations from the panel members from various faith traditions were excellent and left all participants with a sense of understanding and appreciation of the common teachings of peaceful coexistence found in all religions. Br. Imtiaz must be commended for his untiring efforts and we hope his example will inspire others to make similar sacrifices in their own local regions.