

# ***ITHIHAAD AHLISSUNNATHI WAL JAMAA-ATHI***

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It is four years since the Ithihaadu Ahlissunnathi Wal Jamaa – Athi was inaugurated and since inception the organization has been carrying out a number of activities in various parts of the country. It has received the support and co-operation of a large section of the community and is now well recognized and accepted as a body that is promoting the concepts of Sunnath Jamaathi in principle and in practice.

The policies and activities of the Association are decided by the Board of Management which meets regularly.

While we are happy that the community does appreciate the work we are doing, we are also saddened by the fact that we are unable to attract the younger generation, the youth of the community.

We hope that this will improve.

## **STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL AT HIFLUL QURAN CLASSES AT JIFFRIYA THACKCKIYA, DANGEDERA, GALLE**



The Association inaugurated and continues to sponsor Hiflul Quran classes at the Madrasa in the above Thackckiya. The Madrasa is functioning well with about 15 students. The Association continued to meet the cost of salaries to the Moulavi and his Assistant. The Association also donated 15 foam mattresses to the students of the madrasa.

Two students have passed out and received their certificates at the Convocation in January 2014.

### **ENGLISH CLASSES**

A program to teach budding Moulavis to speak in English was started by the Association. The first madrasa to start Spoken English Classes was Ghouziya Madrasa, Hill Street, Dehiwela. Classes are conducted (twice a week) and these students will complete their course in May-June this year. The classes are conducted by a qualified, reputed Teacher.



Below - Classes at Ghouziya Madrasa

Following this, we received request from two other Madrasas namely the Arabic College in Beruwela and the Al Madrasa at Ummu Zavaya, Colombo. Part of the cost incurred for the teachers are borne by the Association.



English classes at Beruwela

### **MOWLOOD - PROPHET MUHAMMED'S (PBUH) BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, 2014**

The Association celebrated Prophet Muhammad's Birthday at the Shahrn Banquet Hall with the participation of a large and distinguished gathering. His Holiness Ash Sheikh Al Haj As Seyyed Muhammad Ashique Thangal graced the occasion. Mowlood was recited, bayan delivered and this was followed by dinner.



Meelad celebrations at Shahrn Banquet Hall, Dehiwela

Bayaan was delivered by Moulavi M Z Mohamed, President, Jamiyathul Ulama, Southern Province.

### **MEELAD ACTIVITIES IN THE EAST**

In the past the Eastern Province had been an area where sunnath jamaath activities were carried out on a large and intensive scale. However with the ethnic conflict, these activities were stopped and many other ideologies introduced. Following our visit to the Eastern Province, two years ago we were able to motivate the community and revive these activities after 30 years. Thankfully, many organizations are now conducting programs associated with Meelad, ifthar, mowloods etc. This year too Meelad celebrations were organized by the Association in a number of places in the East – Kattankudy, Eravur, Oddamavady and Aryampathy.

Mowlood recited, areas decorated, food distributed and processions held. This program in the East was supported by our Vice Patron Al Haj Hanif Yusoof.



Recital of Mowlood at Masjidul Rasool, Aryampathy, Kattankudy





Children participating at  
Meelad celebrations at  
Madeena Masjid,  
Vallaichennai

Mowlud being recited at  
Hiluriya Cultural Centre, Kattankudy



Distribution of food



Kattankudy Nursery

## **THAFSEER, THAJWEED & AQEEDAH CLASSES for LADIES**

The Association sponsored the program to conduct Thafseer, Thajweed and Aqeedah classes in English for ladies. This has been a long felt need and we thank Almighty Allah for giving us the opportunity to initiate this program.

The classes are being conducted by Alima S Fayaza Al-Habshi Mowlana, Muskariya a very qualified, competent and trained Alima.

Classes commenced on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Colombo Ladies Zavva, 25, Kotelawala Avenue, Colombo 04. The classes will continue to be conducted weekly on Wednesdays. We thank the Colombo Ladies Zavva for the support extended by giving us the Hall and in monitoring and managing the program.

The response has been excellent and more ladies are expected to participate.

## **SUPPORT VISIT TO THE EASTERN PROVINCE**

Following our visit to the Eastern province in early 2012 an invitation was extended by Az Zaviathush Fasiyathush Shazulia, Eravur to participate in their 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Manaqib. The China Fort Halara Jamaath organized the visit with the participation of 26 members from various zaviyas and mosques. During their stay they also visited other zaviyas and mosques and conducted bayaans, zikhr and mowloods.

Our association supported this program and contributed Rs. 10,000 to meet the expenses.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF DUG WELLS**

Kattankudy is a densely populated city with a population of over 50,000 – all Muslims. Their source of drinking water had been through Dug Wells. Although a pipe-borne supply has been introduced very recently, many families cannot afford it while other families are living in areas which have no access to these facilities. Therefore there was a need for dug wells.

\* A request was made for support through our Association. Many members responded and our President was able to obtain many donors from London. Nearly 25 wells were constructed through the Association.

There is still a need particularly from very poor families living in poorly constructed houses. Cost of construction of a well is Rs. 35,000.00 – 40,000.00





## **MORE PICTURES OF OUR VISIT TO THE SOUTH**



Bayan at Nalagama



Bolona



Welcome at Weligama



Arabic College, Beruwela



Jiffrya Thackkiya, Matara



Opening of  
Zavya in Dickwella



Bayan at Ladies Arabic College, Matara



President at  
Ladies Arabic College,  
Matara



# MISSION TO THE SOUTH .....

*..... To motivate Muslims in the way of Ahlis Sunnaath ..*



Following our mission to the East a few years back, members of Ithihaad Ahlissunnathi Wal Jama-Aathi together with learned moulavis and representatives of other organizations participated in a four day mission to the deep south from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The objective was to motivate the thareeqa ikhwans and to strengthen the sunnath jamaath activities. Mosques, zaviyas, thackckiyas and madrasas in Matara, Dickwella Tangaale, Nalagama, Hambantota, Bolana, Weligama, Galle, Beruwela and Kalutara were visited.

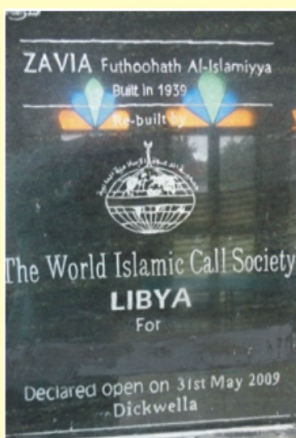
This trip took a good part of six month planning as we needed to make contact with the various organisations in the towns and villages we were to visit prior to our departure.

For this, we are most grateful to Seyed Hassan Moulana who hails from Hambantota and is the Imam of the Devatagaha Mosque, for taking time off, to accompany and introduce us to the various Imams and Moulavis in charge of the various locations that we were to visit. A preliminary visit to Galle and Matara was made in April to finalise the arrangements.

Accordingly we set forth on the 5th of May from Devatagaha Mosque in Colombo after Jumma en route to Matara with a contingent of 30 delegates.

We visited all of the above mentioned towns and villages and got a first hand insight to what each of these places needed during our four day visit.

On our return journey we visited the Kalutara Mosque where we had the pleasure of meeting the Sheikh of Kitchi Mala Mosque.



We were received with open arms everywhere except Dickwella, where there was a breakdown in communications where the contact person was not available, However, with the aid of some local people we were able to enter the Dickwella Zavia which has been in existence since the mid 1930's and where in recent years there was no Halara and other Thareeqa activities due to pressure from other groups. However, Khaleefa Ifthikkar conducted Halara and Moulid "Al Hareer" was recited. We have had reports that Halara and Moulid recitals have been conducted in this Zavia since our visit.

In Tangalle we were informed that sunnath jamaath activities were not permitted in many public places. We were fortunate to visit a sunnath jamaath madrasa with about 50 children – the classes being conducted in the house of a moulavi who together with his wife are conducting regular classes against many odds.



**Madrassa children**



**Arooziya Thackiya, Hambantota**



**Moulavi Istikhhar at Matara**

In Hambantota we visited the Arooziya Thackiya established in 1890s – over 125 years ago by the father of Sheikh Shuaib Alim Ansaib. Recited Mowlood with the participation of a number of people from the area.

During this visit we were privileged to have a team of eminent Muslim theologians whose bayans on various current subjects were not only meaningful but also well appreciated by the audience.

Among them were –

Ash Sheikh Al-Ust haz M S M Istikhhar (Baari), Moulavi Faslan Ashrafi B.A., Moulavi M H Misrul Lahir – Jiffry, Al Haj Moulavi Ahmed (Mahlari), Al Haj Moulavi Abdulla (Rawli), Al Haj Moulavi Ikram (Fasy) and Ali Hussain Moulana (Mursi).

In many places we visited a crying need was for bayaans - to create awareness on what sunnath jamaath means. awareness on what sunnath jamaath means.

During our visit we also had successful discussion with the Association of Ahlussunnah Wal- Jamaah Theologians which has in their membership representative moulavis from all the mosques in Galle. During our discussions we decided to have joint programs – to conduct bayaans, distribution of informative literature on Islamic subjects etc.

The first series of bayaans will commence with a talk on Baraath followed by a bayaan for ladies during Ramzan.



**Moulavi Abdulla at Khotar Sheikh Mosque, Galle**



**Meeting with Ahlussunnah Wal- Jamaah Theologians**

## NEW PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Our organization will be supporting the Association of Ahlul Sunnah Wal- Jamaah Theologians to conduct regular bayaans in Galle especially for ladies and the youth.

Supporting the Arabic College, Weligama with a monthly donation to meet the cost of the salary of Moulavi Teacher

Supporting Jamiaa Manbaeel Hidhaya Arabic College, Kalmunai with a monthly donation of Rs. 5000.00

Supporting An-Nahjathul Islamiya Arabic College, Eravur with a monthly donation of Rs. 5000.00

Request under consideration is to support the conducting of bayaans for ladies in Tangalle on a monthly basis.

## OUR CONTINUOUS PROJECTS

Hiflul Quran classes continues at Jiffrya Arabic College, Dangedera, Galle.

Continue support to Eravur Madrasa.

English classes for Moulavis conducted at Al Jamiathul Ghawsiyya, Dehiwela, Academy of Islamic Higher Studies, Beruwela and the Al Madrasa at Ummu Zavaya, Colombo.

Thafseer, Thajweed and Aqeedah classes in English for ladies. Classes conducted weekly with about 40 ladies participating.

## FEEL PROUD TO BE A MUSLIM

A Non Muslim came to a Aalim and asked:

Why is it Not Permissible in Islam for a Woman to shake hands with a Man?

The Aalim said: Can you shake hands with Queen Elizabeth?

The Non Muslim said: Of course not, there are only certain people who can shake hands with Queen Elizabeth.

Aalim replied: Our Women are Queens and Queens do not shake hands with strange men.

Then the Non Muslim asked another Question:

Why do your Girls cover up their body?

The Aalim smiled and got two sweets; he opened the first one and kept the other one closed. He threw them both on the dusty floor and asked the Non Muslim: If I asked you to take one of the sweets which one will you choose?

The Non Muslim replied: The covered one.

The Aalim said: That's how we treat and see our women

Non Muslim: Show me God if he exists.

Aalim Replied: Look at the Sun

Non muslim Replied: I Can't see, the Rays hurt my eyes.

Aalim Said: If u can't look at the Creation of God then how will you be able to look at the Creator??

Lastly the Non Muslim invited the Aalim to his house and gave him Grapes, the Aalim ate them, then he offered him a cup of wine, the Aalim refused, the Non Muslim asked him how come you Muslims are forbidden wine and eat grapes although the wine came from grapes?

Aalim Replied: Do you have a daughter? He said yes,

Aalim asked him could you marry her.

The Non Muslim said no,

The Aalim said Subhana Allah, you marry her mother and can't marry her although she came from her too.

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