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The Newsletter of Feesabililla

Welcome!

Assalamo alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,
Welcome! To the first edition of the Feesabililla newsletter.

The charity Feesabililla was born in 2008 after reports surfaced in the media of children that were being exploited in the Quran schools of Senegal. Reports of children that were sent by their parents to learn the holy Quran, and instead were sent out for many hours a day to beg and bring back their 'earnings' to pour into the laps of the Quran teachers.

The original articles we read appeared in the Associated Press, from R Callimachi, (a copy appears on our website). The link below is a related video about the Senegalese talibs, as they are known.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq4A7ay62is

Such reports left many of us shocked as to how a place that should be one of blessing and gaining knowledge, a Quran school, could be used to exploit even the youngest children to fulfil their own desires. There is a culture perhaps in this part of the world that it is acceptable for the children of the madrassas to go out and earn their keep, and that the teachers deserve to earn a living for their efforts. The reality is that despite the mindset of the Senegalese people that think this way it is not according to the sunnah for people to beg this way.

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There is ample evidence that begging is not desirable.

" It is better for any of you to carry a load of firewood on his back than begging from someone else" Riyad us Saleheen, Chapter 59 Hadith 540.

We believe that the Quran should be taught with gentleness, affection, patience, in the same way that we would want our children to learn Quran. There was evidence to show that physical violence is used against the children of the madrassas, which again goes against the teachings of the sunnah.

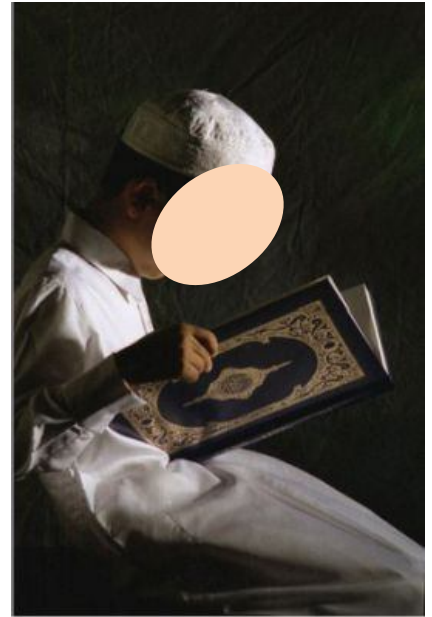
Feesabililla was born out of a strong desire to right some of these wrongs bi'ithnillah and to support those schools which do genuinely aim to teach the Quran to its students and do not exploit their precious trusts.

Feesabiilla has been running now for 3 years but Alhamdulillah we have picked up pace since July 2011 and are working at full steam now to fulfil our aims. To aid us in doing so we have invested time and effort in advertising and now the newsletter. InshaAllah these two mediums will help us to promote our mission more effectively.

Reaching Out

We have been reaching out to find the genuine Quran schools, those in which teaching Quran is the central goal. We have identified existing schools which are doing a good job, such as Daraa ul Moosa. It was set up in 2004, and is attended by 70-100 children. Parents leave children at the school and they learn up to Asr time. The school is run by volunteers and follows the understanding of the religion as taught by the first generations of muslims.

We are in the process of trying to make contact with organisations and individuals that already work with the talibs and madrassas at present. InshaAllah we will have further news on our progress in the near future.



Where does your money go?

The donations we receive go into one of three funds: sponsorship, general fund or land fund.

Sponsorship is money that has specifically been donated to support the maintenance and living costs of one talib. Many talibs come from poor families whose parents are unable to afford their basic needs. InshaAllah your sponsorship of one child per month will ensure that we can pay for food, drink, clothing and other expenses for that child. This eliminates the need to go out and beg.

General fund donations are allocated to cover expenses such as rent, bills and to buy materials and equipment needed (furniture, books, etc).

What for the future?

Our long term vision is to be able to raise enough funds to buy land and build purpose built Quran schools, and may Allah aid us in this. To this end we have created a **Land Fund** for saving funds for this purpose.

Help us eliminate the need to beg.



How can you help?

There are many ways that you can get involved and help. Sponsoring a child at one of the quran schools which are identified, donating to the Land Fund, spreading the word, passing leaflets on to friends and family. So don't delay, there is plenty you can do. All you need to do is join the Project Senegal yahoo group and keep an eye all our regular updates, and keep in touch with the founders and other sponsors.

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com/Group/ProjectSenegal>



Upcoming News

InshaAllah we are working towards achieving Registered Charity status and bi'ithnillah will be able to bring you good news of this at the start of 2012.

This will mark a milestone in the life of the charity and we make dua that it will mark the start of great success and achievement in the future. Ameen.



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