



Ansar Connection

A biweekly e-newsletter of Majlis Ansarullah, USA

WEBSITE DEPARTMENTS EVENTS PARENTING SERVICES ARCHIVES

We are the Helpers of Allah.

September 4, 2023

Vol. 10, No. 15

Can't see images? Enable option to load images on your phone or email app.

An Asylee benefiting from Majlis Ansarullah's Tahir Scholarship Program

By: Ashar Hafeez Ghumman (Central Jersey, Majlis)

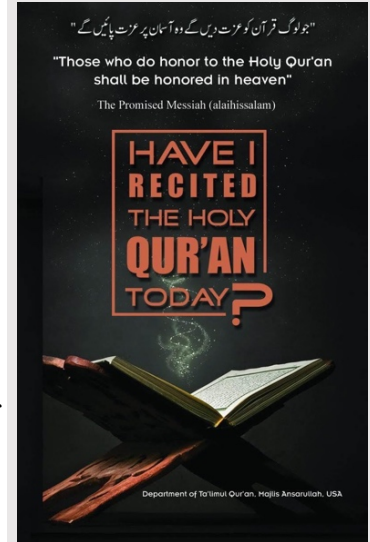


A few years ago on Jan 15th, 2016, I arrived at JFK airport in New York from Pakistan. I applied for asylum at the airport and was put into the immigration detention center. Nasir Bajwa Sahib of Queen's Jamaat arranged for an attorney to help me. Ataul Qudus Malik was the attorney who used to come to New Jersey all the way from Maryland to represent me. Due to Allah's blessings, and his tireless work, and expertise in the legal field, he was able to win my case on September 13th, 2016.

It was 8 pm when they opened the doors of the detention center and let me go. I felt like a newborn baby, alone and helpless, I had no family or friends around. I started looking for jobs and would do any kind of work offered to me to make ends meet. Later I was able to find a clerical job in Robert Wood Johnson University hospital with the help of an Ahmadi volunteer who used to visit me when I was in the detention center.

I had an MBA and MA in International Relations and had years of experience of administering an Eye Hospital in Gilgit Pakistan, so I was not satisfied with my current job. I was in emotional trauma and under a lot of stress from being away from my family and feeling like I had fallen from the sky to the ground. I was always thinking about how I can improve my situation and whoever I discussed this with told me that I should either get a US certification or license or keep doing what I am doing.

One of my friends suggested that the best way forward could be to get a medical technologist license since there is always a need for medical professionals. I took this advice and started searching for schools which provide such education. I found out that there are only two institutions around me that offer medical technology courses. One was offering a two to three years certificate course while the other was offering a four-year degree program. I decided to take the shorter path, but my worry was that I did not know how I am going to pay for my educational expenses on top of my living expenses. I was barely able to pay my house rent from the wages of my current job.



As I was in contact with Jama'at, and I was regularly attending Friday prayers and Jama'at meetings, one day I got the information that Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA is paying a visit to Central Jersey Jama'at. During his meeting with the local members, Sadr Sahib introduced the Tahir Scholarship Program and encouraged members to take advantage of this scheme to improve their skills and education which would ultimately improve their work situation and financial situation. This reminded me of my desire to go back to school. which was not only a desire but a dire need by this stage. To get more information about this program, I met with the then local Zaim Ansarullah and president. He not only gave me more information but also encouraged me to pursue my goal.

I then got admission in a cardiovascular sonography course which was a two-year program starting in September 2018. Both Zaim Sahib and Sadr Sahib made sure that I received the scholarship. Which I did. I was still working at the hospital during the day and was going to school in the evenings. Alhamdulillah, after two years, I was able to get a national certificate of Cardiac Sonography.

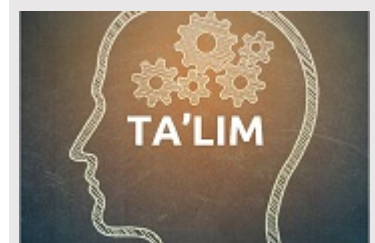
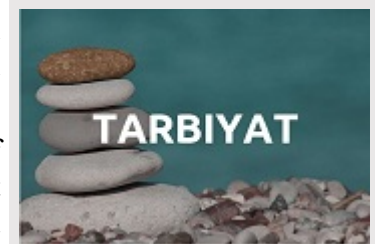
Now I am happily working with a group of cardiologists. I am getting paid way better than what I was paid before. Now with the blessing of Allah, I have bought my own house and am living a happy and satisfied life. My overall Jama'at activity and Chanda participation has also increased. My mental health is better, and I am out of the constant mental stress I used to be in. I would like to encourage other Ansar members to take advantage of this and many other opportunities that the Majlis offers. These programs not only make us more useful citizens for the society but also more engaged Jama'at members. Inshallah!

Remembering my father, Mumtaz Ali Awan Sahib

By: Azhar Awan, PhD (Georgia-SC, Majlis)

My father, Mumtaz Ali Awan Sahib, passed away in February 2022, at the age of 89 in Lahore, Pakistan. He left behind his widow, 6 sons and 4 daughters. He also was blessed with 54 grandchildren, among them four are Waqf-e-Nau, Mashallah.

My father's family migrated from Mehtpur, district Hoshiarpur, both places are high significance in the Jama'at. My grandfather passed away when he was a high school student at Taleemul Islam High School Chiniot, Jhang. My father joined army supply corps and he was stationed in Sadar, Lahore. In 1974, my eldest brother was attacked while he was performing his salat Zuhr at a nearby mosque that was built jointly with the help of a Shia relative. We were too young to defend any attack and family was at a risk of loss of lives. At a neighboring village, some people planned to attack our homes. Allah saved us from the intervention of a non-Ahmadi elder. He was a schoolteacher in a neighborhood village in 1974, and his ex-students provided him some moral support. My father acted wisely and leveraged his goodwill and signed off his release of duty to join another school. The parties wanting harm the Ahmadi's dropped their case since they were his students. My father was a well-known mathematician in the region and due to his exemplary and excellent skills of teaching, caring and loving





Mumtaz Ali Awan Sahib standing in the middle. Maulana Inamul Haq Kausar Sahib on his right, and Syed Imdad Ali Sahib on his left.

behaviors he was seen as a model teacher. He was deeply loved and respectful among teachers, students and he always taught out of school hours without any compensation.

He always asked us to go to gain Tarbiyyat training in Rabwah, and he had a firm belief that once we attended these programs, we would be in good shape. He also served as Sec. Mal, General Secretary and was also President of the Asal Guru Key Jamaat for some time. He took keen interest in finding, and securing a small piece of land for the Majid Mubarak and he vested keen interest in its construction. The mosque site was very attractive and highly visible place of

the village. When, the land was purchased, there was a risk of conflict. Then, resources with local Jamaat were too limited to put a boundary wall to claim site full possession. To avert any danger, my father hired several people and demolished his house boundary wall and used those bricks to build mosque boundary wall and door.

His knowledge of land water management was outstanding, and he used his mathematical skills in the water distribution, and it averted potential fights and possibly deaths. He fulfilled his promises with absolute passion, and he respected directions of the Jamaat office holders. One time, we were planned to go to Ijtima in Rabwah, he had promised to meet an Ahmadi at Faisalabad bus station. We all waited for the whole night, but the person never showed up. Next day at Awan-I-Mahmood, when he met this person, he never said a word.

He lived a very simple life. He never desired to have more than two set of clothes for his day-to-day use. He enjoyed excellent relationships with his daughters-in-law, and he was very generous to them. When he had his Mulaqat with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh) in 1995, Huzoor (rh) was very pleased with him and said, "Malik Saheb, you are a very blessed dad". May Allah bless him and reward him a high place in paradise (Ameen).

Send us your stories of brotherhood, Ijtima memories, or any other inspiring experience that we can share with Ansar brothers via this e-newsletter.

Department of Publications
Majlis Ansarullah USA



Contact Us

- ◆ [Sadr Majlis](#)
- ◆ [Editor](#)

[Share a Story](#) | [Send Feedback](#) | [Visit Our Website](#)
[Subscribe](#) to the mailing list of Majlis Ansarullah, USA.

Majlis Ansarullah USA is an auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, USA, www.alislam.org.



**AHMADIYYA
MUSLIM COMMUNITY**
United States of America