

OUTREACH DAWAH PROGRAM REPORT

Outreach Dawah Activities

- Prince William Junior High School invited Dar Al-Hijrah to give a presentation to classes on world history.
- Lectures Weekly Introduction to Islam Class at Northern Virginia Community College.
- Lecture at John's Hopkins University entitled; Best Time to be Muslim is Today!
- Interfaith Committee for Workers Justice held a meeting in Washington, DC at which our representatives were present to discuss ways in which religious groups can work together to help immigrant workers.
- Representatives were invited and attended the Martin Luther King Civic Awards Dinner which featured US Congressman Elijah Cummings.
- Imam Johari spoke about the importance of education and gave the benediction at the Founder's Day Celebration at the University of the District of Columbia.
- Imam Johari presented the Islamic communities support of workers who were being mistreated by hotel owners in DC in January in which the workers with the help of faith leaders won the labor action.
- The Institute for Policy Studies [Think Tank] met with leaders of the Muslim community to address the crisis facing our community.

Marquette University: Jesus is Islam, lecture by Imam Johari.

Working in the Inner-City

In meeting this month the Muslim Chaplain at Howard University along with the staff, faculty and alumni meet to launch a scholarship program for students attending Howard University. Applications deadline will be next March 2006.

A Prison Dawah meeting with organizers of the Ex-Offender program headed by a Muslim was held in DC and Imam Johari spoke at Steve Young's Church with Mayor Anthony Williams in South-East Washington, DC

Imam Johari held a meeting with **local Muslim Business** leaders to organize their efforts to help others and themselves. They agreed to go forward and to host a meeting with other Muslim business leaders on March 14th 2005 at Ben's Chili Bowl [A well known African-American Muslim owned business] located at 1214 U St NW Washington, DC.

AIDS/HIV meeting convened to see how Muslims from America could help in fight against the disease in Africa. The group agreed that American Muslim can play a vital role in the education. The group is planning a trip to Nigeria for youth in August of 2005.

Guest to Dar Al-Hijrah

Quaker Sunday Children visit Dar Al-Hijrah and had a great time discussing our common values. Imam Johari reminded the community and the guests of the great role that Quakers played in helping to free en-slaved Africans, many of whom were Muslim, on what was called “The Underground Railroad”.

Tsunami Relief Bazaar was held to give us an update on the relief effort that the Dar Al-Hijrah community and others have so generously contributed to. Representatives from IMAAM [Indonesian Muslim-American Association of Maryland] showed slides and gave us an updated on the rebuilding effort. Member of the nearby Presbyterian Church joined the bazaar and have pledge their support to form a partnership with Dar Al-Hijrah to promote community cooperation and tolerance.

Media

9/11 Press conference aired on C-Span. Imam Johari along with a representative from the CCMO, CAIR and a Muslim mother of one of the 9/11 victims presented a report developed by Muslims challenging the findings of the Federal 9/11 Commissions Report.

New York Times and Channel 7 ABC News interviewed the director of Outreach regarding the attack on Muslims and Ahmed Abu-Ali and his family.

“Faith Can Make a Difference” the on AMIN radio is off the air for the time being awaiting a new frequency to broadcast the life giving message of Islam. Until then you can get archived editions of the show enjoy and share in your dawah at aminradio.com.

Words of Thanks

A Word from Our Neighbors:

Often I receive letters or emails from people who have been touched by our dawah efforts at Dar Al-Hijrah. I would like to share an email that came today.

“Dear Imam Johari:

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for your invaluable participation in the Interfaith Dialogues, the first of which was held in our congregation. I regret so much the stereotypical thinking and fearfulness which are, unfortunately, still present in our community. I want to affirm that many of us send our friendship and prayers to you during this difficult time. However modest it may be, we rejoice at the bridge-building that has begun, and we are more determined than ever to move ahead in the forging of inter-faith relationships. Just last week, I was in the land that is so holy to all of us. While I was not able to go to Hebron, I was in

Bethlehem, only a short distance from Abraham's burial place. This and so much in our common life remind me that we are truly brothers. Our prayers are with you and with all of those in your spiritual care.

Steve Hyde

Senior Pastor

Ravensworth Baptist Church"

"My mother and I did get there for the tag-end of the bazaar, and we enjoyed the food (although we missed the desserts that you had for sale in the past).

I applaud your efforts at outreach to your neighbors. You are a distinctive minority, and I think that it is an excellent idea to invite the neighbors in to show us that you're not all that much different from the rest of us.

Charles L. Gholz

Head, Interference Section

Oblon, Spivak, McClelland,

Maier & Neustadt, P.C."

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE AT DAH FEBRUARY 2005 ACTIVITY REPORT

The following educational activities have been offered during the month of February 2005:

FIQH IBADAT SERIES: Sh. Abdulmunaim Alamin presented this subject to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every **Monday** at 7 PM.

TAFSEER QURAN/ARABIC: Dr. Dawood Abdulrahman presented this subject to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every **Tuesday** at 7 PM.

TAJWEED CLASS: Br. Oussama Al-Baba presented this class to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every **Wednesday** at 7 PM.

HEART SOFTNER SERIES: Sh. Yussef Jaafar presented this subject to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every other **Thursday** at 7 PM.

OBJECTIVE THINKING SERIES: Dr. Tareq Abu Ghazaleh presented this subject to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every **Friday** at 8:15 PM except for the last Friday of February.

ISLAM AND SCIENCE SERIES: Dr. Shabib Al-Haderi presented this subject to the audience of Dar Alhijrah on the first and last **Saturday** of February at 8:15 PM in the main lecture hall. He also gave a lecture titled "How to save your heart?" on the second Saturday of February at 8:15 PM.

ARABIC GRAMMAR CLASS: Br. Hashim Al-Imam presented this class to the audience of Dar Alhijrah every **Saturday** at 8:15 PM in the library.

GUEST SPEAKER: We invited Dr. Salah El-Sawi on Sunday February 6 to give a lecture titled "Role of Islamic Centers in Preserving our Deen".

CULTURAL COMPETITION: The educational committee presented this competition to the audience of Dar Alhijrah on the last Friday of February at 8:15 PM. We also initiated the question of the week and the wisdom of the week project.

FRIDAY PRAYERS: We scheduled speakers for 16 Juma Prayers at Dar Al-Hijrah and Fairfax Hospital. Our speakers included the following names: Sh. Mohamed Hanooti, Dr. Essam Omaish, Imam Johari Abdulmalik, Br. Oussama Al-Baba, Br. Essam Abdulla, Dr. Zulfiqar Shah, Dr. Suhail Ghanooshi, Br. Mohamed Abdulla, Br. Mohamed Dini, Dr. Hani Saoudi, and Br. Raed Mustafa.

SHORT TALKS AFTER ISHA: We scheduled speakers for 20 Short talks after Isha Prayer. Our speakers included the following names: Dr. Essam Omaish, Imam Johari Abdulmalik, Br. Essam Abdulla, Imam Mahdi Bray, Dr. Suhail Ghanooshi, Br. Mohamed Abdulla, Br. Mohamed Dini, Br. Yussef Jaafar, Br. Alameddine Kaddoura, Dr. Dawood Abdulrahman, Sh. Abdulmunaim Alamin, Br. Ashraf Noubani, Dr. Anwar Haddam, Br. Altaf Tawfeeq, and Br. Shaker El-Sayed.

SHORT TALKS AFTER FAJER: We scheduled speakers for 28 Short talks after Fajer Prayer. Our speakers included the following names: Dr. Essam Omaish, Br. Essam Abdulla, Br. Mohamed Abdulla, and Dr. Dawood Abdulrahman.

WASHINGTON ISLAMIC ACADEMY (WIA)

Washington Islamic Academy's mission is to prepare students for tomorrow's society with the best Islamic manners and the highest academic achievements.

The school believes that learning is a life long process; therefore, the school will provide a program that will promote the intellectual, physical, moral, and social maturation. We are a growing Islamic school with 127 students, ranging from pre-k to 6th grade, and 15 staff members. Alhamdulillah, we are also very fortunate to have an extremely active and dedicated school board. Each teacher and staff member should practice high ethical and professional standards.

The Washington Islamic Academy is very unique in a number of different aspects some of them include the following:

- **Students and teachers are productive-not just busy-"work smarter not harder."**
- **People are free to make mistakes.**
- **Curriculum: Learning should go beyond the classroom, Masjid, and Field trips etc.**
- **The school has clear goals and everyone knows what they are: Our goal is to be the best we can in an Islamic environment.**
- **Most importantly our school, the WIA has an Islamic focused atmosphere that allows the children to succeed and thrive religiously as well as academically.**