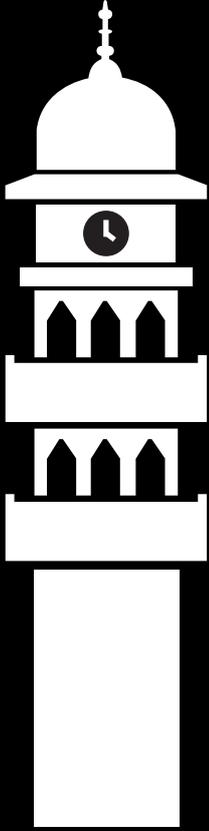


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#### THE MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge that I shall always be ready to sacrifice my life, wealth,  
time and honour for the sake of my Religion, Country and Nation

I shall also be ready to offer every sacrifice for  
the continuation of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya,

And whatever good decision the Khalifah of the time makes,  
I shall deem it obligatory to abide by it, Insha-Allah

## EDITORIAL

### Self-Discipline-A Panacea to National Development

No personal success, achievement, or goal, can be realized without self-discipline. Therefore, self-discipline by individuals in a country or society is the hallmark towards national development. As Ghana approaches another election year in 2016, the concern of many people in the country is the lack of self-discipline on the part of many which could not only derail the peaceful atmosphere but also the development of the nation.

The Ghanaian society has lately been devilled by incidents of alleged corruption on the parts of leadership and the media is awash with news of the youth engaged in indiscipline acts like armed robbery, greed, verbal abuse on leaders, hypocrisy, mediocrity, internet fraud, bribery and corruption among others. The social media is now a medium for the circulation of illicit pornographic materials which have been recorded by mostly the youth who are regarded as the future leaders of the country.

These social ills in our societies mostly emanates from individuals but collectively affects national development. The lack of self-discipline is therefore a big challenge to national development.

It was in the light of addressing the above indiscipline activities that the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, chose the theme Self Discipline: A Panacea to National Development to mark its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Ijtema'a (Rally) held at the Business Senior High School, Tamale, in the Northern Region of Ghana.

National development can only occur when the individual citizens of a country exhibit a very high level of self-discipline. In delivering the keynote address at the function, Alhaji Abdul Wahab Issah, Secretary, Tahrik-i-Jadid, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana, said "The fact that development rests squarely on individual discipline has never been more apparent than it is in contemporary times". In the absence of self-reformation, it is national development that suffers. The founder of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddeen Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul Masih II) said: "No nation can be reformed without the reformation of the youth." Self-discipline is one of the various ways that the youth could be reformed.

It has always been clear that nations in which discipline is a major focus for leadership and the citizenry are also the fastest developing

whilst societies that allow indiscipline to manoeuvre their affairs continue to grope in darkness and pessimism, as every new programme leaves in its wake stories of corruption, exploitation, selfishness, greed and ultimate failure.

In a recent address on discipline, Alhaji Maulana Noor- Muhammed Bin Salih, the Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana, stated that a country may have all the mineral resources in the crust of its lands, all the petroleum resources off its sea coast, the greenest of forests and the best human resources yet that country will continue to be in abject poverty unless it adopts a disciplined approach into harnessing these resources together to the benefit of its people.

According to the Holy Qur'an, Allah Almighty has admonished the believers that to be of the best possible character and to attain self-discipline and good moral standings, one must abstain from evil by guiding their eyes and ears. And that we should suppress anger and pardon others for their shortcomings and devour not the property of others. If this is done then we will realize that we will be at peace with Allah and therein at peace with ourselves. For one to attain self-discipline it has to be backed by faith and doing what is required of us by Allah.

The Deputy Northern Regional Minister, Alhaji A. B. A. Fuseini, during the 3-day rally took a leaf from Theodore Roosevelt of the United States of America's statement that "With self-discipline most anything is possible" by adding that "the one quality which sets one man apart from another – the key which lifts one to every aspiration while others are caught in mire mediocrity is not talent, formal education nor intellectual brightness. It is self-discipline. With self-discipline all things are possible. Without it even the simplest goal can seem like the impossible dream".

Members of the Majlis can always look up to the teachings of the Holy Quran in striving for self-discipline as it admonishes us to be humble in prayers, shun all that which is vain, be active in paying zakat, guard one's chastity, be watchful of trusts and covenants and be strict in the observance of prayers.

The Khaadim is hopeful that members of the Majlis would lead a crusade of self-discipline for the youth of this country as the nation approaches another critical election year in 2016. The Holy Quran describes us as "You are the best of mankind". Therefore, we as

members of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, should be the pacesetters to other youths in the reformation and development of our societies. As true followers of the Imam of the Age, Ahmadi youth are challenged to be law abiding, need to work and earn income honestly and genuinely, refrain from verbal abuse of those in authority, desist from pre-marital sex and abuse of the social media among others.

### FROM THE HOLY QURAN

#### Self-Discipline

O you who have faith! Be maintainers of justice and witnesses for the sake of God, even if it should be against yourselves or (your) parents and near relatives, and whether it be (someone) rich or poor, for God has a greater right over them. So do not follow (your) desires, lest you be unfair, and if you distort (the testimony) or disregard (it), God is indeed well aware of what you do. (AN-Nisa 4 Vs 136)

### FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET<sup>SAW</sup> Strongest of Character is Self-Control

Narrated by Al-Bukhari, who has if from Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, the Prophet, peace be upon him, said: 'Strong of character indeed is the man who controls himself in wrath, and not he who shows clemency after wrath'.

### FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>AS</sup> Admonition on self-Discipline

It is proper for you to have sympathy for other and to purify yourselves that thereby you may share to a degree the qualities of the Holy Spirit. Remember that without the Holy Spirit, true righteousness cannot be attained. Discard altogether the base animal desires in you and follow the path to the pleasure of Allah, be it the narrowest and most difficult of all. Do not enamored of worldly pleasures, because they lead you away from God. That suffering which pleases God is better than the pleasure which displeases Him. That defeat which displeases God is better than the victory which earns His displeasure. Abandon that love which draws you nigh to the wrath of Allah. If you come to Him with a pure heart, He will help you in every way and no enemy will be able to harm you.

(Al-Wasiyyat: Roobani Khazain Vol. 20, p/ 307)

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

## Ameer Cuts Sod For Construction Of Majlis Khuddam Project

Story by *Muneeb Yawson, Add. Mu'tamad Mulk, MKA-GH*



The Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Ghana, Alhaj Maulvi Mohammed Bin Salih, has cut the sod for the commencement of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Building Project at the National Headquarters in Osu, Accra. The event took place on August 2015.

Giving a brief background of the ceremony, Ameer Sahib said that he met with the Khuddam early in 2015 and sold to them the idea of undertaking an important and ambitious project. The Sadr, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, Mr. Abdur Noor Wahab assured him that they will undertake any project the Ameer requires of them *inshaAllah*. It was after this assurance that Ameer Sahib introduced the space for the construction of the three-story multi-purpose building.

The multi-purpose building will have a modern kitchen and accommodation for kitchen staff, dining halls for male and female, apartments for guests, offices for the three wing organizations, i.e. Lajna Imalliah, Majlis Ansarullah and Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya and a conference hall for meetings and programmes. The project is ambitious in the sense that it is supposed to be completed within a year. Ameer sahib was ecstatic about the manner with which the Majlis Khuddam accepted the project regardless of their financial strength but requested for prayers.

The brief but important ceremony was witnessed by Maulvi Muhammad Yussif Yawson, Naib Ameer, Maulvi Raghieb Zia-Ul-Haq, Maulvi Naeem Ahmad Cheema, Naib Sadr in charge of Greater Accra and Administration and Naib Sadr Southern Sector, Majlis Khuddam Ahmadiyya Ghana, members of the Majlis Aamila, Lajna Imaillah, elders of the jamaat and some members of the Majlis.

Meanwhile a brick laying ceremony has been done at the project site. Alhamdulillah a brick which was blessed by the Spiritual Head of the Ahmadiyya Musim Mission, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, was laid. In attendance were the Ameer Sahib, Mirza Mubarak Mahmoud, Alhaj Yussif M. Twumasi, Mr. Ahmad Suleman Anderson, Sadr Majlis and Naib Sadr - Greater Accra and Administration some members of the Jamat.

## Sadr Majlis Khuddam Pays Courtesy Call On Chief Of Sagnarigu

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Add. Muhtamim Isha'at, MKA-GH*

The Sadr, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, Mr. Abdur Noor Wahab and some of his National Aamila paid a courtesy call on the Chief and elders of the Sagnarigu traditional area in the Sagnarigu palace in Tamale on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The visit was made during the 36th Annual National Ijtema'a of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana.

The Chief and his elders expressed gratitude to the Sadr for having hosted the national rally on their soil. They were honoured by the visit and promised to participate in the opening session of the 3-day rally. Mr. Abdur Noor Wahab expressed gratitude to the Chief and the good people of Sagnarigu for the warm reception extended to the Majlis.

The Sadr and his entourage proceeded to the residence of the North East Regional President, Alhaj Alhassan Nurudeen Moomen. They expressed gratitude to him for his immense support towards the national rally.

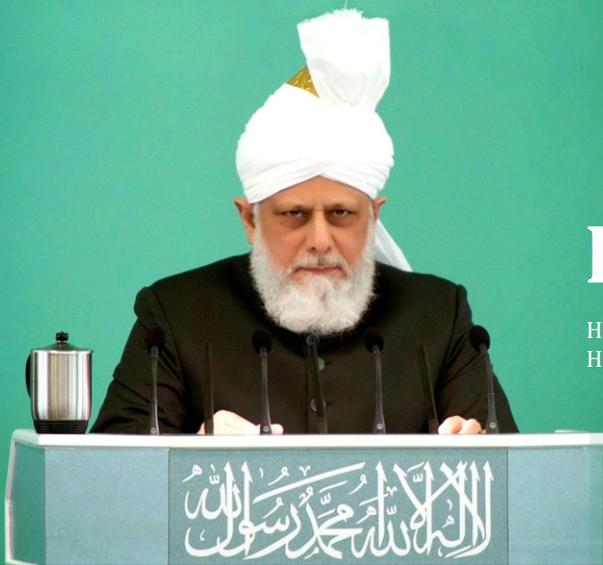


The Sadr and some of his National Aamila members at the palace of the Chief of Sagnarigu in Tamale.



The Sadr, together with two of his Naib Sadran in a meeting with the North East Regional President, Alhaj Alhassan Nurudeen Moomen.

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# FRIDAY SERMONS

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V<sup>atba</sup>  
Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## Synopsis of Huzur's<sup>atba</sup> recent Friday Sermons

*The Jum'u'ah (Friday) prayer is one form of congregational worship in Islam. It takes place every Friday. Regular attendance at the Jum'u'ah prayer is enjoined on the believer. According to a Saying of Hazrat Muhammad saw this congregational prayer is twenty-five times more blessed than worship performed alone.*

*We encourage members to read Huzur's (atba) Friday sermons which can be found at: <http://www.alislam.org/archives/>*

*For your benefit we have published below, a synopsis of Huzur's (atba) recent Friday Sermons.*

### Jalsa Salana Germany 2015: Striving for Revolutionary Self-Reformation

June 05, 2015

There was a time when it was difficult for even some people within India to afford to travel to Qadian for Jalsa Salana. In this regard the Promised Messiah(as) urged Ahmadis to save during the year to afford travel expenses to Qadian for Jalsa. Today the number of cars in which Ahmadis living in developed countries travel to Jalsa is so huge that organisers have to make diligent car parking arrangements. Ancestors of many participants of today's Jalsa would have endured hardship to travel to Jalsa. While it is heartening that things have changed for the better and God's message is spreading fast around the world, families of elders should self-reflect as to where they stand as regards connection with God, faith and compliance of all Divine commandments. It is a cause for concern if there is decline in this matter. We may be successful in worldly terms but our spiritual condition may ring hollow. At times man is so sunk in worldliness that he ends up in the lap of Satan and coming to Jalsa becomes a mere ritual. There are many matters which only Prophets of God understand. The Promised Messiah(as) expounded many matters after 1400 years which existed but Muslims did not have correct insight into them. For example the matter of all world religions being truthful although their teachings were distorted at later stages. Buddha, Zoroaster and Krishna were all

truthful. People who follow the correct teachings of their leaders are in much better condition than the rest. Every Ahmadi needs to step up for this purpose and forge new spiritual earth and new spiritual heaven. The Promised Messiah(as) said that Divine commandments are two-fold. Firstly not to associate any partner with God in His Being, His attributes and His worship and secondly to be compassionate to mankind, not just your near and dear ones but all mankind regardless of race or religion. God wishes one to entrust the matter of one's enemies to Him and not seek revenge oneself. The humbler one is the greater is God's pleasure.

### Ramadhan: Self-Reformation and Our Responsibilities

June 26, 2015

Promised Messiah(as) wanted practices of the Jama'at to change. By saying not to limit ourselves to discussions and debates he meant not to confine ourselves to words and perhaps change our stance to suit ourselves and not able to uphold good moral standards. He wanted us to make purification of self a constant part of our lives in order to fulfil the dues of Bai'at. Ahmadis should remember that in order to fulfil dues of Bai'at we have to keep God's commandments in view and put them in practice. The Holy Prophet(saw) taught us to adopt humility to such a degree that none should be proud of anything. There is no external way to gauge this and each

person who claims to have faith needs to self-reflect and see if he is free from all pride; pride of lineage, pride of wealth, pride of highly educated offspring, pride of one's academic prowess etc. The Holy Prophet(saw) said that no Arab is superior to a non-Arab and no non-Arab is superior to an Arab. We need to self-reflect during Ramadan and end family disputes for the sake of God and create an environment of peace. Disputes among brothers are usually caused by egotistical reasons and should be ended and prayers should be made for our opponents so that disorder and chaos in the world ends. We talk a lot about peace but it comes to the crunch when we are also embroiled in disputes and end them for the sake of God. We should spend these days in Ramadan available to us to bring about pure changes and gain acceptance to prayers and we should reflect over these matters. We should turn to God, seek His help to remove any and every kind of pride and arrogance we may harbour and which are impediments in developing humility and also play a part in spreading restlessness and discord. So that peace and accord may spread and no one endures restlessness due to us. The Promised Messiah(as) said: ***If you wish God in the heavens to be pleased with you then be as one with each other just as two brothers in a mother's womb. Be kind to your subordinates, your wives and your needy brothers so that kindness is shown to you in the heavens. If you become truly His, He will also become yours'.***

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## FRIDAY SERMONS

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### **Harnessing the blessings of Ramadhan**

June 19, 2015

Today is Friday and the first day of the blessed month of Ramadhan thus making it a day of countless blessings. The Holy Prophet(saw) said that there is an hour on Friday when whatever a true believer supplicates gains acceptance by God. And he told us about Ramadhan that during this month doors to Paradise are opened while doors to Hell are shut. God's grace and mercy is particularly stirred in Ramadhan and true believers are showered with blessings. Generally speaking during Ramadhan God puts Satan in fetters, opens doors to Paradise and comes closer to man. On top of this, Fridays during Ramadhan should be fully availed of. The main prayer of a believer should be made with humility to be included among those whose prayers of night and day are accepted all the time and not only in Ramadhan; so that one may be permanently guided. We are most fortunate that we accepted the Promised Messiah(as) who repeatedly told us to abide by righteousness. After him we have been given a spiritual system [of Khilafat] which reminds us time and again regarding the essence of righteousness. Indeed, Ramadhan too comes each year to nourish and sustain this essence. Everyone should try and avail the beneficence of this sacred month and become servant of God. When the enemy was completely defeated in the Battle of Badr and prominent and daring disbelievers were whipping their mounts to retreat from the frontline a woman was found fearlessly going around the battlefield. She would pick up any child she saw and then put it down. The Holy Prophet(saw) said, this woman has lost her child. Mother love was so overwhelming that she had no fear of being in the middle of destruction filled battlefield and hugged every child she saw and then let go realising it was not hers. We should especially pray a lot during these days of Ramadhan for the triumph of Islam. May we become like the handful of pebbles of Badr. May God overlook our negligence and mistakes and make such arrangements that we attain our objective. May our negligence never be a source of joy for others and with His grace, may God strengthen our weak hands to do the task that needs doing.

### **Jumu'ah and Jalsa Salana**

August 21, 2015

Today Insha'Allah after Jumu'ah, Jalsa will be inaugurated. Friday service is also important. We should realize the importance of Friday and pay dues of this day. Due to Jalsa, paying dues involves praying for the Jalsa to be blessed. With regards to the importance of Friday Service, the Holy Prophet(saw) said that the best of the days is Friday. Call down Allah's blessings upon me in abundance on this day as this is presented to me on this day. One of the great objectives of our Jalsa is to ensure that the love of God and Prophet envelops our heart. We can only fulfill this objective when we convey Durood Sharif upon Holy Prophet from bottom of our heart. And reform ourselves accordingly as per the commandments of God and the example set before us by the Holy Prophet(saw). Conveying Durood upon Holy Prophet(saw) through his love will help us attain love for God. This Jalsa will also help in forming mutual bonds and many other benefits will come about. Each of us should remember the objective of this Jalsa. We have to fulfill the conditions of this convention. This is not an ordinary convention. Our focus should be upon hearing religious teachings. We should not waste our time by engaging in meaningless discussions or walking around the stalls. See the newspapers, literatures, at stalls. Review of Religions has displayed the Shroud of Jesus Christ in their stall. One realizes the truthfulness of Promised Messiah(as) claims by seeing such exhibits. Do not merely pay attention to the style of delivery but focus upon the essence, the core of what is being delivered. Most only focus on the oration but fail to understand what is actually being said. Promised Messiah(as) did not like merely focusing upon oration. Muslims do not come with the required dedication in their conventions. What is the point of spending great amount when people fail to pay heed to the essence. May Allah enable all the participants to benefit from this Jalsa.

### **The Essence of Trials and Tribulations**

October 2, 2015

Tribulations should not be considered bad. One who considers tribulations as

bad is not a true believer. Allah the Exalted states: *'And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'* When such difficulties descend on Prophets of God they bring them glad tidings of blessings and when the same difficulties descend on the wicked they ruin them. Some people allege that Allah the Exalted does not listen to their prayers or people are critical of saints that their such and such prayer was not accepted. In fact these people are foolish and unaware of Divine laws. Anyone who has experienced such a thing will be fully aware of the principle that Allah the Exalted has presented two aspects whereby He listens and also has Him listened to. The Promised Messiah(as) has said that those who are patient are blessed. Patience does not mean one is not saddened at a loss. It means one does not let it get the better of one and lose one's senses in the process. It is OK to be saddened but this should be followed by a renewed resolve to better one's practices more than ever. It should also be remembered that only those who are patient know the realities of prayer. A lot of damage was sustained in the recent fire in two ancillary halls of the Baitul Futuh Mosque. It was a very intense fire. When different media reported it, some malicious people expressed joy at the burning of the Mosque. In fact they said it is not a mosque, these people are not Muslim, and so it is their place of worship which is on fire. Later they expressed regret that only two halls were burnt and the Mosque in itself did not burn! Such is the way of some Muslims today. But all are not the same. God saved us from any loss of life. One person was working in the library and had no idea what was going on outside. When he finished his work and tried to leave the library a gust of black smoke hit him. Anxious, he tried to run but jet black smoke filled the area and he could not see anything. He struggled to breathe. With great difficulty he fumbled for the corridor wall and started walking along it.



# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## GREATER ACCRA REGION

### Greater Accra Majlis Hold Ijtema At Lomnava

Story by *Mohammed Buabeng, Nazim Isha'at, Greater Accra*

**A**lhajj Abdul Wahab Issah, a former Sadr (National President) of the Majlis advised Khuddam to shun excuses when it comes to the services of the Jamaat as well as in their daily lives. He said that to attain Allah's mercies and forgiveness, one must dedicate himself wholly to the service of Islam without excuses because giving excuses is a character of hypocrites. Alhajj Issah spoke at the 24th Annual Rally of the Greater Accra Region held on 16th and 17th May, 2015 at Lomnava (Nsuobiri), a farming community in the Ga West District Assembly on the theme *"Dedication to the Service of Islam - A Pre-Requisite for Spiritual Upliftment"*. He added that Khuddam should eschew asking for compensation after serving the Jamaat because compensation is the thief of integrity.

Mr. Nasir Ahmed Bonsu, Qaid Ilaqa (Regional President of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya) in his welcoming address said dedication to the service of Islam is a prime objective of every Muslim that can never be overlooked and that members should exert all their energies and spend all their resources in the way of Allah and surely Allah will reward them. Maulvi Ragheeb Zia-ul Haq, the Regional Missionary, in his opening address, admonished members to inculcate the fear of Allah in them in order to attain the blessings and pleasure of Allah. He advised them to stay away from bad deeds and communicate regularly with Allah through the five daily prayers. Ustaz Mumtaz Baidoo, the Missionary who recently returned from the Solomon Island in Australia narrated his sad but inspiring story of his stay on the island as featured in the June 2015 edition of the Khaadim. Alhajj Mohammed Ali Katu, Waqf-e-Jadid and Tarik-e-Jadid Secretary of the region urged members to be part of these blessed schemes.

In a fraternal message, the Chief of the Nsuobiri community, Nii Armah Yussif, said he wished Islam Ahmadiyyat is established fully in his community and prayed for a mosque to be built in his community as he was also willing to dedicate his son to be trained as a Missionary. Mr. Irfan Hammond, Mu'tamad Ilaqa (Regional Secretary) read the annual report and members who excelled in various competitions as well as past and serving executives were awarded.

Ustaz Aliu A. Adam, Naib Sadr (Vice President) in charge of Greater Accra and Administration, the Chairman for the occasion, in his closing remarks reminded members to adhere and make any form of sacrifice to the directive of the Ameer & Missionary-In-Charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Ghana through the Sadr, to put up a multi-purpose storey building to be completed in a year. Over 300 members attended the rally from the various circuits of the region including some national executives.

### A Visit To Korle-Bu On Eid-ul-Adha Day

Story by *Nasir Ahmed Bonsu, Qaid Ilaqa, Greater Accra*

Eid-ul-Adha is about sacrificing and sharing out of faith in Allah and Allah's mercy on us all. As part of the celebration to mark the blessed

day, the Greater Accra Regional Aamila led by the Regional Qaid after the Eid prayers visited a Khaadim at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital who was in a critical condition. The Khaadim had undergone a surgery which to amputate his leg and was yet to undergo another surgery.

The Aamila presented food and drinks to the Khaadim to enjoy the day and share with his ward mate at the hospital. He was full of smiles as well as his mate. A prayer was said for them as well.

### Career Guidance And Counselling Session Organized For JHS Students

Story by *Ahmed K. Mensah, Naib Qaid Ilaqa, Gt. Accra*

**O**n 17th October, 2015, the executives of Nima Circuit organized a Career Guidance and Counselling session for students of the Ahmadiyya International Junior High School at Bustan-e-Ahmad in Accra. The program was targeted at the Basic Education Certificate Examination (B.E.C.E) candidates in the school.

The aim of the program was to guide the students to make informed decisions and enable them to choose courses having in mind a career they intend to pursue. Often, students choose programs of study without having any career in mind. Some students choose programs just based on how nice the names of the programs sound in their ears; and in some other cases, they have no say at all in choosing a course of study. A short video of Bruce Beutler, a Nobel Prize winner in Physiology and Medicine, captioned, *"Why did you choose a career in Science?"* was shown to the students to emphasize the essence of career guidance.

Courses like the Sciences; Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, Art and Social Sciences, Engineering as well as Architecture and Planning were covered at the event. The program was chaired by Mr. Ahmed Mensah, Naib Qaid, Greater Accra Region, who was also a resource person. Ustaz Anderson, the Nima Circuit Missionary, Mrs. Fathiha Mubeena, the Headmistress of the School accompanied by one teacher who is a member of the Majlis graced the occasion with their presence. The Resource persons who were members of the Majlis included Mr. Iddrisu Ninson, the Nima Circuit Naib Qaid, Mr. Hassan Salih and Mr. Obeidullah. The speakers briefed the students on the career opportunities available under the various areas of study, their corresponding courses at Senior High School and their commensurate behavior pattern and disciple that students must cultivate.

There were 75 students, including Atfal from Nima and Achimota Circuits. At the end of the program, an appraisal session was organized where students had the chance to share what they gained from the event. The program came to a close with an advice from the Headmistress and a prayer from the Nima Circuit Missionary.

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### GREATER ACCRA

#### Soccer Fiesta For Atfal And Khuddam

Story by *Ahmed K. Mensah, Naib Qaid Ilaqa, Greater Accra*

After a successful completion of the career guidance and counselling session, Zuhr and Asr prayers were said at the school mosque after which a soccer match was organized between the Ahmadiyya International School team and a joint team of Nima and Achimota Circuit Atfal. At the end of the match, the amalgamated team of Atfal from Nima and Achimota Circuits lost to the Ahmadiyya International School team by four goals to nothing.

There was another football match between Achimota and Nima Khuddam. The match ended in a 2 - 2 draw. After penalty shoot-out, Achimota Circuit carried the day. The event was blessed with the presence of the former Naib Sadr of the Majlis, Mr. Abdul Samad, who was also a former Regional Qaid, Circuit Missionaries of Achimota and Nima and the Achimota Circuit President. After the event, the members received a series of advice from the elders present. A closing prayer was led by the Achimota Circuit Missionary.

#### Historic Waqar-e-amal Held At The National Headquarters

Story by *Mohammed Buabeng, Nazim Isha'at, Greater Accra*

Over 80 Majlis members in the region partook in the first ever waqar-e-amal at the Khuddam building project site at the National Headquarters in Osu, Accra. The 2-day labour held on 29th and 30th of August, 2015, saw members carting clay from the building foundation with head pans into a parked double axle tipper truck.

The truck driver who was not a muslim said the job could have taken a week to complete and remarked that he had never seen a religious youth group performing such a difficult job with enthusiasm.

With the help of Allah Almighty, members

worked tirelessly for the job to complete to enable the engineers continue their work.

Ustaz Aliu Adam, Naib Sadr, Greater Accra and Administration was full of praise and asked for the blessings of Allah on members who sacrificed their time and strength for the project. He described the Waqar-e-Amal as historic because that was the first to be organised at the site. He asked members to redeem their pledges towards the building. The work continued on the 10th and 11th of October, 2015.



### WESTERN REGION

#### Takoradi Circuit Hold Clean-up Exercise

Story by *Adam Tweneboah Koduah, Nazim Isha'at, W/R*

Mr. Aziz Baidoo, Takoradi Circuit Qaid, has said it is the responsibility of every Muslim to serve and help the vulnerable in the society. "We serve the community to emulate the Holy Prophet(saw) and our motto love for all hatred for none,".

Mr. Aziz Baidoo made these remarks during a clean-up exercise organized by the Circuit in the Kwesimintsim-Assakae Jama'at. The members of the Circuit weeded the compound, cleared drains and cleaned wards at the Jemima Hospital in Kwesimintsim. Mr. Ismail Kweku Issah, Nazim Mal, said the clean-up exercise formed part of activities in the consolidated program of the Majlis to be undertaken annually throughout the Majlis year.

Mrs. Jemima Crentsil, Senior Records Officer at the Jemima Hospital expressed her appreciation to the Majlis and appealed to other religious groups, corporate organisations and individuals to emulate the example of the Ahmadis.



Members of the Majlis in a group photograph with Mrs. Crentsil and some hospital staff.

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### WESTERN REGION

#### Marriage Seminar Organized

Story by *Adam Tweneboah Koduah, Nazim Isha'at, W/R*



The Majlis in the Western Region organized a marriage seminar on 7th June, 2015 at the Tanokrom mosque. The seminar, which was under the auspices of the Regional Missionary in collaboration with the Khuddam Aamila, was held to address the budding need for more care to be taken in the wake of the several marital challenges staring in the faces of members of the Jamaat.

The seminar was attended by 70 members from all the wing organisations. The Nazim Ansarullah, Mr. Mohammed Ansoh chaired the event. The Circuit President, Mr. Mohammed Frimpong gave the welcome address whilst Mr. Abubakar Abdullah and Mr. Ishaque Bin Issah delivered the main speeches for the occasion. The speakers presented their speeches with reference to the Holy Qur'an and the Ahadith while also dealing with present-day practices that are injurious to the marriage institution. There was questions and answers session where Ustaz Ridwanullah Numbo of Inchaban Circuit responded.

The most prevalent issues discussed centered on the expensive nature of modern-day marriages and how to tailor the unthinkable cost thrown at prospective bridegrooms. This was a widely held view by most Khuddam present at the function, as a reason for their failure to marry even when they are of age.

The Regional Qaid Mr. Benyameen Entsir Keelson promised to regularly organize such seminars to address the perennial marital problems in the region.

#### Maiden Atfal Day Commemorated

Story by *Adam Tweneboah Koduah, Nazim Ishaat, W/R*

The Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Western Region marked its maiden Atfal Day on Sunday, 26th July, 2015 in Sekondi Circuit at Inchaban mosque. The program which was the first of its kind in the history of the Majlis was attended by 206 Atfal drawn from all the seven (7) circuits in the region.

The Naib Qaid, Mr. Jibreel Baidoo, Chairman for the event made the program interactive by asking the Atfal questions from the history of Islam and Ahmadiyya as an informal introduction to the program.

The Nazim Talim, Mr. Abdul Rahman Abdullah, on his part admonished the Atfal that prayer is one of the pillars of Islam so they should engage in Salat frequently as instructed by Allah in the Holy Qur'an. This, he said, will garner blessings from Allah and enhance their spirituality. Maulvi Rizwan Kausar, Western Regional Missionary, the Guest of Honour for the occasion, took the opportunity to narrate the story of the Promised Messiah(as) and how his love for the Holy Prophet(saw) and the glorious Qur'an grew at a very tender age to the children.

He admonished parents to instil this exemplary life of the holy companions in their children to be ardent believers in the Promised Messiah(as) and exhibit no lax in morals when they are growing up. He further advised the Majlis to live lives worthy of emulation for the young ones. The Chairman, in his closing remarks, advised the participants to take their academic activities seriously be it secular or religious. Awards were presented to members who excelled in various religious competitions.

A section of members of the Atfal during the maiden Atfal Day in Sekondi.



#### Apremdo/Beposo Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Commissioned

Story by *Adam Tweneboah Koduah, Nazim Ishaat, W/R*

The Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Ghana, Alhaji Maulvi Mohammed Bin Salih, has commissioned a two new 200-worshipper capacity mosque complex in Apremdo and Beposo in the Western Region. The facility which is with a library and internet facilities and a mission house alongside offices.

Speaking at the commissioning, the Ameer called on Ghanaians to remain tolerant with one another irrespective of their diverse religions, ethnic or political backgrounds. He said that the mosque should remain a model for the spiritual as well as moral transformation of the Ahmadi community and others, adding that Islam stands for peace. He charged the Ahmadiyya Muslim community to demonstrate to the people of Apremdo and Beposo through their actions and utterances the true picture of Islam as a religion of peace. The Ameer commended the entire Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Beposo and Apremdo for coming together to ensure that the mosque was completed in record time.



The Ameer unveiling the plaque during the commissioning of the mosque.



Western Regional Missionary delivering a speech during the commissioning.

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### ASHANTI REGION

#### Chanda Seminar At Asafo

Story by *Bipuah Hanif, Qaid Ilaqa, Ashanti Region*

The Majlis has worked hard in recent times to inculcate the habit and accomplishment of the fundamental responsibility of financial sacrifice and the way to do it. The methods of managing this crucial pillar of Islam have always been critical as knowledge of Nizam-e-Ahmadiyyat is little among many Majlis members and the Jama'at at large. A seminar was done in the Asafo Mosque on 18th January 2015, with a design that looked at two topics: *'the benefits of financial sacrifice'* and *'how to calculate the various categories of Chanda.'*

Ustaz Awudu Bariyak handled the matter of importance while Mr. Hakeem Apenteng (former accountant at the Ashanti Regional Mission Headquarters) led the discussion on how to pay and the arithmetic involved. Copies of the Chanda chart were provided to participants who were without any and formulae on how to deduce various proportions from the total income of a person were also taught.

Another issue of emphasis was the need to demand or ensure one collects a receipt of payment after any Chanda or rally fee is paid to a collector or Majlis officer. The over 30 Khuddam and even more Lajna participants were allowed an hour of questions and answers to end the seminar.

This seminar was the first for the year with another in Sekyere East circuit and others to follow in ensuing months. The Majlis is aimed at improving education on the need to pay Chanda and the proper way for calculating it. May Allah be our helper. Ameen.

#### Atfal Region Rally

Story by *Ibrahim Asare, Nazim Isha'at, Ashanti Region*

On the 31st and 1st of August, 2015, 200 Atfal converged at the Region's Central Mosque, Asafo to have their regional rally under the theme 'Obedience to Authorities'. Out of the 13 circuits, 12 circuits participated in the rally.

Mr. Dawood Abbas, Naib Sadr for the Northern Sector was the Chairman and Ustaz Bashirudeen Zakariyya, National Atfal Secretary was the guest speaker. Regional Executives present were Mr. Hanif Bipuah,

the Regional Qaid Mohammed Saed Clement, Yusuf Adusei, Mahmud Enning, Saeed Jamal Baidoo, Dawood Asante, Malik Duah and Nasir Ahmed Tetteh.

Academic activities competed on include Quran reading, Quran memorization, written quit, al qaseeda, salat and azan. They were also engaged in sporting activities such as sack race, football, musical chairs and eating competition.

The presentation of awards were done by Mr Dawood Abbas, Naib Sadr (Northern Sector) and Ustaz Alhassan Arthur, Atonsu Circuit Missionary.

#### Marriage Seminar

Story by *Ibrahim Asare, Nazim Isha'at, Ashanti Region*

Islam, unlike other religions is a strong advocate of marriage. Prophet Mohammed, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him' said there is no celibacy in Islam. Marriage is a religious duty and is consequently a moral safeguard and a social necessity. The Prophet has also said that marriage is my tradition and whosoever keeps away therefrom is not amongst me. It is out of these good Islamic teachings that the Majlis Khuddam organizes Marriage Seminar once every month.

Most often, the Khuddam from the three Circuits in Kumasi namely Atonsu, Asafo and Oforikrom converge at the Central mosque for the seminar. The resource person's presentation is followed by the 'questions and answers' session. The event is repeated in the other remaining Circuits (Asante Akim, Sekyere West, Kumasi District, Nkawie, Sekyere East, Sefwi, Adanse West, Adansi South, Denkyira and Amansie East). After every marriage seminar, a report is prepared and sent to the Regional Rishta Nata Secretary, Lajna, and Ansarullah for further action.

#### Ashanti Region Khuddam Launch Novelty football league

Story by *Ibrahim Asare, Nazim Isha'at, Ashanti Region*

The Ashanti Regional branch of the Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, Ghana has launched a Novelty Football League involving eight (8) of the thirteen (13) Circuits in the Region. The competition known as the "MKAAs Peace

was officially launched on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the T. I. Ahmadiyya Senior high School, Kumasi.

The function, chaired by the Naib Sadr, Northern Sector, Mr. Dawood Abbas, was attended by over 180 members including members of the Regional Aamla (Executive) and representatives from the participating Circuits as well as Alhaj Sherif Edusei the Regional Ansarullah Nazim., Maulvi Nawaz Ahmad (National Coordinator, Waqf-e-Nou), Mr. Jamil Ibrahim Badu (former Naib Sadr), an Elder of the Jamaat, Alhaj Abubakar Bonsu, Mr. Haneef Keelson (Mutamad Mulk) Mr. Musah Kofi Amisah (Muhtamim Sihat-E-Jismani), and Mr. Adam Tuffour (Muhtamim Tarbiyyat Nau-Mubayyin).

After brief introduction of the Competition by the Regional Qaid, Mr. Hanif Bipuah, followed by pieces of advice from the invited Jamaat Elders, the Naib Sadr officially launched the Competition on behalf of the Sadr Mulk calling on the Khuddam to ensure that all rules of the competition was adhered to and the matches used to promote peace and brotherliness among members.

Participants signed the symbolic "Peace Ball" to indicate their commitment to abide by the Competition's rules and regulations while a three-member League Board chaired by Mr. Ahmed Baffoe was introduced.

After the ceremony the Naib Sadr led the dignitaries to the T. I. AMASS School Park to take the "Ceremonial Kick-Off" to signal the commencement of the League Tournament. The first match was between the Atonsu and Asafo Circuits which Asafo Circuit won by a lone goal while the second match of the day saw the Kumasi District Circuit beating the Oforikrom Circuit by a lone goal.

The eight (8) Circuits participating in the Novelty MKAAs League are; Adansi West, Amansie East, Asafo, Atonsu, Kumasi District, Oforikrom, Sekyere East and Sekyere West.



Mr. Dawood Abbas, Naib Sadr Northern Sector, signing the ball during the ceremony, looking on is the Mutamad

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### BRONG AHAFO REGION

#### Brong Ahafo Majlis Attend National Ijtema

Story by *Qamar Bin Osman, Qaid Ilaqa, Brong Ahafo Region*

**A**lhamdulillah Brong Ahafo Majlis attended the Annual National Ijtema (rally) in Tamale in their numbers.

With the help of some brothers who were new converts also attended the rally. Their traveling and transport expenses and their Khuddam uniforms were provided by the Majlis. One of the new converts commented that by providing them with the uniforms, they have been integrated into the Majlis.

Brong Ahafo received nine (9) awards from both academic and sporting activities. Brong Ahafo successfully defended their title as champions of the football competition.



Route march amidst singing



The Brong Ahafo football team



New converts who attended the Ijtema

#### Donation To Hanukkak Childrens' Home

Story by *Qamar Bin Osman, Qaid Ilaqa, Brong Ahafo Region*

**M**ajlis Khuddam in Sunyani Fiapre Circuit with the help from other members and supporters raised and donated items worth GH¢2,400.00 to Hanukkak Children's Home in Baakoniaba in the Sunyani Municipality.

Items donated included diapers, boxes of bar soap, assorted drinks, boxes of biscuits, gallons of oil, loaves of bread, bags of rice, clothings and toiletries. *Alhamdulillah*, the donation was blessed by the Sunyani Fiapre Circuit Missionary and Regional Lajna President. Twenty (20) Khuddam attended the event.



#### Visitations by B.A Regional Aamila

Story by *Qamar Bin Osman, Qaid Ilaqa*

**T**o increase the attendance of the Majlis at the national ijtema, the Qaid Ilaqa, his Naib, Nazimeen Ishaat, Atfal and Tarbiyyat Nau Mubayyin visited some circuits in the region. Circuits visited included, Zezera, Techimantia, Kintampo and Bamboi.



At Zezera during the visit



A group photograph at Techimantia

#### National Sanitation Day Observed

Story by *Qamar Bin Osman, Qaid Ilaqa*

**P**rior to the National Sanitation Day in Brong Ahafo which coincided with the date set for the national ijtema, 22 Khuddam from the Techiman Circuit took it upon themselves to organize a waqar-e-amar exercise towards the Sanitation Day. 56 copies of Review of Religions magazine and leaflets were distributed.



Members dislting the gutter during the exercise

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### EASTERN REGION

#### Regional Qaid Visits Afram Plains

Story by *Malek Appiah Affum, Qaid Ilaqa, Eastern Region*

On 18th September, 2015, the Eastern Regional Qaid, Malek Affum visited the Majlis in Afram Plains to interact with the members and inspire them to get involved in Majlis activities. They were sensitized on the consolidated programme of activities, the salat report and the Majlis Khuddam Building Project. Circuit Missionary of Afram Plains, Ustaz Hamid Abedu, who is a Khaadim, thanked the Regional Qaid for the visit and called for more visits to clear the misconception that the Circuit Majlis is isolated from the region. He also invited the region to hold its 2016 Regional rally in Afram Plains.



#### Ginger Farm Inspected

Story by *Nasir Aidoo, Nazim Isha'at*

Kibi Circuit has established a ginger farm on the jamaat land to generate income for funding some Majlis programmes in the circuit. In a Regional Aamila meeting, circuits with unused jamaat land were advised to utilize the land for farming and other related ventures.

The Regional Qaid Malek Affum, Add. Nazim Isha'at Nasir Aidoo, Kibi Circuit Qaid Musah Ofori, Koforidua Circuit Qaid Ahmed Anti and Nazim Waqar-e-amal Ibrahim Asiedu visited the ginger farm at Ettukrom to encourage them and support them in the project. Similarly, the Majlis in Nkawkaw have also planted a total of 55 Coconut trees on the boundaries of the jamaat land and 95 seeds in nursing to protect the land and also to generate income for the activities of the Majlis.



Regional Aamila inspects ginger farm

#### New Converts Build Mosque at Asekesu

Story by *Ibrahim Asiedu, Nazim Waqar-e-Amal, Eastern Region*

Eleven Khuddam from Koforidua Circuit undertook a waqar-e-amal programme in Asekesu, a newly created jamaat in the Koforidua Circuit to help them build a praying centre. They carried 150 cements blocks to the site, dug the foundation, fetched water, sand and prepared mortar for block work.. The Regional Qaid Malek Affum, Koforidua Circuit Qaid Ahmed Anti, the Regional Nazim Tarbiyyat Naumubayyin (New Converts) and Waqar-e-amal Ibrahim Asiedu and the Regional Nazim Umuru Talaba (Students Affair) Ahmad Asamoah participated. Four new converts were actively involved. May Allah reward the efforts of all who participated and bless the Asekesu jamaat with many more members. Amen.



Waqar-e-Amal at Asekesu, a new jamaat

#### Asamankese Majlis Contribute Towards Mission House Project

Story by *Ibrahim Ofosu, Asamankese Circuit Qaid*



Ten years after acquiring the land for the Asamankese Circuit Mission House Project, a Khaadim Missionary arrived on 1st January, 2013 to run the affairs of the circuit. The enthusiasm of the Circuit Missionary, Ustaz Abdur-Rahman Amoah enabled the Circuit to commence work on the site. Throughout the two years, the Majlis in Asamankese have been involved at every stage of the building project from the foundation to its current stage. They have sacrificed in cash, kind, and time as well as with their strength. The most exciting part is that some Khuddam masons and carpenters always sacrifice out of their business schedules to work tirelessly on the project. Among such Khuddam are Mr. Ibrahim Donkor, Mr. Ahmad Ofori and Mr. Ibrahim Kojo.

The Circuit Qaid, Mr. Ibrahim Ofosu and the Waqar-e-amal Secretary have been involved and from time to time encourage members during work. *Alhamdulillah*, the building is now at its window level. An estimated workmanship amounting to Three Thousand Five Hundred Ghana Cedis (GHC3,500.00) would have been paid if the project had not been carried out by the Khuddam. We pray that Allah out of His grace grant the Khuddam strength and long life to complete this project. Ameen!



Progress of the Asamankese Mission House

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### CENTRAL WEST REGION

#### Competitions For Atfal Held At Regional Level

Story by *Sadique Bin Usman, Qaid Ilaqa, Central West Region*

As part of the training of the Atfal in the Central West Region, the Nazim Atfal supported by other Regional executives held a two day academic competition for Atfal from the various Circuits in the region. The event took place at Saltpond from 3rd to 4th July and 14th to 15th August, 2015 with 29 and 17 Atfal attending respectively. The children engaged in Qur'anic Recitation, Qur'anic Memorization, Azan Calling, Salat Performance, Quiz, Al-Qaseeda, To the Nation's Youth competitions. Best Atfal were selected for national rally competitions.



The Best Atfal selected for the national rally

#### Psychiatric Hospital, Prisons And Children's Home Visited

Story by *Sadique Bin Usman, Qaid Ilaqa, Central West Region*

On Monday, 20th July, 2015, 11 Regional and Circuit executives from Central West Region visited the Maximum Security Prisons at Ankaful, Cape Coast (the largest in West Africa). The Majlis donated clothing, boxes of laundry soap, scrubbing brushes, brooms and leaflets on the teachings of Islam Ahmadiyyat to the inmates. The Regional Qaid was given the opportunity to advise



Central West Regional Qaid presenting the items to the Prisons Officers

the inmate and pray for them. The Prison authorities invited the Majlis to regularly come and preach to the inmate who number over 900. On the same day, the executives visited the Ankaful Psychiatric Hospital and donated same items including sandals.

Earlier, four (4) executives visited the Saltpond Children's Home on the 30th of June, 2015 and donated packs of toilet roll, a mini-bag of rice, biscuits, fruit drinks, washing and bathing soaps.



Regional Qaid presenting the items to the nurses at the hospital.

#### Regional Aamila Tour Various Circuits

Story by *Sadique Bin Usman, Qaid Ilaqa, Central West Region*

Four teams formed by the Central West Regional Qaid toured various circuits/jama'ats in July and August, 2015 to interact with members, collect Khuddam building levy, visit the sick and the aged and encourage the Khuddam and Atfal to attend the National Rally in Tamale.

Two days were spent in each circuit visited. House to house visits were done to interact with those who could not come to mosques and those in the remote areas. 430 Atfal paid their Atfal dues within the period.



In a jamaat during the tour

period. The Nazimeen Tarbiyyat Nau Mubayy'een and Atfal embarked on a four day tour to two newly created jama'ats namely Akotogua and Akwakrom in Mankessim/Essarkyir respectively. They taught 35 converts and donated a copy of the Holy Qu'ran, 3 copies of the Yassarnal Qu'ran, a book on the life of the Holy Prophet(saw) and made a cash donation of GHC20.00 for photocopying of literature on salat.

#### Eid-ul-Fitr Celebrations

Story by *Sadique Bin Usman, Qaid Ilaqa, Central West Region*

Central West and East Khuddam and Atfal met at Mankessim in Central West to play football and volleyball on Sunday 19th July, 2015. Central West won all the football matches and Central East won all the volleyball matches. Before the games, participants listened to health talk on diabetes delivered by Musah Kofi Amisah Sahib, Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismani. He also advised on the need to exercise regularly and also go for regular medical checkup. 150 Khuddam and 50 Atfal participated in Eid-ul-fitr fun games.

#### Eid-ul-Adha Fun Games

Story by *Sadique Bin Usman, Qaid Ilaqa, Central West Region*

The Khuddam and Atfal from Central West and Central East Regions engaged in sporting competitions at Gomoa Mangoase on 27th September, 2015. The Atfal played football whiles the Khuddam played football and volleyball. 35 members from Central West participated and more than 50 from the host region, Central East.

The programme was graced by the Naib Sadr, Southern Sector, Mr. Usman Y. N. Baidoo. The Muhtamimeen Sihat-e-Jismani, Tarbiyyat Southern Sector and Umur-e-Talaba attended and played for the Aamila team. The Muhtamim Sihat-e-Jismani advised the Khuddam on the need to exercise the body regularly to stay fit.

Story by *Ibrahim Asare, Nazim Isha'at, Ashanti Region*

## WHY SHOULD I NOT THANK ALLAH?

Why shouldn't I thank Allah?

He has given me life and provided for me all I wanted. He has given me parents who think about me always and always. He provides me with food, clothing and shelter by His grace which He showers on my parents to enable them cater for me.

And why shouldn't I thank Allah?

When He has made me healthy and strong. There are others who are sick and live in pains, if He wished; He could have made me like them. If I wake up healthy and strong, I would say *Alhamdulillah*.

And why shouldn't I thank Allah?

When I have eyes to see? There are many kids like me who were born blind and so they live in the darkness. If He so wishes, He could make me go blind. But by His grace, I can see. I can see all the beautiful things He has created which are signs of His existence. For there can be no creation without a creator. So if I can see, I'll say *Alhamdulillah*.

And why shouldn't I thank Allah?

When He has given me ears that can hear, everyone has ears but not all of them can hear. There are kids like me who are deaf. So if by Allah's grace I can hear the call to prayer, and the Khutuba on Fridays, and I can hear my name when I am called, I will say *Alhamdulillah*.

And why shouldn't I thank Allah?

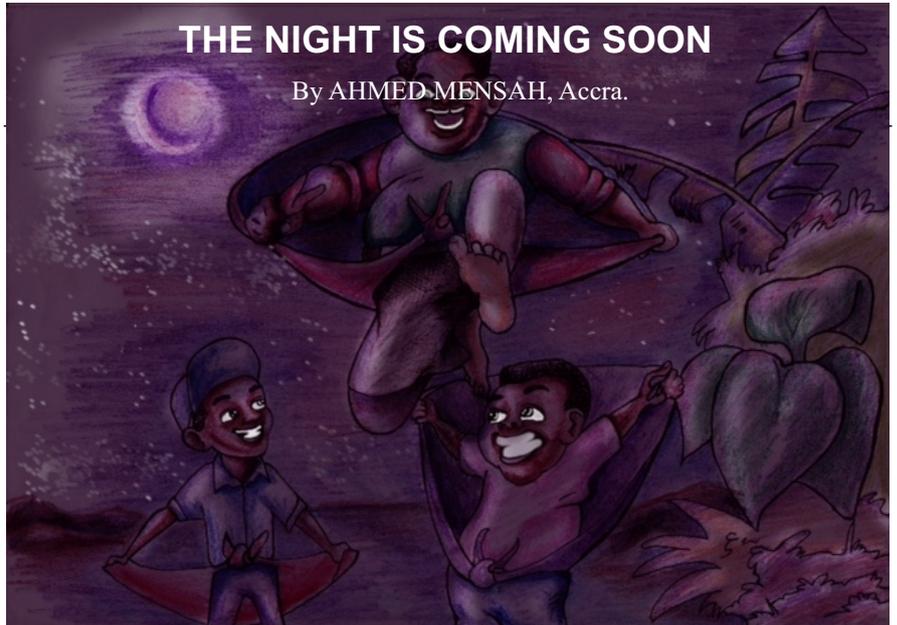
When I can talk? Everyone has a mouth but not all men can talk. I can speak with my loved ones and recite the book of Allah with a melodious voice which He has given me. So if today I can speak, what I can say is *Alhamdulillah*.

And why should I not thank Allah; for making me a Muslim? By His mercy, I was born to a Muslim family. Many of my friends are Christians. They worship Jesus a human being who is the son of Mary and Joseph. Who comes from Israel. They worship Jesus (as) who is dead and buried in Kashmir in India. They worship a humble prophet of God who preached to the world that God is one. So if Allah has made me a Muslim, I will say *Alhamdulillah*.

*I Will Thank You Allah, All Praise Belongs To You, You Are The Lord Of All The Worlds*

## THE NIGHT IS COMING SOON

By AHMED MENSAH, Accra.



*“Know that the life of this world is only a sport and a pastime” Quran 57:21*

Once upon a time in my own childhood, I used to play with my friends from dawn till dusk. I barely had any time to eat or even to take a bath. To get me to bath Mummy had to send a search party after me. Especially on weekends, I had no time to do anything else apart from playing on the fields and roaming unnecessarily.

One day, Daddy sat me down and gave me the following advice, “My son, in the Holy Quran, Almighty Allah has instructed us to be moderate in whatever we do as Muslims. We must play in moderation so that we can have time to say our prayers, study the Yasarnal Quran, help our parents at home and also to study. After the advice he warned me never to miss Maghrib Payers and never step out of the house after Maghrib prayers. He promised to punish me severely if I went against his instruction.

The very next morning, I forgot all about Daddy's advice. I went out with my friends, Kwesi and Ato. We played all day. I did not have time to say my prayers. In the evening, I knew I had to be home for Maghrib but the game was getting more interesting. Before I realized, it was dark everywhere. I had to go home but I realized I had gone against Daddy's instruction and he will definitely be mad at me. All my friends dispersed to their various homes leaving me alone to face Daddy all by myself.

When I went home I was too afraid to enter the house. I peeped through the

door and saw that the family had just completed Isha prayers and Daddy was giving Dars in the living room. Daddy had seen me peeping all that while but I wasn't aware. He suddenly called me, “Ahmed!!!” I didn't know whether to climb to heaven or sink into the earth. I became very terrified. I entered and stood in front of the congregation too ashamed to even lift my face. My siblings, Adiza, Rahman and Abdallah started laughing at me because my feet were all dust and my clothes so dirty, as if I were returning from the refuse dump. That evening, daddy whipped me mercilessly and thereafter, instructed that I should be the one to attending to the refuse in the house. So I became the “Boola man” for almost a month. It is a night I will never forget.

The life of this world is just like my story. Life is like a sport and a pastime, just as the Quran puts it. Let us not be too engrossed in it. Let us know that the night (death) will soon come, and we will have to go home. We can't be here forever. We will have to leave the sport behind and return home to Allah. Are we saying our prayers? Are we doing righteous deeds? Are we feeding our soul with the world of God (the Holy Quran)? Or we are wasting our short lifetime on useless stuff?

My Brothers, let's get wise. The night is soon coming, and we will have to go home. *Innaalillah wa inna ilaihi raajiuun* “We are from Allah, and we will have to return to Him”. May Allah grant us a good end. May the night come only when Allah is pleased with us. Amen.

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## CONTROLLING DIABETES

*Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarkatohu.*

I would want to believe that you know your status by now! Well, if you do not then please check your status from a nearby health facility. Remember that knowledge is power and knowing your status will obviously help you to improve your health.

### MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT DIABETES

**1: Overeating Sugar Causes Diabetes:** What makes diabetes happen? The reasons are certainly not totally understood. What's known is that simply overeating sugar isn't likely to cause diabetes. Instead, diabetes begins when something disrupts your capacity to turn foods into energy.

To know what goes on when you've got diabetes, keep these things in your mind: Your system reduces a lot of foods into glucose, a sort of sugar necessary to power your cells. A hormone called insulin is created inside the pancreas. Insulin helps cells in your body to use glucose for fuel.

**2: You Will Find A Lot Of Rules Inside A Diabetes Diet:** When you have diabetes, you need to plan your diet. However the general principle is not hard: Following a "diabetes diet" means choosing food that may work with your activities and any medications to help keep your glucose levels as near to normalcy as it can be.

**3: Carbohydrates Could Be Unhealthy for Diabetes:** Actually, carbohydrates are great for diabetes. They make up the foundation of a normal diabetes diet. Carbohydrates possess the greatest impact on blood sugar, and that's why you are required to observe the number of carbohydrates you take in when following a diabetes diet.

**4: Protein Is Preferable to Carbohydrates for Diabetes:** The major

problem is that many foods are abundant with protein, for instance meat, and may also be full of saturated fats. Over-eating those fats increases your risk of cardiovascular disease. Inside a diabetes diet, protein should account for about 15% to 20% of the total calories you take in every day.

**5: It Is Possible to Adjust Your Diabetes Drugs to "Cover" Anything You Eat:** If you are using insulin for your diabetes, you might figure out how to adjust the total amount and type you take to fit the quantity of what you eat. But it doesn't mean you can eat just as much as you desire, then just use more drugs to stabilize your blood glucose level.

**6: You Will Need To Quit Desserts When You Have Diabetes:** Not the case! You are able to develop many approaches for including desserts in the diabetes diet. For example: Use low-calorie sweeteners in desserts. Reduce the quantity of dessert. By way of example, as an alternative to two scoops of soft ice cream, have one. Or share a dessert with a friend.

**7: Low-Calorie Sweeteners Are Dangerous For Those Who Have Diabetes:** Sugar substitutes tend to be sweeter compared to the equivalent volume of sugar, therefore it takes a reduced amount of them to have the same sweetness present in sugar. This will cause eating fewer calories than when you use sugar.

**8: You Have to Eat Special Diabetic Meals:** The real difference from a diabetes diet as well as your family's "normal" weight loss program is this: For those who have diabetes, you should monitor everything you eat a little more closely. Including the quantity of calories you eat and the amounts and varieties of carbohydrates, fats, and protein you take in.

**9: Diet Foods Are the Most Useful Options for Diabetes:** Just because a meal is defined as a "diet" food does not

always mean it's a better option for those who have diabetes. In reality, "diet" foods may be expensive and no much healthier than foods found in the "regular" areas of the food store, or foods you prepare yourself.

*Dorothy B. Kato creates for the Diabetic Menus ([www.diabeticmenus.org](http://www.diabeticmenus.org)).*

### THE BOTTOM LINE

Diabetes is often considered as a life-style disease, and as such tends to emerge in older people. As people with HIV are living longer due to antiretroviral therapy, they are becoming more vulnerable to diabetes.

The best way to avoid diabetes is by limiting or eliminating the controllable risk factors: eat a healthy diet and maintain a healthy weight and take regular exercise. And in all these it is good to know your blood sugar level.

Older people are advised to carry out regular checks of blood sugar levels. If these are high, reducing body weight may result in improvement, especially in obese people. In some cases, medicines may be needed to control diabetes, and it may be necessary to change certain antiretroviral.

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# ATFAL CORNER

## NATIONAL ATFAL ESSAY COMPETITION

**QUESTION: THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S.A.W) IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID "HEAVEN LIES UNDER THE FEET OF MOTHERS". IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WRITE TO EXPLAIN HOW HEAVEN CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE FEET OF MOTHERS.**

**IBRAHIM MALIK, AJUMAKO – MANDO CIRCUIT, CENTRAL EAST REGION**

This hadith which is the topic of the essay and is rendered in Arabic as, '*Aljannatu tahta aqdaamil – ummaahaat*,' seems apparently very simple but it encompasses very deeds and wide meaning and imposes huge responsibilities on both mothers' children.

As we all know, Holy Prophet Mohammed (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has indicated in this hadith that heaven is under the feet of mothers. What we need to note is that, when there is something under feet of mothers we will definitely have to bend down before we can pick it. So it literally tells us that we have to respect and obey our mothers and humble ourselves before them. We always have to do and respect their wishes provided they do not contradict the word of God and the saying of the holy prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). This is so, because it was they who conceived us in the womb weakness upon weakness and travail upon travail before we were delivered as babies. They also breast fed us when we were babies and carried us to where ever they went. We used to have sleepless night for our sake. They cooked for us, washed us, cleaned us and prevented us from all kinds of danger which could have destroyed us. Besides these, they rendered many other uncountable services to us. They suffered in pain and trials during all these stages and times in most gently and compassionate way and they cherished us and sang for us all kind of beautiful songs just to see us happy. In short, mothers perform numerous roles and strive tirelessly in the cause of the day in the interest of their children. So in turn, we are obliged to render dutiful as well as services to our mothers so as that with his mercy, He (Allah) may grant us *Aljanna* (heaven) as a result.

In support Allah says in the Holy Qur'an Chapter 31 verse 15, "*And we have enjoyed on man concerning his parent his mother bears him in weakness upon weakness, and his warning takes two years – gives thanks to me and to thy parents. Unto me is the final return.*" The divine commandment in this verse goes greatly in the favour of mothers after God. In order words gives priority to mothers because the responsibilities of conceiving and breast feeding of children mentioned in the verse are duties solely discharge by mothers. Narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurairah(ra) in the hadith book of Bukhari and Muslim that, a man came to the Holy Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and asked messenger of Allah, which of the people is the best entitled to kind treatment and good companionship from me ? he answered your mother. The man asked: after her? He said: your mother . and after her ? he said your mother. And after her your father. In another hadith a person came to the holy prophet sa and complained that his mother was ill- tempered. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said , "she was not ill-tempered when she used to keep awake the whole night for your sake and fed you. He replied, I have decompensated all the favor of my mother. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) then asked: "how have you decompensate her ? he replied, I have helped her perform Hajj by putting her on my shoulders. After hearing this Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) put a question to the complainant, can you decompensate the painful pangs your mother bore at the time of your birth? The Qur'anic verse and the hadith quoted in support, clearly prove that there is nothing we can do or offer to our mothers to compensate the noble sacrifices and services they offer us particularly when we were children. All that we must do is to recognize their noble sacrifices and great tenderness and care, and submit ourselves totally to them and to render to them due to services. Again we have to accord them with profound respect to please do so much as to become worthy of paradise (*Aljanna*). We should also remember that it is not only our biological mothers whom we should obey and respect but also a woman who is old enough to be our mothers.

It is rather unfortunate that some people do not recognize or appreciate this great and noble sacrifices accompanied with suffering and trials their mothers offered them, rather they behave negatively towards them. some even go to the extent of ascribing witchcraft to their mothers or calling them witches and do havoc thing to them or treat them. For their badly as a result. These are the unfortunate ones. For their case holy prophet Mohammed (saw ) has addressed, " he is unfortunate person whose parents are alive and will not enter heaven through serving them." Holy prophet Mohammed (saw ) has again indicated in another hadith that, the three (3) greatest sins are : associating of partners with Allah, disobedience to parents and lying ( falsehood ). While the unlucky people behave badly towards their mothers all the time to become worth of hell, the lucky ones do the right things all the time to their mothers so that the heaven (*Aljanna* ) promised in the hadith become fulfilled for them.

The second meaning of the hadith is the good or bad training of the mothers determine heaven or hell for their children. Children are the most of the timewith their mothers who have such tremendous influence on upbringing of them (children ).

During the khalifat centenary celebration in 2008, in Ghana here in his final address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmed khalifatul Masih ( v ) and the present supreme head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya community, while deliberating on the same issue at some point said, there was a certain notorious criminal in a certain community. This criminal killed a lot of people; made some orphans, other widowers he troubled the whole community to a very large extent. He was declared wanted by the police. His name was creating panic to the community and fortunately he was one day caught by the police. He was sent to court and found guilty and was sentence to death by hanging. When the set date came for him to be killed, he was asked to say his last wish. This notorious criminal wished to see his mother. When the mother arrived he again wished to have a kiss with her. To the surprise of everybody around , when kissing the mother , he bit the mothers tongue into pieces. This criminal explained his action by saying, he did that because all the problems and atrocities he has caused to people were because of the mother. he

continued by saying his mother supported and encouraged him in all the bad things he use to do when he was a child .his mother prevented his father from putting him on the right path. So whoever he is, it is the mother tongue and training that has made him so. Khalifa concluded that mothers are the number one factor of a child's attainment of heaven or hell.

Islam places responsibility on the shoulders every individuals. No person is left out. In this respect, holy prophet Mohammed ( saw ) is reported to have said **“Every person is a ruler and will be answerable in respect of his words”**. Mothers are made responsible for providing their children with a solid upbringing and sound Islamic education. They play an essential role in the formation of society. As the saying goes, a woman is the first school for her children. If she is able to bring them upright, then the nation will emerge prosperous and contented. Islam places mothers at a higher status by the saying **“paradise lies under the feet of the mothers”**. The paradise mentioned in the hadith refers to both social and heavenly paradise and it is the greater responsibility of mothers to bring it about through proper upbringing of their children. The future of mankind and society depend on them. The fortunate and responsible mothers know their core values very well and understand the roles which they are endowed with and for that matter know what this hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) requires from them. So they try their best to fulfill it by giving their children the required training and education to turn them out to be pious and God fearing individuals who by Allah's grace are blessed with both the social as well as the heavenly paradise promised to them in the hadith. only the unfortunate, ignorant and irresponsible mothers who are unmindful in respect of precious roles Allah has bestowed on them for the sake of their children and humanity in this world and the next and again are unaware of this beautiful hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the responsibilities it lies on them, and will not bring up their children well for that matter, the bad training they give to their children end them up in both heaven and hell as they (the children) degenerate into sinners.

In conclusion, I would like to draw to attention of all of us, the fact that mothers are given higher status by placing heaven under their feet and kind of treatment and obedience to them is a deed that brings individual closer to God and it is also one of the sources of attainment to paradise.

However, mothers also have to give their children the best of education and training to make them worthy of both social and heaven as they are the number one factor of children's attainment to heaven or hell and their children's destiny too, in this world as well as in the next is in their (mother's) hand.

### 4th Annual National Atfal Ijtema Held in Tamale

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Additional Mu'tamim Isha'at, MKAGH*

The Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana held its 4th Annual National Ijtema'a at the Business Senior High School in Tamale in the Northern Region of Ghana on 3rd September, 2015. About 1,200 Atfal from across the 12 administratively created regions of the Mission attended; Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Eastern, Greater Accra, North East, North West, Upper East, Upper West, Volta and Western.

Some competitions that took place among the regions included Recital of Arabic Poem, Salat Performance, Holy Qur'an Memorization, Musical Chair, To the Nation's Youth Recitation and Holy Qur'an Recitation. The Atfal from the host region, North East performed a display.

In an interview, Ustaz Bashirudeen Zackariyya, Muhtamim Atfal, disclosed that the relevance of the Atfal rally was to make the children feel the sense of belonging within them. He added that the children were taught to operate independently and were able to perform well in all activities with the feeling of being at home.



### Hafiz Habeebur Rahman Sets New Record

Story by *Fadl Rahman Essel, Additional Mu'tamim Isha'at, MKAGH*

Hafiz Habeebur Rahman, a tiftl from Techiman Circuit in the Brong Ahafo Region became a hafiz after a period of 14 months of training. He happens to be the first ever tiftl from Ghana to complete his hafiz course in 1 year and 2 months instead of the regular 3-year training.

Master Hafiz Habeebur Rahman is born to Ustaz Adam B. A. Rahman and Madam Sakina Rahman. He hails from Amantin in the Brong Ahafo Region. Hafiz Habeebur attends T. I Ahmadiyya Basic School in Techiman and currently in JHS I.



Master Hafiz Habeebur Rahman reciting a portion of the Holy Qur'an at Tamale



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL IJTEMA OF THE MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHAMDIYYA, GHANA HELD AT THE BUSINESS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, TAMALE, NORTHERN

The Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, held its 36<sup>th</sup> National Annual Rally at the Business Senior High School, Tamale from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 on the theme *SELF-DISCIPLINE – A PANACEA TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT*.

The opening ceremony of the rally, attended by over 3,200 members from all the twelve regions of Ghana was held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and was chaired by Maulvi Naeem Ahmad Cheema, a special aide to the Ameer and Missionary in charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana.

In his welcome address, the Sadr (President), Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, Mr. Abdul Noor Wahab admonished the youth to embrace themselves with self-discipline. He said that 'with self-discipline, the insults on airwaves, armed robbery and other ills of society will be dealt with'. In fostering national unity and national development, the Sadr declared that there is the need for a lot of self-discipline from politicians, religious leaders, and all the different segments of the Ghanaian society.

Delivering the keynote address at the function, Alhaji Abdul Wahab Issah, Secretary, Tahriki-Jadid, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana & Former Sadr, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana analysed into details six steps that lead to success in this world as well as in the next. The steps included those who are humble in their Prayers, those who shun all that which is vain, those who are active in paying the Zakat, those who guard their chastity, those who are watchful of their trusts and their covenants and those who are strict in the observance of their Prayers. The speaker went ahead to mention some matters of relevance which have become engrained in the spirit of youthfulness and admonished the youth to refrain from them.

The rally was attended by delegates of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya from three West African countries; Nigeria, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire.

The Guest of Honour for the occasion, Honourable Alhaji A. B. A. Fuseri, Deputy Northern Regional Minister reminded the youth that to attain self-discipline is to abstain from societal evils by guiding their eyes and ears. He further challenged the Ahmadi youth to suppress their anger and pardon others for their short comings and devour not the property of others. He concluded that once self-discipline is achieved, the quest to build a dynamic, vibrant and economically advanced nation can be realized.

The Mu'tamad (General Secretary) of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana, Mr. Haneef Sam Keelson read the annual report of the Majlis which highlighted the number of activities

undertaken by the organization in the past year while the Muhtamim 'Umumi, Mr. Ibrahim Arkoh read the 2015 Rally Resolution.

During the dawn session of Friday and Saturday, various topics were delivered by some members of the Majlis. The Naib Sadr in charge of Greater and Administration, Ustaz Aliu Adam spoke on the topic *Obeying the Directives of the Khalifa – An Obligation*. The Naib Sadr (Southern Sector), Mr. Usman Yaw Baidoo gave a lecture on *Blessings of Financial Sacrifice* while Maulvi Nawaz Ahmad, In Charge of Waqfe Nau Secretariat in Ghana gave a discourse on *Blessings of Waqfe Nau Scheme*.

The 2015 rally witnessed an exciting Atfal Session chaired and co-chaired by the Sadr and a Tifl from the Upper West Region, Abdulai



Sungnuma Jalaldeen respectively. The North East Regional Atfal performed a drama display. Master Nasir Ahmad, a Tifl from the Greater Accra Region recited a portion of the Holy Qur'an to commence the session while recitation of an Arabic Poem composed by the Promised Messiah (*on whom be peace*) in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*), was done by Master Alhassan

Ghansah Jnr, Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Central-East Region. Master Mustapha Dadzie, Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, Western Region led the recitation of the Atfal pledge. Atfal from all the twelve regions participated in a musical chair competition.

The 3-day rally experienced a lively and colourful route march through some selected principal streets of Tamale by over 3000 members of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana.

There were also sporting and academic competitions including football, volleyball, Qur'an recitation, Azan calling, Quiz, Al-Qaseedah, among others.

Awards and certificates were given to members who distinguished themselves in the Majlis year as well as winners of the academic and sporting competitions. Citations were read out and presented to 10 former National Executives who graduated to the Majlis Ansarullah in the past year.

Some of the speeches and reports delivered during the 36<sup>th</sup> National Annual Rally in Tamale are presented in this newsletter and the rest would be published in the next edition, *InshaAllah*.

## Welcoming Address delivered by Mr. Abdul Noor Wahab, Sadr (President) Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Ghana during the 36th Annual National Ijteima (Rally) held at the Business Senior High School, Tamale



Mr. Chairman, Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Regional President and Missionary, Members of the National Executive Committee present, Respected brethren Maulvi .....

I wish to sincerely welcome all of you to the 36th Annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Organization in Ghana, (Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ghana). The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission are the group of Muslims who have accepted the Messiah of this age as the reformer whose advent was prophesized by the Holy Prophet of Islam (saw). The convention is attended by male members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission in Ghana ranging from ages 7 to 40. Of course there are some children less than 7 years who have been brought along by their parents to also participate in this conference. I wish to welcome all of you once again to this convention.

Invited guests, my colleague members of the Majlis, on behalf of the organizers of this conference and on my own behalf I would like to apologize for any deficiencies in the organization of this conference which might have caused some form of inconvenience to the participants of this conference. For conferences like this we are bound to have one challenge or the other. Please forgive us and bear with us, as we go through these 3 days of this spiritual exercise.

Today we have gathered here to hold

the 36th Annual National Conference of the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Ghana. The Majlis after undertaking a number of activities throughout the country in the course of the year is meeting for the 36th time to take stock of our activities and motivate ourselves for the upcoming year. In the course of the year the Majlis undertook blood donation exercises, cleaning campaigns in government hospitals, some public institutions and also at facilities of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission. Donations were made to orphans in homes. Visits were made to the prisons to interact with the prisoners and make donations to them and also visits were made to the sick in various hospitals. Some sporting activities and health walks were also organized. The Majlis also undertook programmes to spread the peaceful message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to those who have not yet heard the message of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission. The regions have held conventions such as this, at the regional level and now we are meeting at the national level to climax our activities for the year.

Every year when we meet like this we choose a theme that will guide the discussions of the conference. As much as we work towards improving our spirituality, we cannot do that without taking cognizance of the society in which we live. Hence we hold the conferences under themes that bother on issues affecting society. The theme for this year's conference is "Self Discipline – A Panacea for National Development".

Today, we live in a country that has its airwaves being dominated by insults to elders of this country. There are a lot of youth involved in armed robbery and other vices. Promiscuity and immorality is common while women dress half naked. Video recording of illicit activities and circulating of such videos on social media is the norm. Most of these activities though undertaken by individuals, collectively affects national development. And all these societal ills can be attributed to lack of Self Discipline. With self-discipline the insults on airwaves, armed robbery and other ills of society will be dealt with. In fostering national unity and national

development there is the need for a lot of self-discipline from politicians, religious leaders, and all the different segments of the Ghanaian society. It is in view of this that as members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Organization we have gathered here today in Tamale to discuss some of these issues.

During the period of this conference there will be sessions like this where speeches will be delivered mainly on the theme of the rally. There will be academic competitions in Islamic religious knowledge and other activities to help improve our knowledge in Islam and our spirituality. There will be competitions in some sporting activities as well, again to instill discipline and also to tackle a very important aspect of human development, which is exercise. These 3 days that are going to be spent by the over 3,000 participants recorded so far for this conference is therefore expected to uplift ourselves spiritually, morally and physically and also to instill a lot of self-discipline for national development. We will also be meeting old friends and making new friends and strengthen our love for each other, the community and the country.

I wish to thank you all for attending this conference. I welcome all of you once again and as I pray for a successful conference it is my humble prayer that the Almighty Allah may bless all the participants of this conference abundantly. Amen.

Thank you.

## EXCERPTS OF KEY NOTE ADDRESS ON THE THEME “SELF-DISCIPLINE: A PANACEA TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT”

Delivered by Alhaj Abdul-Wahab Issah (Secretary, Tahrik-i-Jadid and Former Sadr MKA Ghana) at the 36th Annual National Ijtema of the Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana, held at the Business High School in Tamale.



### Quranic verses recited 23:1-12

Ghana and its African neighbours are the worst hit in this regard. Indiscipline is so high in these societies that lots of interesting stories relating to corrupt and undisciplined behavior are told. The characters displayed in these stories are but the average citizen. The result is the appalling conditions. In a recent address on discipline the Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge, Maulana Noor Muhammed Bin Salih stated that a country may have all the mineral resources in the crust of its lands, all the petroleum resources off its sea coast, the greenest of forests and the best human resources yet that country will continue to be in abject poverty unless it adopts a disciplined approach into harnessing these resources together to the benefit of its people.

We find a rather sharp contrast in highly disciplined societies. A Singaporean leader was once asked how a little City State with virtually no natural resources could develop to that high extent. His response was one single word “*Discipline*”. According to him the backbone of Singapore's development was the disciplined approach that every one of the country's citizens gave to daily life. The result at the end of the day is a highly developed society in which every facility is made available to the people.

The Holy verses which I recited at the beginning set out a number of steps that an individual must take to achieve success. Success in this context means a decent life that is meaningful and complete in every positive sense. One that leads man to the goal of his creation which is to show a deep sense of accountability to God for His bounties and a life that displays true virtue through every minute of its existence. Let us take these steps one after the other:

### Those who are humble in their prayers

Salat is the umbilical cord that links man to his maker. Without salat this link is severed, leaving man free and there is then no link through which Allah will give him the much needed moral and spiritual nourishment. Elsewhere in the Holy Qur'an we are informed that “*Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil*” (29:46). If prayer leaves the supplicant resigned to a disciplined life of decency and freedom from all manner of evil, it goes without saying that a society comprised of such persons as will always offer their prayers in all humility will be a trouble-free society. Hence one that is set on the right pedestal for growth and development.

### And who shun all that which is vain

A muslim is required to dedicate his entire life to matters of seriousness and importance. Vain talk, idleness and futile actions have the potential to set the ego free and to promote undisciplined behavior. Lottery, smoking, usage of drugs etc. all belong to this category. The youth are particularly vulnerable in these areas and it is essential that steps are taken to ensure that young people are kept busy on matters of importance to themselves and society rather than leave them free to engage in these vain and futile pastimes. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) has advised the youth in his poem entitled “TO THE NATION'S YOUTH” in the words: “*So be not seekers of idle rest*”

### And those who are active in paying the Zakat

In the Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was instructed to take zakat from jamaat members and thereby cleanse and purify them (9:103). On the issue of self-discipline and its relation to national development, zakat proves to be of great help in at least four ways. In the first place, its payment extends financial support to the state to take care of the less economically favoured sections of society, providing for their needs in the areas of nutrition, education, health etc. Secondly, the payment of zakat discourages the hoarding of money, thus leading to more brisk economic activity and hence faster social development. Thirdly, payment of zakat disciplines the individual and helps him focus his finances on matters of importance to him and his family. Fourthly, an individual who gets accustomed to paying zakat

regularly, also finds no difficulty in paying his taxes, which are the main basis for all social interventions.

In our time, other forms of *infaq* have been introduced to the Muslim Umma under divine instruction. The various chandas that we are called upon to pay rank under the same category and have similar purifying effects on our souls. They also go a long way to improve upon our self-discipline and therefore the potential for national growth in all areas.

### And those who guard their chastity

Fornication and adultery have been described by the Holy Qur'an as filthy and evil and so we should not make any approaches in their direction (17:33). These two ills are so filthy they are the cause of many diseases that governments are spending huge sums of money trying to bring under control. Other effects are broken marriages resulting in poor parentage and hence street children, childhood pregnancies and abortions and their accompanying dangers, and of course, children being born outside wedlock, all requiring breakfast. The huge amounts that many nations are spending on all this would be available for further national development if its citizenry would discipline themselves and stick to their lawfully married spouses.

### And those who are watchful of their trusts and their covenants

A true believer remains so disciplined that he makes sure he does not overlook his covenants even to the minutest detail. In our own country people tend to approach national assets and policies with so much carelessness that one would wonder whether they have the nation at heart. It may be necessary to give a practical demonstration of the care that some of the very highly disciplined personages have shown for state property. It is related that on one occasion a group of persons visited Hazrat Umar (ra). The group arrived in the night and found him busy doing some work so they had to do a bit of waiting. He later invited them in and after the normal exchange of salutations when they began to talk, he put off the candle in the room and lit another candle. This action looked rather bizarre to them but they did not pass any comment. When he had finished with them and they were about to depart they asked him why he had put off one candle only to light another. His explanation was

that the first candle was state property and as he was working for the state he then had the right to use it but when they came in he realized that their mission was rather on matters that were private to him so he had no right to light up the room with the state's candle only to engage in his own private discussions. According to this holy personage, the second candle was his own private property which he then employed for his private discussions.

How many of us are able to avoid taking advantage of office facilities to do our own private work? It is part of our self-discipline that all matters entrusted to us are well protected and applied only for their intended purposes.

#### **And those who are strict in the observance of their prayers**

This verse crowns the series of disciplinary measures with the strictness of prayers. At this point of self-discipline, the person is so strict with the observance of prayer that there is a clear demonstration of an uncompromising nature. He places his prayers above every other concern. Such a person's prayer discipline manifests itself in every aspect of his life and the goodness in him is simply unlimited. If any society could be comprised of only persons of that nature, everything would be achieved at virtually no cost. This level of self-discipline would result in a society of the highest level of development.

#### **THE DEITY OF MONEY**

Many people tend to rush for wealth and will want to make it at all costs. Hazrat Abdullah Bin Mas'ud has reported the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as having said that after the basic acts of worship the next compulsion for every muslim is to earn his income honestly. We should not forget the statement of Allah Almighty which is repeated so many times in the Holy Qur'an. That statement is: **"He enlarges the provision for whomsoever He pleases, and straitens it for whomsoever He pleases" (42:13)**. It is a matter of common knowledge that whatever Allah Almighty grants an individual, nobody can deny him of it. On the other hand, whatever He has denied him that also cannot be granted him by anyone. Many people tend to rush, only to earn through dubious means what they would have earned honestly.

It is narrated that once Hazrat Ali Bin Abi Talib (ra) was travelling on horseback. When it got to time for prayers, he entrusted the care of his horse to a

gentleman whilst he went to say his prayers. On the way he took a decision to remunerate the man on his return. The amount he then decided on was 40 dinars. Upon his return, however, he observed that both the saddle to his horse and the man to whom he had entrusted the care of the horse had disappeared. He then had no option but to buy a new saddle. After some search he got one and coincidentally, the vendor asked for 40 dinars for it. To his amazement, it was his own saddle that had been sold to him! He continued his journey and as fate would have it he ran into the same man he had entrusted the care of his horse to. He told the man: *"Well, I had decided to reward you with 40 dinars for caring for my horse but you could not wait. You stole the saddle and at the end of the day you got through dubious means what you would have earned through honest means. The money I intended giving you, I have used to buy back my saddle."* Most of us behave like that man. We need to discipline ourselves in our quest for riches. Where we cheat to make money Allah sometimes arranges circumstances in a way that we lose back those monies.

#### **ABETTING CRIME**

Allah Almighty admonishes us in the Holy Qur'an thus: **"And help one another in righteousness and piety, but help not one another in sin and transgression" (5:3)**. One characteristic of the youth is that they tend to make heroes of peers who are successful in some sinful and criminal deeds. That then incites them to go further, and others to follow in their steps. A typical example is in the area of womanizing. The above Holy verse warns us against this attitude. Encourage friends to participate in jamaat activities. Encourage them to further their education and to do everything that is good but when they decide to go the evil way, let them go alone.

#### **CONFERENCES**

Our jamaat's conferences are a special favour that Allah Almighty has bestowed on the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and his following. They are an avenue for tarbiyyat and the acquisition of knowledge. The moral lessons that are taught at these conferences and ijtemas as well as the interactions between jamaat members from far and near are one of the effective ways of transforming participants in the area of self-discipline. The blessings we derive from organizing them will be incomplete if we deny ourselves and the Atfal the opportunity to attend. Attending all conferences within their areas of abode must therefore be an

integral part of every Khaadim and Tifl's ambitions each year.

#### **CONNECTION WITH KHILAFAT**

The story of self-discipline will be incomplete without mention of the connection we each have to make with Khilafat. This jamaat was established under divine instruction and guidance. It is therefore a matter of fact that every instruction from the Khalifah of the day emanates from Allah directly or indirectly. Following the instructions of the Khalifah and his representatives is therefore sure to meet with Allah's pleasure.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (ra) says: *"It is essential for us that we spend our daily lives being grateful to Him (Allah Almighty) and create within the jamaat everlasting unity and harmony. Let the fact never be forgotten, that all eminence and all beneficence lie at the feet of Khilafat-e-Rashida"*. On a separate occasion Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (atba) has said that: *"Your success and progress emanates from your attachment to Khilafat"* By following the Khalifah of the time, there is no doubt that Allah Almighty will always shower his blessings upon us and grant us the self-discipline that we seek to achieve.

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

Acquisition of knowledge was Allah's very first instruction to mankind (chronologically) in the Holy Qur'an. This was not without purpose. Elsewhere The Holy Qur'an says: **"Only those of His servants who possess knowledge fear Allah" (35:29)**. This verse informs us that to imbue the fear of Allah effectively in all members of this community and thus improve upon the level of self-discipline of its members, education cannot be compromised. No matter the cost, it must be our policy that every member of the community, young or old, male or female must be given a full understanding of Islam and must have the ability to read the Holy Qur'an fluently. Secular knowledge is equally important and its acquisition must be upheld. Programmes of Majlis Khuddam must include this subject and a strong monitoring and control mechanism put in place to ensure success.

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJLIS KHUDDAM-UL-AHMADIYYA GHANA FOR THE NOVEMBER 2014 – AUGUST 2015 MAJLIS YEAR

Delivered by Mr. Haneef Sam Keelson, Mu'tamad Mulk (General Secretary), Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Ghana at the 36th Annual National Ijtema of the Majlis held at the Business High School in Tamale.

The Majlis is made up of male members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community within the ages of 15 – 40 years. The prime aims and objectives of the Majlis as stated in the constitution of the Majlis are; (1) to train and educate our members including the Atfal (male members of the between the ages of 7 – 15) in true Islamic ways, (2) to inculcate in members the love of Allah and of the Holy Prophet of Islam (saw), (3) to inculcate in members the spirit of serving Islam, country and mankind, and (4) to strive for the welfare of mankind.

To achieve these objectives yearly, the Majlis embarks on different activities throughout the country in the various departments of its administrative set-up. In all, the Majlis drew a total of 275 programmes at both the National and Regional levels of administration out of which 241 activities have been accomplished prior to this ijtema'a. Programmes included meetings, rallies, visitations, clean-up exercises, tree-planting, preaching and blood donations.

This report, therefore, is a summarized account of the many activities of the Majlis throughout the country.

## ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF SADR AND HANDING OVER

A total of about 180 Khuddam converged for a Shoorah in Wa during the 35th Annual National Ijtema'a, to elect a new Sadr to take over from Mr. Abass Bin Saeed Wilson who had to migrate to the Majlis Ansarullah. *Alhamdulillah*, with seven (7) names proposed for election, Huzoor(atba) graciously approved the nomination of Mr. Abdul Noor Wahab to take over the mantle as the Sadr Majlis Ghana. Consequently, an official handing over ceremony took place on 15th November, 2015, at the National Headquarters, Osu.

## AAMILA MEETINGS

Aamila meetings were held at the National, Regional and some Circuit levels across the country with the exception of the Volta and North West Regions. Three (3) National Aamila meetings were held in the reviewed period.

The performances of regions are as follows: Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central-West, Greater Accra, North East and Western Regions held 10 out of 10 Aamila meetings. Central-East held seven (7) meetings, Eastern held six (6) out of 10 Aamila meetings, Upper East held four (4) and Upper West held 9 out of 10 Aamila meetings.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

At the national level, one (1) general meeting was held at Baghe Ahmed. At the

regional, circuit and local levels, general meetings were held in all the regions with the exception of Volta and North West Regions.

## VISITATION

At the national level, the Sadr and some of his executives have, together and/or individually visited 11 out of 12 regions, except Volta Region, to perform various duties of the Majlis. The respective Regional Qaideen and their executives and some Circuit Qaideen and their executives have been very effective in visiting various Circuits and Jama'ats under their jurisdiction.

## CONSOLIDATED PROGRAMME

The Majlis has over the years been coming out with consolidated programme in order to set targets and guide members for common objectives. This year was no different. Hence, activities were drawn under 15 offices, namely; Shooba Atfal, Isha'at, Khidmat-e-Khalq, Mal, Sanat-o-Tijarat, Sihat-e-Jismane, Ta'lim, Tabligh, Tahrik-e-Jadid and Shooba Tajneed. The rest are Shooba Tarbiyyat, Tarbiyyat Nou-Mubayi'een, Umumi, Umur-e-Talaba and Shooba Waqar-e-Amal.

*NB: Shooba means Department/Office.*

## REPORTING

At the National level, out of 33 reporting officers including 10 Regional Qaideen, an average of 30 regularly reported on activities each month. It is pathetic to say that most officers at the regional and circuit levels either do not report at all or send late reports which slow down our reports to Huzoor(atba). However, the few active ones are always up and doing and have helped very much in the compilation of this report. The breakdown of activities under all the offices are as follows:

## ATFAL (CHILDREN WITHIN 7-15 YEARS)

*Atfal Day/Rally:* Atfal Rallies or Days were held at the Regional and Circuit levels in 7 out of 12 regions namely; Ashanti, Central East, Central West, Greater Accra, North East, Upper West and Western Regions. In all, a total of 1689 Atfal participated in these rallies or days.

*Census at Learning Centers:* A maximum of 981 Atfal participated in learning activities.

*Learning of History of Islam/Ahmadiyya:*

A total of 746 Atfal were taught the history of Islam/Ahmadiyya.

*Learning of Poems:* A total of 274 Atfal are learning Al-Qaseeda, while 46 Atfal have completed the first ten stanzas of Al-Qaseeda. A total of 15 Atfal are also learning the poem, "To the Nations' Youth.

*Salaat Performance and Azan Calling:* A total of 546 Atfal are learning Azan calling while 137 have completed. A total of 609 Atfal are learning Salaat performance while 111 have completed all stages in Salaat performance.

*Yassarnal Qur'an/Holy Qur'an Reading:* A total of 767 Atfal are learning the Yassarnal Quran while 102 have completed. 156 Atfal are reading the Holy Qur'an while 147 have completed.

*Other Activities:* A total of 834 Atfal learnt some general knowledge in Islam. A total of 35 Atfal also learnt some short Surahs of the Holy Quran with translation. 76 Atfal learnt a hadith. In the Upper West Region, 10 Atfal cleaned the Gurungu market.

## ISHA'AT (PUBLICATION)

Under this office, members were regularly sensitized on Khuddam and jamaat activities and to patronize jamaat literature especially the Review of Religions. Members have been entreated to subscribe to the Review of Religions. So far only 897 have subscribed. The breakdown is as follows;

Ashanti (180), Brong Ahafo (20), Central East (94), Central West (68), Eastern Reg (36), Greater Accra (115), North - East (45), North West (0), Upper East ( 25 ) , Upper West (230), Volta (0) and Western (84) subscribers.

It is expected that all members of the Majlis should and must subscribe to *The Review of Religions*, with immediate effect.

Cumulatively 1800 copies of *The Review of Religions* were distributed/sold to members within the period; 132 other books were also bought by members. A total of 5 and 9 books were donated to Non-Ahmadi Muslims and Christians respectively; whilst 256 Jamaat leaflets were donated to the general public. Some of the books donated include; "Life of Muhammad", "Blessings of Prayer", "The Need for Imam", "A Divine Blessing", "The Heavenly Decree", "Al Wassiyat", "The Heavenly Sign", "Divine Manifestation", "World Crisis and Pathway to Peace" among others.

Patronization of *The Khaadim* has also not reached the expected limit. Hence we humbly appeal to all members to get at least a copy of each issue whenever it comes out.

## KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ (WELFARE)

The welfare of members is very important, hence the readiness of the Khuddam to help one another, has been the hallmark.

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However, the Majlis considers the welfare of the entire Ahmadiyya Jamaat, as well as any other person as and when necessary. Some activities generally undertaken in all regions include; visiting of the sick, weak and elderly members of the Jamaat, visits to hospitals, donating blood (either voluntarily or emergency) to members and hospitals.

A total of 1339 Khuddam visited 248 sick members of the Jamaat. 570 Khuddam also paid visits to patients in 16 hospitals. 617 Khuddam visited more than 235 poor and needy within the Jamaat, while 154 Khuddam also visited 65 poor and needy people outside the Jamaat. 435 Khuddam visited at least 15 widows of some late Khuddam. In all, a total of GHS 13,237 was spent either in cash or in kind in donations to some ailing members or needy members in 11 regions.

At the national level, used clothing, valued at about GHS 1,500.00 were donated by Khuddam across the country, and was presented to the Jamaat of North East, North West and Upper East Regions for distribution to the less privilege amongst them with special emphasis on the new converts. The National Majlis also made a cash donation of GHS 1,000 to a Khaadim in Inchaban, Western Region, whose room containing all his belongings got burnt. The Sadr, with the Ashanti Regional Qaid, led a 10-member delegation of National and Regional Aamila to visit an indisposed Non-Ahmadi teacher who has been assisting in the teaching of Ahmadi children at Offinso Amoawi. The Sadr, with 6 National Executives and the Qaid Ilaqa, Eastern, visited a Khaadim who fell sick during the Eastern Regional Ijtemaa. The National Aamila, in collaboration with the Greater Accra Regional Aamila, paid an amount of GHS 2,500 as school fees for a Khaadim pharmacy student who was in need of financial assistance.

A total of 26 Khuddam from Central East Region visited the Ahmadiyya Hospital at Swedru and made donated 6 sacks of assorted fruits to the patients. In Central East Region, 33 Khuddam visited the Osamkrom Prisons and donated one sack of oranges, 'gari' and 10 pairs of slippers.

The Majlis from Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Greater Accra, North-East, Upper East and Western Regions, visited some public places like Children's Homes, Orphanages, Prisons and Hospital and made either cash or kind donations.

*Blood Donation:* Saving lives via blood has been an enviable feat and achievement within the Majlis year with regions like Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Eastern, Upper West and Western Regions actively partaking in such activities when the need arose. In all, a total

of 440 pints of blood had been donated either to save lives of members in emergency cases or for storage at the blood banks.

## MAL

In Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Upper West and Western Regions, an average of 461 out of an average of 989 Khuddam whose records were available, regularly pay their chanda as of the time of reporting. 586 copies of the chanda computation chart were given to some members.

In Ashanti Region, Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West and Western Regions, seminars or workshops were organized to educate members on the benefits of financial sacrifice and the system of calculating chanda. In attendance were 221 Khuddam.

In Eastern Region, a seminar was held on the importance of Zakaat at Asamankese where 6 Khuddam participated.

## SANAT-O-TIJARAT (TRADE AND COMMERCE)

This office is mainly concerned with organizing training seminars/workshops to introduce members to some income generating activities expected to help improve their lives.

In Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Eastern and Western Regions, averagely 265 artisans have been identified, as against 167 unemployed members. 40 of the unemployed have been attached to some artisans to learn some skills.

A total of 436 Khuddam participated in business seminars/workshops held in Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central West, North East Upper West Region and Western Regions. Topics treated include; "The Need Establish a Trade", "Taking advantage of any job opportunity" and "How to prepare a good CV. whilst 32 Khuddam sent applications to be recruited into the security services of the country.

In Ashanti Region, 5 Khuddam were contracted for an inventory of goods by a private business owner for which they earned some money for themselves. 4 Khuddam secured jobs through the aid of this office. The Majlis also purchased some equipment for 2 Khuddam to aid them in their business as cobblers.

At Koforidua in Eastern Region, an additional 8-room rabbit hutch was constructed to assist in the ongoing rabbit rearing project with 23 rabbits. 5 of these rabbits were sold for a total of GHS 150 as a source of revenue.

In Greater Accra Region, the Qaid Ilaqa donated 10 plots of land to the Regional Majlis for the purpose of farming.

In Western Region, the Majlis from Wassa West Circuit produced Khuddam T-shirts that were sold to generate income for the Circuit's Majlis.

A maximum number of about 40 Khuddam and 16 Atfal planted and harvested maize for sale; on the Farm lands of the Majlis in the Central-West and Western Regions. Arrangements are being made to establish poultry as well.

## SIHAT-E-JISMANE (HEALTH AND FITNESS)

As vibrant and energetic youth, we are actively engaged in a lot of sporting activities and discussions on some health related issues. An average of 509 Khuddam participated in keep-fit activities. An average 71 Khuddam participated in health walk. An average of 191 Khuddam participated in health talks on the following topics; "Causes of hypertension", "Importance of keep-fit", "Balanced diet & good nutrition", "Importance of blood donation", "Importance of exercise" and "The need to eat a balanced diet".

Averagely 474 Khuddam were engaged in inter-Jamaat friendly games, while 105 Khuddam participated in friendly games with other organisations. 107 Khuddam also engaged themselves with indoor games. A free eye screening exercise was organised at Abura mosque and attended by 183 people including non-muslims.

## TA'LIM (EDUCATION)

Members of the Majlis were educated on Islam, Ahmadiyyat and others which include: the learning of the correct pronunciation of Holy Qur'an, the History of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, Memorization of some selected parts of the Holy Qur'an and their translations with commentaries. A total of 482 Khuddam participated in Ta'lim classes.

A total of 266 Khuddam are learning Yassarnal Quran and 394 Khuddam are learning Holy Quran. 211 Khuddam completed the learning of Yassarnal Quran while 41 Khuddam completed the Holy Quran.

A total of 378 Khuddam are memorising Al-Baqarah 1-17; 139 Khuddam have completed with its memorisation while 67 studied the commentary. A total of 237 Khuddam are memorising Al-Baqarah 255-258; 103 Khuddam have completed with its memorisation while 29 of them studied the commentary. A total of 305 Khuddam were engaged in the learning of Islamic/Ahmadiyya history. A total of 315 Khuddam also learnt some general knowledge in Islam.

## TABLIGH (PREACHING)

All over the country, the Majlis is engaged

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in preaching through various means. These means are mainly public preaching including radio broadcast, individual preaching, distribution of leaflets and good conduct.

An average of 593 Khuddam participated in public preaching, while 297 Khuddam did individual preaching. 46 Khuddam were engaged in radio preaching and 69 Khuddam also participated in preaching in schools. Averagely, 138 Khuddam participated in Tabligh seminar; whilst 199 Christians and 238 non-Ahmadi Muslims respectively attended question and answer sessions organised for them.

A total of 811 bai'ats was made.

The Khuddam, in collaboration with the Ansarullah, held a national tabligh seminar in Kumasi on 9th May, 2015, with a total of 55 Khuddam drawn from the National and all Regional Aamila participating in that seminar.

In North East Region, 6 Regional Aamila visited the Tamale prisons on 3 occasions to do some sort of tabligh.

A total number of 72 Khuddam made visitations to various Prison centres and hospitals and made a total distributions of 1429 copies of the Jama'at books and leaflets.

## **TAHRIK-E-JADID**

A total of 615 Khuddam were educated on the correct mode of paying Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid; whilst a total of 257 Khuddam were educated on the essence of Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid in Eastern and Western Regions. Data collated from seven regions at the national headquarters indicate that the total Majlis membership for Tahrik-e-Jadid stand at 9367 with the amount of pledge being GHS 97,282.29. So far the Majlis has redeemed 32.23% of the pledges.

## **TAJNEED (CENSUS)**

This office is responsible for all data of members at any given time, including Jumu'ah, Janazah, Nikkah, data of the employed and unemployed etc.

On the issue of Tajneed, it is important to note that the Majlis is relying on the outcome of the national census programme known as Ahmadiyya Information Management System (AIMS). Data of Khuddam present for various activities were captured throughout the country. Pertinent among from 9 regions excluding North-East, North-West and Volta Regions. An average of 3783 Khuddam and 289 Atfal attended Jumu'ah throughout the month; an average of 2174 and 1733 Khuddam participated in congregational Fajr prayers and congregational Isha prayers respectively  
In Greater Accra Region, 561 Khuddam

and 300 Atfal participated in the Khilafat Day celebration at the International Conference Centre, Accra on 31st May, 2015, whilst 117 Khuddam and 115 Atfal from Ashanti Region participated in the Khilafat Day celebration at Kumasi.

## **TARBIYYAT (MORAL TRAINING)**

The members of the Majlis are not left unguided, therefore from time to time moral training topics are and were treated and practically observed. Furthermore, there have been some directives from our beloved Huzoor(atba), for which we have performed abysmally.

Sadly, some Khuddam are heedless of these directives and sometimes pretend not to know. The Majlis is supposed to report to Huzoor(atba) on the number of Khuddam who pray 5 times daily, read the Quran daily, listen to Huzoor's sermon regularly and pay Chanda each month.

A total of 8,000 copies of individual assessment books were distributed to the regions to be able to gather the required reports. Unfortunately, the highest regional breakdown, tabulated below will tell it all.

A total of 1703 general members in the country was captured. Out of that 1,435 members were able to perform the 5 daily prayers throughout the month without missing any of the prayers. 523 out of the 1,435 Khuddam said separate salaah (without combining any of the prayers) throughout the month. 447 Khuddam read the Holy Qu'ran daily without fail, 343 Khuddam regularly listened to Huzoor's sermons without missing any of them. 689 Khuddam had paid their Chanda as of the time of reporting.

## **TARBIYYAT NAU-MUBAYYI'EN (TRAINING OF NEW CONVERTS)**

This office is responsible for the identification of new converts, their training and their upkeep. A total of 211 converts are learning Yassarnal Quran while 35 are reading the Holy Quran. 18 converts have completed the Yassarnal Quran while 35 have completed the Holy Quran, respectively. 147 converts are learning salaah performance while 114 can perform salaah. 33 converts also paid their chanda. About 222 Khuddam paid visits to some of these converts. 5 new converts from the Upper West Region were transported to the 2015 Jalsa Salana, Ghana Jamaat.

## **UMUR-E-TALABA (STUDENT AFFAIRS)**

Activities here have mainly been on educating students, visitation of students, moral training of students and data of students. Regions that have been regular with these activities are Ashanti, Central, Upper West and Western.

The Muhtamim Umur-e-Talaba, Northern Sector visited three (3) tertiary institutions where he advised students to participate regularly in all Khuddam and Jama'at activities. He also visited a new convert (student) during his tour. The Muhtamim Umur-e-Talaba, Northern Sector visited the University of Development Studies (UDS), Nyankpala campus to interact with Ahmadi students. 4 students of UDS took part in a blood donation exercise organised by the North East Regional Aamila. The Muhtamim Umur-e-Talaba, Southern Sector orga-nised a career guidance and counselling session in Takoradi, Western Region.

In all, 50 students attended, out of which 30 were Khuddam. In Ashanti Region, a total number of 33 students of K.N.U.S.T participated in the performance of congregational tahajjud, Qu'ran recitation, book discussion, learning of short prayers and questions and answers sessions. 11 students can successfully read the Holy Qu'ran while 2 are learning the Yassarnal Qu'ran. A total of 6 Khuddam graduated from K.N.U.S.T with honours in diverse fields.

In Central East Region, A Peace Symposium organised by the AMSAG of University of Education, Winneba, was attended by 70 male students.

In the Central West Region, 14 students joined the Khuddam for the clean-up exercise held at the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital. About 5 tarbiyyat programmes were held for the students in the region.

A student in the Eastern Region, has completed learning the Yassarnal Quran. whereas 3 male students are learning the Holy Quran.

In Upper West Region, 300 students of 8 schools were given orientation on career selection. The Nazim visited 12 schools where he engaged about 200 students in moral talks and also entreated them to be proactive in Khuddam activities. A total of 318 basic school pupils were organised to participate in the Masih Maood Day.

Carrier Guidance and Counseling: Career guidance sessions were organised for Ahmadi students in the T. I Ahmadiyya SHS, Ekumfi, and another at the Wa mosque where a total of 115 Ahmadi male students participated.

## **UMUMI (GENERAL AFFAIRS)**

An average of 631 Khuddam attended a total of 372 meetings; whilst an average of 539 Khuddam had so far participated in Jama'at functions. An average of 1000 Khuddam attended organised seminars and workshop; whereas, an average of 152 Khuddam had provided security during Jumu'ah and other Jamaat activities within the reviewed period.

A total of 446 Khuddam from Ashanti,

REGION	BOOKS GIVEN	DISTRIBUTED	REPORTED	PRAYED 5X	SEPARATED	COMBINED	HOLY QURAN	SERMON	CHANDA
ASHANTI	1000	950	584	544	228	316	134	120	284
BRONG AHAFO	800	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL EAST	1600	1600	148	94	58	36	53	58	46
CENTRAL WEST			253	187	77	110	69	87	111
EASTERN	220	220	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
GT. ACCRA	600	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH EAST	600	320	199	199	48	149	91	20	7
NORTH WEST	1000	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UPPER EAST	400	365	100	100	15	85	3	4	0
UPPER WEST	1050	1050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VOLTA	80	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTERN	600	600	418	310	97	213	96	53	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7950</b>	<b>6230</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>689</b>

Table 1: Regional distribution of individual salaah assessment booklets

Brong Ahafo, Eastern and Western Regions attended the Musleh Maud Day celebration; whilst a total of 307 Khuddam from Ashanti and Western Regions attended the Masih Maud Day celebration.

A total of 66 Khuddam from Central-West, North-East and Western Regions partook in the annual independence parade and march-pass in their respective regions out of which the Central-West placed third.

In Brong Ahafo Region, 14 khuddam donated a sign post to the Frankmay New Life Orphanage/Children's Home in Techiman. 2 Regional Aamila members attended a meeting at Techiman Youth Authority office; whilst 24 well-dressed khuddam took part in a float programme under the auspices of the National Youth Authority.

The Majlis of Upper West Region, purchased gravels at a cost of GH¢430 to be used for levelling of the frontage of the mission house.

*Regional Rallies:* 10 Regions, excluding North-West and Volta Regions, held their rallies in the reviewed period with total participants of 2820 Khuddam and 1580 Atfal.

*Circuit Rallies:* A total of 20 Circuits out of 92 from Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Central East, Central West, Eastern, Greater Accra, Upper West and Western Regions held circuit rallies with total participants of 1212 Khuddam and 782 Atfal.

*Proposed National Office Under The Auspices of The Majlis:* A sod-cutting ceremony, led by the Ameer Sahib, was held on Monday 17th August, 2015, at the site for the proposed office block at the National Headquarters to officially start with the construction.

#### WAQAR-E-AMAL (DIGNITY OF LABOUR)

Activities under Waqar-e-Amal have been impressive and encouraging, with all the 12 regions engaged in the execution of tasks outlined in the consolidated programme. Waqar-e-Amal activities were executed under the following main objectives:

A maximum of 1463 Khuddam have been

participating in Waqar-e-Amal in the country.

*Cleaning of Mosques/Mission Houses:* A maximum of 646 Khuddam were engaged in cleaning up a total of 105 Mosques and Mission Houses.

*Cleaning of Cemeteries/Burial:* A Maximum of 272 Khuddam weeded 31 Jama'at Cemeteries. A Maximum of 415 Khuddam were involved in grave digging and burial of departed Jama'at members

*Desilting of Choked Gutters:* A total of 68 Khuddam were involved in desilting 9 choked.

*Construction Works/ Maintenance:* A maximum of 316 Khuddam were engaged in construction and/or renovation of 29 mosques/mission houses

The Majlis of Dankyira Circuit, in Ashanti Region and Yeklegu in Upper-West Region saved the Jama'at GH 680, through moulding of 150 cement blocks for Dunkwa mosques and casting of concrete for Yelegu Mosques.

*Cleaning of Public Places:* Some public clean-ups done by members of the Majlis are outlined below: In Ashanti Region a total of 48 Khuddam took part in communal Labour in 5 towns. In Central West Region, 181 Khuddam took part in cleaning up 5 townships. In Upper West Region, 200 Khuddam actively participated in the National Sanitation Day programs. 22 Khuddam of the Western Region, cleaned-up the Jemima Crentsil Hospital in Tarkoradi. In Greater Accra, 40 Khuddam, participated in a cleaning-up the Osu Children's Home (orphanage). In North East Region, 55 Khuddam also participated in a clean-up exercise at the Nyohini Children's Home. 10 Khuddam took part in the clean-up exercise during the National Sanitation Day.

*Tree Planting Exercise:* A tree-planting exercise was held at Tarkwa Bansa Community clinic by the Western Regional Majlis, a total of 38 trees were planted by 20 Khuddam.

Others: At the 2015 Jalsa Salana, Ghana Jama'at, a total of 596 Khuddam were given specific assignments and performed them to see to the success of the Jalsa. A total of 60 Khuddam also worked tirelessly

after the Jalsa to keep the grounds clean. In Brong Ahafo Region, 45 Khuddam took part in weeding and spraying of the Jama'at Regional Orange farms. In Central Region, 14 Khuddam were engaged in weeding the Khuddam maize farm. In Eastern Region, 14 Khuddam worked on the Jama'at ginger and pepper farm. In North East Region, 20 Khuddam did some cleaning and weeding at the Zogbeli T.I Ahmadiyya JHS, for the Regional conference of the North-East region. In Volta Region, 8 Khuddam weeded the Jama'at plot at Dambai while 10 Khuddam also worked on the farm at Krachi. In Upper-West Region, 12 Khuddam prepared the grounds for the Nandom/Lambuise Circuit. In Ashanti Region, a total of 25 Khuddam and 9 Atfal of Sekyere East Circuit carried out 2 clean-up exercise at the Doctor's residence, Ahmadiyya Hospital, Asokore; 68 Khuddam took part in cleaning 2 new sites acquired for construction of mosques and 5 Khuddam also helped some elders in the Jama'at their farm activities.

#### CHALLENGES

Despite the achievements of the Majlis, we still face some challenges that must be eradicated in the shortest possible time so to maximize output each year.

These challenges include but not limited to; (1) Small number of dedicated and skilled members at the lower levels of administration. (2) Delay in the submission of monthly reports or no submission of reports by officers at the Circuit, Regional and National levels. (3) Increased number of unemployed Khuddam thereby affecting payment of the various Chanda and other dues.

#### CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

To conclude, 'all is well, that ends well'. I wish to state that this report is no mean achievement, and could not have been possible without the entire contribution of members in diverse ways to keep the flag of the Majlis high.

I will, at this juncture, make the following recommendations;

- (1) Members must re-dedicate themselves and learn basic skills in the administration of affairs with respect to Islam-Ahmadiyya.
- (2) All office bearers must work hard and submit timely and objective reports.
- (3) The unemployed members of the Majlis should take up any job (in the light of Islam, of course) as they wait for their preferred jobs.



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**Western Region:** 1 Tree planting at Tarkwa Bansa Community Hospital. 2. Clean up exercise at Jemima Crentsil Hospital. Eastern Region: 3: Akim Oda Majlis donate Literature to Community Hospital in Akim Oda. 4. Nkawkaw Circuit Aamila meeting. 5. Waqar-e-Amal at Begoro in Koforidua. **Central West Region:** 6. Regional Nazimeen with Alhaj Yakub Buabeng during their tour to a new jama'at in Essarkyir. 7. Regional Aamila together with local jamaa during the tour. 8. Central West Atfal football team. 9. Central West and East Football Teams. **Brong Ahafo Region:** 10 Brong Ahafo Regional Atfal Football team. 11 & 12 Waqar-e-Amal at the Regional headquarters. 13 & 14 Regional Aamila visit to Kintampo. 15. Regional Aamila at Ghana Cote d'ivoire boundary from Zezera. **36th National Ijtema in Tamale:** 16. Naib Sadr Northern Sector addressing participants during the morning session. 17. A section of participants at a Dawn session. 18. Sidique bin Usman from the Brong Ahafo Region taking his turn at the extempore speech competition. 19. Hon. Alhaj Limuna Muniru, the Deputy Northern Regional Minister inspecting the Guard of Honour. 20. Special Aide to Ameer Sahib Maulvi Naeem Ahmad Cheema and Sadr Mulk, on their way to welcome the Special Guest of Honour. 21. Maulvi Cheema speaking to the press.



**36th National Ijtema in Tamale:** 22. Two Khuddam from Brong Ahafo Region rode on their bicycle from Techiman to Tamale. 23. Majlis pledge recitation. 24. Sadr Mulk with Keynote Speaker Alhaj Abdul-Wahab Issah. 25. A Tifl reciting a portion from the Holy Qu'ran. 26. Sadr Sahib in a discussion with spokesperson of the Chief of Sagnarigu. 27. A section of missionaries at the Ijtema. 28. Guest of Honour Hon. Alhajj Linnuna Muniru addressing the gathering. 29. A section of National Aamila members. 30 & 31. Fraternal Messages from Nigeria & Cote d'Ivoire. 32. Songs of Praise. 33. A section of participants. 34. A banner of the Promised Messiah(as) displayed during route march. 35. Mu'tamimeen Isha'at and Khidmat-e-Khalq during the route march. 36. Khuddam enjoying the route march. 37. Sadr Sahib with Naib Sadr Southern Sector and Mu'tamim Sihah-e-Jismane monitoring the route march. 38, 39 & 40. Volley ball and football games. 41. Participants watching the sporting activities. 42. Tug of peace competition. 43. Participants during one of the morning sessions. 44. Upper West Reegional Qaid raising solgans during the route march. 45. Special Aide to Ameer Sahib Maulvi Cheema addressing the participants during the rally.

# TO THE NATION'S YOUTH

A poem by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-din  
Mahmood Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II

O' ye tender plant of the nation, To You I  
have something to say, Providing my  
message May flash not away.

Advice I would give To the nation's youth,  
hat they may not say, I withheld the truth.

When we pass away, The burdens of life,  
You will have to bear, So be not seekers of  
idle rest, But do and dare.

Serve the faith with heart Filled with God's  
sweet grace. And let not a thought of  
compensation Cloud your face.

Let your eyes fill with tears, And your heart  
burn with love. Let your spirit ascend  
Beyond Islam's mere name To the realms  
above.

No bragging in the head, No thunder of  
wrath in the eye, No curse on the lips  
Which would cause thy brother to sigh

The well-wishing of brethren Always keep  
in sight, Neither criticize nor mischief  
make, But cling to the right

Be free from jealousy And contentment  
create Make no gold your beloved, Nor  
Silver your charmed mate.

With full attention continue Offering  
prayers and keeping fast Obeying God's  
commandments Which were written in the  
past. If you have wealth, be charitable In  
giving alms to those who need

Fear not the days of trouble. If the needy you  
would feed You must learn and remember  
That a Muslim shines more bright If he  
makes the pilgrimage To the holy land of  
Light.

Let Zikr be your habit. Remem-bering God  
in your prayers. When the beloved is kept in  
mind. It is impossible his name not to  
declare

Let not reason be the ruler O'er faith, which  
is salvation; Blind is the reason if it be not  
Guided by the Sun of Revelation.

Cling fondly to all the Truth. When-ever and  
Wherever you find . Follow not the  
imagination, Calling it knowledge of mind.

The believers who love Mohammed. Be not  
an enemy to them. But keep yourself aloof .  
From those who would the Prophet  
condemn.

Live in peace, taking no part with those Who  
trouble create; Cause no anxiety nor  
disturbance For the rulers of the state.

Consider the age of the youth As a favour  
great, That in the days to come You may say

it is too late.

Beauty is good in all cases, But seek it with  
great care; May be that you think to be a  
grain is a snare

Should you become a statesman, A general  
or a physician; If your heart in Islam is not  
steeped, You will not please us with your  
position.

Keep self-respect, for bad it is To lack  
dignity of mind, But also to others be  
respectful; Sincere and kind

Whether in prosperity or poverty In riches  
or need. Never cease for a moment In  
spreading Islam's seed

If you conquer the world, You have gained  
naught. If the wild and terrible self You have  
not subdued and taught

Do not spoil the good done, By reminding of  
an obligation. Lest the thread of communion  
be broken Letting you fall from near the roof  
to the Foundation.

Forget not that delicacy Is the women's  
share. He is no man who body is as rose leaf,  
And cannot hardships bear.

Drop not at the sight Of wine like a fly; Look  
carefully, for at the bottom Of the cup dregs  
may lie.

You must know that the honours from the  
blessed one's school are always  
accompanied with persecution from the  
fool.

Very hard is the task; The goal far away; O  
my faithful ones! Be not indolent, But work  
without delay.

If step you will upon the path Of sincerity  
and loyalty, There will be no difficulty  
which you cannot surpass, Even to the  
royalty.

Let your actions put us not To shame on  
judgement day, Nor trouble for us make; In  
the task of faith, let not Your lessons be half-  
done, For your own sake.

We are continuing our work Somehow or  
other. Be careful lest the Movement In your  
time may suffer.

My prayer for your sake, O dear ones! is  
this: May God keep you under His shade  
Bringing no failure, but bliss.

May you be safe from the darkness Of grief,  
pain and sorrow, And may the evening shade  
Never cast its shadow Over your sunlight of  
tomorrow. AMEN

## RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE 36TH ANNUAL NATIONAL IJTEMA'A HELD AT BUSINESS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHERN REGION

*In the name of Allah,  
Most Gracious, Ever Merciful*

We, members of the Majlis  
Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya  
(Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth  
Organisation) Ghana, having  
gathered at Business Senior High  
School, Tamale, in the Northern  
Region of Ghana for our 36th  
Annual National Ijtema'a (Rally)  
under the theme: "*Self-  
Discipline - A Panacea To  
National Development*" on this  
day, the 5th of September 2015,  
hereby, resolve as follows:

1. To continuously re-affirm  
ourselves with the implementa-  
tion of the pledge of the Majlis  
Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya and in  
so doing become the humble,  
dedicated, loyal and obedient  
servants of the institution of  
K h i l a f a t .

2. To continue to perform all the  
five daily prayers separately and  
at their appropriate times

3. To spend or offer every  
financial sacrifice uncondition-  
ally for the propagation and  
progress of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

4. To accelerate our efforts  
towards the learning, understand-  
ing and strict observance of the  
teachings of the Holy Quran.

5. To be self-disciplined and  
dissociate ourselves from all  
social and environmental vices  
such as immorality, promiscuity  
a n d i n d e c e n c y .

6. Not and never engage in  
verbal abuse of those in authority  
and as well as all mankind be it  
o l d o r y o u n g .

7. To work and earn income  
honestly and genuinely.

*Insha'Allah.*



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