



The Kaghan Flame

A Quarterly Newsletter of The Kaghan Memorial Trust

Spring 2010 (January-March)

Charitable Tackles Rugby Tournament: Scrums and Injury

On one of the rainiest weekends this year, the Islamabad Rugby Football Club (IRFC) hosted a two-day Rugby tournament in aid of the Kaghan Memorial School (KMS). Contested on February 6th and 7th, the KMT Charitable Tackles Rugby Tournament 2010 included eleven teams from all over Pakistan, competing for the Winner's Prize Cup and the Prize Shield.

The first day saw 11 qualifying matches played in total, with the top performers progressing to the main contests scheduled for the next day. On day 2, the fourth and fifth placed teams, Pakistan Army and Bahawalnagar, competed for the Prize Shield with the former winning 7-5. The top three teams, IRFC, Lahore Rugby Football Club (LRFC) and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) then went head-to-head in the semi finals for the Prize Cup, with old rivals IRFC and LRFC qualifying for the ultimate match.

The intensity of the final can be gauged from the unfortunate incident in which Kashif Khwaja, one of the founding Trustees of KMT and Captain of the Pakistan National Rugby Team, broke his leg going all out for a try. Carried off the pitch by his IRFC team mates, Kashif was rushed to hospital to be fitted with a cast that he will wear for the next three months. His absence from the game proved too big a blow for his team, as LRFC won the trophy with a well deserved result of 10-5. What Kashif did manage rather aptly, however, was to put

on a literal demonstration of breaking the figurative leg for KMT. This is the kind of effort that everyone associated with the Trust puts into achieving the ambitious goals that we have set for ourselves.

Unfortunately we cannot give you a picture of Kashif being carried off the ground as our friends with the cameras were all a bit too concerned about his well-being to have the presence of mind to take a commemorative photo 😊. That would have been a memorable addition to the annals of KMT. Having said this, we all wish Kashif a quick and complete recovery.

Aside from this accident the event went well, with KMT cementing its links with the IRFC which has agreed to organise further such fundraising events for us in the future. This tournament, sponsored by Teamsun, Channel Tek, Mr. Sultan Ali Butt, United Transport Services and Mr. Haider Raza, raised over Rs. 100,000 for our School. We would like to thank all the sponsors for their kind contributions, the Chairman of the IRFC, Mr. Hasan Pooya, for sanctioning this fundraiser to support KMT, the teams and the players for taking part in the competition, and all the people from the IRFC who assisted with its organisation.



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SCORES

Day 1

Bahawalnagar	12	Islamabad Orange	20
Bahria University	05	Barbarians	0
LRFC	17	LUMS	24
Pakistan Army	0	Bahria University	0
Lahore Rams	17	Pakistan Army	12
FATA	0	Islamabad Orange	05
IRFC	31	Bahawalnagar	12
FATA	0	Bahria University	0
IRFC	49	Bahawalnagar	05
Pakistan Police	0	LUMS	05

Pakistan Police	24
Lahore Rams	05

Day 2

PRIZE SHIELD

Pakistan Army	07
Bahawalnagar	05

PRIZE CUP Semi-final

LRFC	17	IRFC	17
LUMS	0	LUMS	0

Final

LRFC	10
IRFC	05

Event Sponsors	Teamsun, Pakistan	Rs. 25,000
	Channel Tek	Rs. 25,000
	Mr. Sultan Ali Butt	Rs. 25,000
	United Transport Services	Rs. 20,000
	Mr. Haider Raza	Rs. 19,720

The Managing Trustee's Column



Dear Friends and Supporters of KMT,

The turn of a new year is usually a period of introspection and resolutions. We look back at the year past and we try to identify what we did right, what we did wrong, and what we can improve. This self analysis is what the Trustees of KMT had to go through at the start of this new calendar and school year. As you have been hearing, the last two quarters of 2009 were extremely difficult for us because of the sharp drop in funding due to international and domestic emergencies. We maintained operations at the School and at our Head Office during that period almost entirely through the direct support of the Trustees and with some revenues from our Sponsor a Child programme. Beyond this we received almost no funding from any quarter, and we also could not organise any of the big fundraising events that we normally rely on because of the precarious security situation across Pakistan. Having struggled through these turbulent times, we were aware that we could not continue in the same vein indefinitely, and that we would have to reassess and reconfigure our fundraising strategy so as to insulate ourselves as much as possible from crises and upheavals that were beyond our control. This was the reality that we were faced with in January 2010, as it had become clear that we were dangerously exposed to external instabilities. This had to change.

By the end of February, after weeks of thinking, discussing and debating, we finally had a plan to add resilience to our fundraising programme - we would focus intensively on developing our own guaranteed revenue sources. This may sound like a classic case of 'easier said than done', but it is not impossible, and not even improbable. We realised that our biggest mistake in the past year had been to rely too much on major donor support and on the occasional large fundraising event, both of which never materialised in over half a year. Our Sponsor a Child programme was our only initiative designed to approach the small donor and to bring in a steady stream of funds, and this was the only part of the old fundraising programme that actually continued to deliver through those months of crisis. There are countless individuals who are willing to contribute to a good cause as long as they are introduced to it effectively and convincingly, and through the Sponsor a Child Programme, we have been doing just that since September 2008. The success of this programme relies on how much effort we put into reaching out to such people and it is therefore in our own hands. We needed more such initiatives aimed at small donors, providing income flows that we could depend on.

The essence of the new plan is to move our focus away from large fundraising events that are invariably subject to security considerations and also to the financial stability of major sponsors, and to instead plan several smaller fundraisers each year that rely on minor individual or institutional contributions that we can secure relatively easily. These will be low investment affairs requiring minimal organisational costs but providing an average income of around Rs. 500,000/- (US\$ 6,000) per event for the Trust. KMT will organise eight to ten such events each year, and if everything goes according to design, the Trust should earn Rs. 4 million (US\$ 48,000) or more per year from this revenue head. With the Sponsor a Child programme expected to bring in at least another Rs. 5 million (US\$60,000) during the 2010 calendar year, the combined revenues from the fundraisers and the child sponsorships can add up to Rs. 9 million (US\$ 108,000). **This is income that the Trust can realistically generate through its own efforts.** If we succeed in achieving this target, all of our operational costs will be covered. We will, of course, continue to apply for donor funding as well, but we will no longer be dependent upon such aid for our survival. Any donor funds that we secure during the year will then go directly towards our development costs at the School, and the more that we can raise, the sooner we can get the construction work finished.

This plan is realistic and it is practical. We already have most of our fundraisers decided for the year, and we are committed to working extra hard to put this plan into action and to become as self-reliant as possible. We shall keep you posted through these newsletters on how we progress, so let's hope that you will start getting good news in our future editions. We will do our best to deliver it to you.

With warm regards,

Ahurrain Khan



KMT Volunteer Teacher donates Land Rover Jeep to KMS

Transport has been a problem for KMT since the School started. In an ideal situation, KMT would provide its students with pick and drop services in addition to their education, lunches, healthcare and uniforms. However, financial constraints mean that such a service is not possible at this early stage of the School's operations. We must focus our funds on the School's current programmes and ongoing construction. This unfortunately means that the benefits of KMS do not reach some of the poor families living further away from the School who, while in some cases are the most deserving, simply cannot afford the transport costs.

The generous donation in January of a

used Land Rover Jeep by our volunteer teacher, Adrienne Ramari Scott and her husband Robert Scott means that once refurbished, this jeep can be used by KMT to offer at least some children from more remote villages the chance to study at KMS. The real value of this jeep therefore lies not just in its monetary value of Pak. Rs. 300,000, but in the opportunity it will afford to these deserving children.

We are indebted to Adrienne and Robert for their donation. This is just the latest of several contributions that they have made to the School so far, including the donation of a

computer, sponsorship of pick-and-drop costs for the children of Ghanool village, and of course, Adrienne's own volunteer work at the School which is now into its second year.



Other donations in kind this quarter

In addition to the generous donation mentioned above, KMT has also received several other useful contributions-in-kind during the first three months of this year. Namely:



Shakarganj Food Products have agreed to supply one box of flavoured milk each week to each student of KMS. This will add to the ongoing school meals programme already in operation at the School;



Another Chapter Bookshop, based in Australia, have kindly donated teaching resources worth US\$ 300. Ms. Elizabeth Banes arranged this donation, and one of our new volunteers, Jonelle Lorantas, covered the cost of shipment to Pakistan;



Jerboa Books, based in Dubai, have donated a selection of children's books for the School. These were arranged by another new volunteer, Sharon Heywood, and will be shipped to Pakistan at her expense;



As part of their ongoing contributions to the School, the Asia Foundation have donated 150 titles through their 'Books for Asia' programme.

We would like to thank all of these organisations and individuals for their support.



The Kaghan Memorial Trust's Head Office

The Kaghan Memorial Trust's Head Office (KMT-HO)

KMT established a fully staffed Head Office in Islamabad during FY 2008-2009. The role of this office is to act as a hub for fundraising activities, donor and public relations, coordination between KMS and the Trustees, and administrative and financial management of the Trust and the School. The day to day responsibilities of the Head Office team include identifying, contacting and liaising with potential donors and sponsors; organising fundraising events; preparing promotional materials including annual reports, quarterly newsletters and updates for the KMT website; handling personnel matters for Trust employees; managing the requirements of KMS and providing support to the School; keeping the Trustees informed of relevant developments at the School and the Head Office; managing the KMT Residency; and organising accounts, financial reports and budgets.

Who works at the KMT-HO?

At the time of publishing, the Head Office has four full time members of staff: a Programme Manager (international volunteer), Jennifer Ankrom; a Programme Officer, Mariam Riaz; an Accounts Officer, Farrukh Hameed; and a driver, Umar Khan. The KMT Managing Trustee, Khurram Khan, also a full time volunteer, completes the Head Office team. This team will expand further over the next couple of months to include a Public Relations Manager (international volunteer), Josephine Gregory, and an additional Programme Officer (international volunteer), Ifeta Selimanjin. The profiles of these two new volunteers will be available in the Summer 2010 newsletter.

Where is the KMT-HO?

The Head Office is located at:

House #1, Old Firing Range Drive
Main Bani Gala Road
Bani Gala, Islamabad
Pakistan

Anyone interested in visiting the Head Office can arrange an appointment by phoning 0092-51-2612678.

KMT Residency

KMT has acquired a residency on lease basis for its international volunteers in close proximity to the Head Office. This residency is an essential requirement for the expanding Head Office team, and in addition to accommodating KMT's international volunteers, it also gives visitors from the School a place to stay when they come to Islamabad on official business. The Trust will be furnishing the residency over the coming few months.



Dear Friends and Supporters of KMT,

I joined KMT in September 2008 with a mind to giving disadvantaged children some of the chances I have had in my life. In my opinion there is no better way to achieve this than through the provision of a decent education.

When I started at KMT, the Head Office team consisted of one full time Programme Officer (myself), one part-time Accounts Officer, and the Managing Trustee. Our infrastructure was limited to one computer and a very temperamental internet connection. While the internet connection is no less unpredictable, the Head Office (and Trust as a whole) has developed considerably since then. We now have a fully-equipped office, a full-time five person team and a great deal of experience behind us. The School is in full operation, the "Sponsor a Child" programme is running successfully, we are continually writing donor proposals and planning fundraising events, and volunteers continue to come in from all over the world to dedicate their services to the Trust.

Over 20 months on, my original commitment and my resolve have not abated one iota. When I visit the School I can see the positive impact the Trust is having on the children. It is impossible not to notice their healthier appearance and increased confidence. It is in the classroom that the changes are most visible. The students graduating from Kindergarten are able to understand and follow instructions in English, they have an awareness of their surroundings and they are able to count and write numbers up to 20. The students finishing Grade 1 can have conversations in English and read storybooks independently and they can conduct basic scientific experiments and handle simple maths calculations. Seeing this makes me feel proud to be part of KMT.

Another reason why I am still as determined as ever is that the team I work with is dedicated and hardworking. My position requires that I take on a myriad of different roles on a daily basis: one minute meeting with a corporate head to discuss fundraising possibilities, the next liaising with the interior ministry to expedite visa approvals for our international volunteers, then sourcing teaching materials for the School, the next coordinating with contractors to ensure the latest fundraising event goes smoothly, and so on. Don't get me wrong, not everything has been easy but it is the multifaceted and colourful nature of my job that makes it so exciting, and it is the team at the Head Office and School that make this all possible.

With the impending addition of two new volunteers to the Head Office team, I have no doubt that our goals and expectations will expand as we are definitely not an organisation that 'rests on its laurels'. I am welcoming the new experiences and challenges that lie ahead of us, and I know that given our resolve, we will succeed in what we have set out to achieve. Ultimately, I look forward to the day when one of the KMS graduates returns to the valley to implement their own community development project. That is when I will truly know that this project has been a success!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ankrom
Programme Manager



Second Curriculum Selection Workshop

The second in a planned series of curriculum selection workshops was held at the KMT Head Office on January 2, 2010. As outlined in the Autumn 2009 newsletter, the teaching faculty of KMS, led by the international teachers and in consultation with external education specialists, are working towards the selection of a specialised curriculum that takes into account the deprived background of the KMS students whilst laying the groundwork for them to develop into aware, responsible and competent individuals who will be on a par with students from the most developed parts of the world.

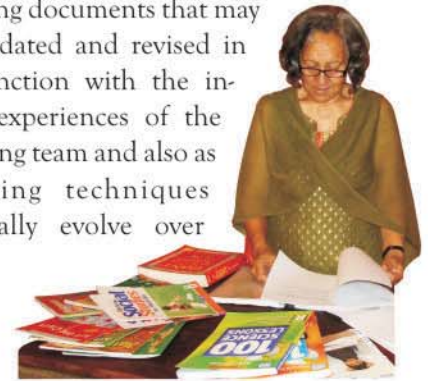
This second workshop allowed the KMT Trustees and invited education experts to review the first full draft of the KMS curriculum and syllabus for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 that the KMS teaching team prepared during the 2009 school year. The one day session featured comprehensive presentations on the proposed curriculum for each class and for each subject. Each presentation was

interactive, with the teachers fielding and responding to numerous questions, comments and suggestions from the Trustees and the external participants. The general feedback during the review and discussion was predominantly positive, though in conclusion it was agreed that several areas did need to be worked on further and improved. Having said this, the consensus was that the draft curriculum in its presented form was suitable for implementation during the upcoming year, and that such a practical trial run would also help identify further weaknesses or omissions that could be addressed in the process of finalising the curriculum for the three classes.

It was agreed, therefore, that the teaching team would continue working on the curriculum for the three classes during the first term of the 2010 Academic Year, and that the revised draft would be presented at a third curriculum workshop during the Summer Break. The target is to have the final curriculum for the first three classes approved during

that workshop. The teaching team will then spend the second term drafting the curriculum for Grade 3, which will be presented for approval at the end of the calendar year. By the start of the Academic Year 2011, the School should have a fully reviewed and approved curriculum for the first three grades, and a working document for Grade 3.

As the academic programme develops, lesson guides and workbooks will be created by the teaching faculty of the Kaghan Memorial School that complement its unique curriculum. These will give the School programme consistency and they will also serve as working documents that may be updated and revised in conjunction with the in-class experiences of the teaching team and also as teaching techniques gradually evolve over time.



Student Profile

Waleed Safer Class 1 B

Waleed Safer is a rare kind of child. Most youngsters are only concerned with the present, but Waleed seems to understand actions and their consequences: He spends a lot of his time thinking about not only what is happening but what will happen. He has used this skill of forward-thinking to help his teachers, reminding them that it is TV time or that the class should get ready to have lunch.



The young man also shows maturity and a strong sense of responsibility: If he sees that a task needs to be done he is not afraid to take the initiative. His teachers fondly tell stories of him helping out without being asked, for example taking the blocks to the store room. In addition to responsibility, Waleed's nature seems rooted in empathy. He is kind and considerate to his classmates and can often be

found comforting someone who has hurt themselves or assisting fellow students with their work. Not surprisingly he has a lot of friends.

Waleed takes joy from many things in life, but he especially loves his goat and other farm animals. He also has a penchant for fruit and his face lights up at the sight of it, particularly so if the item in question is a banana!

Upcoming Highlights

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Spring Social
April 3, 2010
Islamabad

Drive for Education
Charity Golf Challenge
April 11, 2010
Islamabad Golf Club

Charity Fundraising
Drive & Lucky Draw
May 1 to July 3, 2010

KMS EVENTS

Medical Camp
July 3 - 4, 2010
Kaghan Memorial School

New Staff Profiles



Sharon Heywood
Senior Teacher and
Academic Advisor

Sharon was born in Cornwall, England but has been travelling the world for years. She has a rich background of teaching with over ten years of experience. She is coming to KMT directly from the United Arab Emirates where she has spent the past four years working in an Advisory capacity as part of a project to improve educational standards in local primary schools in the Abu Dhabi Emirate.

Sharon began her teaching career in a large primary school in inner city London. She says, "It was working at Nelson Primary that really inspired me to

move abroad to work internationally. The community had a large refugee population and over forty-eight different languages spoken at the school, so it was quite an eye opener for me."

In 2004, Sharon moved to Bangkok, Thailand to work as a kindergarten teacher and while there, she was also able to pursue her love of hiking, camping and independent, intrepid travel through her work as an International Youth Award volunteer teaching high school students. She then moved to Abu Dhabi in 2006, where she was employed for four years by a private multinational company tasked with education reform. As part of her assignment, Sharon worked directly with local teachers in government schools, helping to raise standards in teaching and learning. During the last two years she has also

increasingly focused on supporting humanitarian and aid work in her spare time, as this has been a long-standing interest of hers.

On her move to Pakistan and why she wants to work with KMT Sharon said "In Thailand I was part of a dynamic team committed to delivering high quality education to some of the more fortunate children in the world. I learned that children are the same the world over whether they are living in poverty or privilege - they have the same fears and dreams and they deserve the same chances. The Kaghan Memorial School can give them that opportunity. It is a unique and inspiring project and I am very pleased and proud to be joining the team."



Jonelle Lorantas
Senior Teacher and
Academic Advisor

Jonelle is joining us from Perth, Australia. Her relocation to Pakistan follows an extensive array of different travel experiences across the world, including several trips to Africa and South-East Asia.

Jonelle's travels, observations and interactions with different peoples and societies in the developing world, and the affinity that she feels for the people that she has met and grown close to, have spurred a deep interest in development and charity work, particularly evident in her current choice of Masters

programme: Development Studies at Murdoch University. This Masters course follows an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Sociology from Edith Cowan University, and a postgraduate study into Nature-Based Tourism - a new approach to tourism that enables travellers to eliminate poverty as they visit the world.

When she is not working, Jonelle enjoys learning about new cultures through culinary experience. She is a self-described "foodie," and loves cooking, especially when she has access to fresh spices. She has even cooked goat biryani (rice) previously, and lists chai (tea) and chapattis (flat bread) as some of her favourite foods.

Between working on her degrees,

travelling and cooking, Jonelle also manages to find time for another hobby: reading travel narratives. Additionally, while in Pakistan she hopes to study Urdu to a proficient level.

Jonelle is eagerly looking forward to working with the children at the Kaghan Memorial School. She was inspired to volunteer for KMT after going through one of our newsletters, forwarded to her by a friend in Africa.

We would like to thank the following individuals who have renewed their volunteer commitment for an additional year:

Adrienne Ramari Scott
Teacher
Kaghan Memorial School

Jennifer Ankrom
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About the Trust

The Kaghan Memorial Trust (KMT) is a non-profit Charitable Trust registered in Islamabad in January 2006 in the aftermath of the 2005 earthquake in Northern Pakistan.

The sole immediate objective of the Trust is to establish a school in the Kaghan Valley of Northern Pakistan that will offer a first-class education to children of this severely hit region. Through the provision of quality education, KMT contributes towards sustainable long-term development in the Kaghan Valley.

About the School

The Kaghan Memorial School (KMS) is the first of its kind in Pakistan, in that the highest quality of education is being made freely available to some of the poorest children in the country. The resources and facilities being provided and developed in this school will rival those at the best institutions in Pakistan.

The Kaghan Memorial School is dedicated to the memory of the thousands of children who lost their lives to the earthquake.

New Contributors January to March 2010

Child Sponsorships (New)

Mrs. Naureen Azhar	10 children
Mr. Faisal Dawood	3 children
Mr. Ahsan Imtiaz Bhatti	1 child
Mr. Haroon Mahmood	1 child
Mrs. Beenish Temur Hassan	1 child
Mr. Mohammad Shoaib Haider	1 child
Ms. Fiza Chaudhri	1 child
Ms. Roohi Chaudhri	1 child
Ms. Kiran Aziz	1 child
Mr. Fawzi Mohammad Khawaja	1 child
Ms. Shamza Khan	1 child
Ms. Amanda Lawrence	1 child
Mr. Akbar Ahmad	1 child
Mr. Najeeb Ali Khan	1 child
Dr. Muhammad Amran	1 child
Mr. Wajid Ali	1 child

Child Sponsorships (Renewals)

Athle Surgico	2 children
Mr. Norman Kuzel & Ms. Mary Horan	1 child
Ms. Deborah Hight & Mr. Richard Gauthier	1 child
Mr. Shoaib Yunus	1 child
HMA Pumps	1 child
St. Mary's & St. George's Church, High Wycombe	1 child

General Donations

Mr. Ali Bajwa (Trustee)	Rs. 100,000
Ms. Cecilie Bergseth	Rs. 55,932
Mr. Ahmed Sultan	Rs. 20,722 (US\$ 245)
Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Khan	Rs. 20,000
St. Mary's & St. George's Church, High Wycombe	Rs. 19,720
Mr. Mujeb Ullah Zahur	Rs. 15,000

Donations in Kind

Adrienne & Robert Scott	1 Land Rover Jeep
Shakarganj Food Products	Weekly milk supplies for students
Another Chapter Bookstore, Australia	US\$ 300 worth of teaching material
Books for Asia, The Asia Foundation	150 children's books
Jerboa Books, Dubai	30 children's books

Interest Free Loans

(Outstanding on March 31, 2010)

Mr. Khurram Khan (Trustee)	Rs. 4,378,024
Aman Sarai Foundation	Rs. 600,000
De Laas Gul, Peshawar	Rs. 250,000
Syed Junaid Qasim (Trustee)	Rs. 200,000
Mr. Tashfeen Sarfraz	Rs. 169,200 (US\$ 2000)
Mr. Kashif Khwaja (Trustee)	Rs. 57,000

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