



# HEMEFund Newsletter



The Afghan Ministry of Women's Affairs came out and observed our programs.

Dear friends and supporters,

Time flew again... faster than the last year. It will soon be January 2019, and then before you know it, 2020. That sound very futuristic to me. At the same time, I feel that my time called to serve the people of Afghanistan is running short before I may retire at 65 or 70 years of age. It is not a small task to care for widows and orphans in Afghanistan.

*"For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel." Ezra 7:10*

I am most grateful for the privilege to work for Afghanistan, as well as the time allowed to study at the seminary. My only regret is that I waited 25 years to come to study the Words of the Lord, our mighty savior. God gave me an opportunity 25 years ago, but I chose not to at that time. Had I known what I know now, I would have pursued it then.

Next week, my first semester will be over with two research papers written around the Islamic religion and community based vocational school projects related to what we do in Afghanistan. My time here in Seminary will mostly be spent preparing for a return to

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Afghanistan with more developed plans for the next 10 to 15 years. A few years of study is all I was given to prepare for a return to Afghanistan, and I pray that I do well in the eyes of the Lord. These two research papers I am turning in next week are the final papers for the courses, but they are only a first draft to take into Afghanistan when I complete my studies. So, I will be constantly revising what I started to write this semester.

When I was younger and stronger, I did not think of the end, but now that I am older, I find myself thinking about how I will be greeted by God. In those quiet times with God alone, I become humble and often find warm tears running down my cheeks. I reflect on where I have come and the course of the rest of my life in service and honor to Him.

If you are reading this letter, I sincerely pray and bless you to continue to support the journey I am walking for 2019 and onward for how many long years that God may allow us on this earth. I cannot do this alone. I need you as my partners in Gospel. I find comfort and courage knowing that you are faithfully praying for me. Money never gets easy for me to ask for. But please allow me to be blunt and frank about this. We are seeking \$30,000 in additional funds to be raised/committed in the next few months. This to support KVTC2 in Kabul. That is to support KVTC2 in Kabul.

This is a season of joy and giving. We give throughout the year when the urgent needs rise, but I would like to ask you this time to bravely come to pledge your commitment for the next year.

“...because of **your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:5-6

Please write me at [william.seo@hemefund.org](mailto:william.seo@hemefund.org) as you may have questions and to explore a commitment. Thank you so much for your love and prayers. May God bless you abundantly in the month of Christ's coming to the world for the redemption of us all.

-William Seo 12.14.2018

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## News from HEMEFund Activities

### 1. Kabul VTCs 1 and 2 had their mid-term evaluation in November

Ramish, the master tailor, was busy attending both vtc's conducting evaluations of all subjects we are teaching. He commented joyfully that most students performed above 80% in all subjects.



### 2. New financing system developed.

Compliance with tax laws has been an important project in the last few months. We have taken the issue very seriously and an American founded accounting firm with expertise in Afghanistan is assisting us by providing training on our new financial system. We are



pleased to relay that those trainings are completed. The staff is now responsible for its implementation and compliance with difficult and evolving Afghan regulation.



### 3. Kabul VTC 2 is prepared for the winter

Unlike other VTCs, we are running a pilot after-school project at KVTC2. We still call it a daycare publically, because we do not want to alarm the Ministry of Education which will cause so much more work to our staff. For this after-school daycare project, we accepted elementary school students of the widows in the community who are performing poorly at their classes. We had them bring their report cards and verified the needs for extra support. It has deployed very successfully so far. Because public education is so poor, when a private company or NGO like HEMEFund offers such a program, people jump in for



the opportunity to better educate their children. We will strive to provide high quality education for these young leaders of the future. We originally planned to accept 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students only but is now extended to 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are teaching Dari language, math, and English using their school textbooks. These textbooks are available to them at low cost. The children who attend school in the morning come to KVTC2 in the afternoon and vice-versa.

Roman, liaison officer, is installing the foam insulations in classrooms where children are sitting on the floor to study for winter since it can be too cold there. The foam is installed underneath the carpet.







4. Kabul VTC 1 & 2 Classroom pictures



KVTC1 students  
work





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5. Jalalabad and Lagman (JVTC and LVTC) Graduation Pictures in November

We were joyful and encouraged to see these students graduating from our 6 months course and receive the certificates of completion. They are now competent tailors.



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