



# ASET NEWS

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## LATEST NEWS:

**Kindergarten Open**

**New Generator up and running!**

**2007 ASET Dinner and Auction 3rd March, Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham.**

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## Kindergarten

**The kindergarten has now opened with new children joining daily.**

The kindergarten is up and running! The tantrums and tears as the new kids arrive soon melt away into joy and laughter as they settle in. We have two experienced teachers who are excited to receive further training from us in the area of Early Childhood Education. We have 16 students so far, 4 of whom have special needs. . The kids in the preschool program are 5 and 6 years old, but because of general malnutrition and lack of stimulation they are about a year and a half to two years developmentally delayed. Daily new children are



joining as word gets around and local people realise that we can be trusted. We are starting out slow by learning colours, shapes, numbers, and opposites. The boy's favourite toy is the bucket of matchbox cars while the girls love the playhouse corner! Faith and Krista are in the process of getting these children assessed and working with the teachers to train them how to best meet all the children's needs. Thank you for your support that has made this dream become a reality.

## New Generator

**The new generator has now been installed and is up and running:**



*Thomas Glatthaar, Regional Director (North) and new generator.*

Due to the very generous donations of many of you we have a glistening, brand new British made generator at the Community Centre/office. It will power everything from the sewing machines in the widow's training program to the computers in the computer course. Thank you so much to everyone who donated.

## Fish Farm

**The first fish have arrived and will be put in the pond which has been dug to provide an income for vulnerable families in Mazar e Sharif. If only we could get the water to stop draining out! Watch this space!**

## Teacher Training

We have now finished training 200 teachers and are ready to launch the next phase pending the arrival of \$22,000! The plan is to train 60 teachers for 4 months (during the school holidays) in maths, physics and chemistry. By the end of 2007 the children in the villages will receive teaching up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in these subjects for the first time ever.



## School Repairs

### New gates and walls:

Given the high levels of insecurity we have built mud walls and put gates around 3 schools now and also repainted and repaired a number of others.



## English Classes

### Salomelekom y'all !

Levi ( from Georgia) continues to teach 15 – 20 students English and has to turn away many because the classes are so popular and his time is limited. We have Afghans speaking with an accent from the deep south!!!!



## Men's Suit Making Project

We are currently trying to raise £8,000 to train 26 vulnerable women to make men's suits for the local market in Mazar e Sharif. This will be the first time this has been done in Afghanistan and we are very excited to see the project unfold. If you have any suit patterns please send them to us! Each suit will cost \$30 USD and will be sold to local people. Two ladies will be appointed as co owners of the business and will pay back part of the initial start up capital.

## Computer Centre

The computer centre continues to teach 60 students a day and is a rip roaring success in the local neighbourhood. It will be so good to have decent generator power so we don't blow up any more computers! This project earns us more favour in the neighbourhood than anything else.

## ASET Dinner 2007

The preparations for the next annual ASET Dinner and Auction are well underway. It will be held on **Saturday 3rd March** at the Thistle Hotel in Cheltenham. The tickets cost £36 and will include a 4 course meal , including wine, an ASET presentation, auction and live band. If you would like to



host a table of 10 or 12 people or would like individual tickets, please contact Amanda Burton on [Amanda.Burton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.Burton@hotmail.co.uk) . The auction each year is an also an important contributor to the funding of projects, if you have any possible auction items, please contact Rob and Becky Atkin on [Rob@robertatkin.plus.com](mailto:Rob@robertatkin.plus.com) .

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