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SAVE THE DATE!

ASET Dinner 2009 will be held on 14th March at the Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham. More details to follow soon.



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## Hospital

We have now raised the \$90,000 required to build the new hospital and well in Dallan and work has begun. We hope to finish by May 2009 and the facility will serve over 14,000 residents of the local villages.



Construction Afghan Style!



On the journey



Site for hospital

Dan Browne (ASET Director) recently visited the site of the hospital and one well, a journey that took 4 hours each way over very bumpy road, covering just 83 miles in 8 hours of driving! In addition we have now begun construction of a 50 meter well and 5 meter water tower in Dawlatabad. This will serve the hospital we built last year and a local school of 3,000 students with fresh, clean drinking water.

## Kindergarten

The ASET Kindergarten continues to run and be a great success. It takes 120 children off the streets, giving them a purpose as well as a chance to develop and learn. Rather than learning simply by repetition the children are allowed to be creative in their learning and allowed to just be children.

A huge thanks to Faith James who has just left ASET for the UK after 3 years in Mazar e Sharif. She was instrumental in setting up the kindergarten and without her incredible work and dedication the kindergarten would not have been possible. Thank you !

### Games in the playground



## ASET Annual Report 2007/08

Here is an extract from the ASET annual report 2007/08, submitted to the Charity Commission in November 2008.

'The trustees are delighted at the way those people out in the field have endeavoured to meet the aims and objectives of the charity. A special mention must be made of the work of **Thomas Glatthaar**, The (Northern) Regional Director, who has done such sterling work on the administration, accounts, building the hospital and so many other things.

Many projects are continuing, or have been started, during the period;

The Kindergarten continues to flourish and 45 children have graduated during the year and a programme for training teachers has been introduced.

The hospital building has been undertaken and a brand new hospital completed in Dawlatabad to serve 100.000 people. **Dr Keng** is to be congratulated on her sterling work.

An HIV and Aids awareness programme, to prevent an impending epidemic, has been completed, with 192 Community Health Workers (CHW) trained.

The Women's Literacy Programme has had 128 women enrolled and is having pleasing results. One woman was able to save a sick baby because she was able to read a book about mother and infant health.

Our supporters have been most generous and our income has again risen. ASET continues to be run and administered by volunteers and the trustees wish to publicly recognise their work and thank them.'

### Dawlatabad Office



The house, office and training centre in Dawlatabad are completed. 200 teachers are receiving Teacher Training two days a week for 6 months in the District centre of Dawlatabad. We are also running English classes in the nearby village of Qaragujula with 220 students taking part.

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## Women's Literacy Project

Eight courses have now been set up, providing basic literacy to 160 Afghan women in their own neighbourhoods. One of the students who lives in



Literacy Classes



a refugee camp on the outside of Mazar had been severely traumatized by war before her family fled to the area and greatly lacked confidence.

When she first came to the course she was always afraid and her hands shook too much to even hold a pencil. Now, one year later she is

becoming literate, has gained much confidence and is happily engaged to be married.

In November, Amy Nelson ran a three day training course for the literacy teachers. Teachers created their own training materials including paper clocks for telling time and Dari alphabet posters.

### Quilts and Bullets!

As we try to work out how to bullet proof the water tank at the hospital, we have also begun a \$60,000 project to employ 100 women in Dawlatabad District to make 6,000 quilts for the winter. This will provide a basic income for these women during the coldest months so they can have enough food to eat and basic fuel for warmth. Then they will receive free quilts for their families. The remaining quilts will be given to needy people all over the district.

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