



ASET NEWS

AFGHAN SUPPORT EDUCATION TRAINING JUNE 09

LATEST NEWS:

The ASET Dinner 2009 raised an amazing £10,000. A huge thank you to everyone involved!



International Director

Once again **thank you** so much for all your support. Against the back drop of increasing threats, violence and people having to leave the country we have seen the volume of our work grow and the numbers on our staff increase. Steve and Natasha Palubinski (USA) joined us at a crucial time to help with the building of a hospital clinic, two wells, a water tower and a £40,000 quilt making project. Julie Zwies (NZ) and Gildeon and Lidia (Brazil) recently joined the work here and have made a valuable contribution. We also look forward to welcoming new staff members; Chris and Megan LeMaster (USA) and Sarah Turner (UK) in September. Elections take place in Afghanistan during August and it is unsure what they will bring so we eagerly await the results of that.



Dan Browne

Water Supply Improvement Project



Steve at one of the wells

ASET has begun to mobilise the Water Supply Improvement Project from the Dawlatabad office. The project entails hygiene promotion in homes and schools, water supply safety plans, and the construction of two water wells. Surveying has been completed and tentative neighbourhoods have been identified as potential beneficiaries based on need. Funding has been provided by TearFund through SERVE Afghanistan.



RACE AGAINST TIME!

Fundraising is ongoing for the School building – we have raised £4,000 at time of going to press. This will be matched by a Foundation in the USA ! Our target is £30,000 - the deadline is 1 July 2009 before we lose the matched funding offer!



Girls in temporary tent

New Health Centre

We completed the building and officially opened the new Dalan Basic Health Centre on May 27th. There were nearly 50 attendees including the District Governor, the Ministry of Public Health, representatives from the German government, political leaders and leaders of the local community. The Ministry of Public Health and the local community were extremely pleased with the new building and especially with the high quality of workmanship and involvement of the community. Dalan is an ethnic



Midwife in Maternity Room

Hazara village that relies on rain-fed crops for income. The extensive drought of the past decade has crippled the local economy and resulted in many hardships. This year the rains returned and the new clinic was completed - a time for celebrating!



Staff at New Centre



New Health Centre Building

Mount Eiger Challenge

Earlier this year a team of 25 took part in a sponsored climb at a London climbing centre. The challenge was to climb the equivalent of Mount Eiger (3970 metres), but an amazing 6512 metres was climbed in total and over £5000 raised for ASET. Thank you to all who took part and to all who kindly sponsored

Kindergarten

Ute Glatthaar is now overseeing the Kindergarten and it is going from strength to strength. Now with over 120 kids and 11 teachers, including 3 trainees. News has spread about how well the children have done and members of more fortunate families are asking why their children cannot attend the school just because they are not poor enough! Julie Zwies, an occupational therapist, is doing great work running weekly training sessions for the teachers, with the aim of developing their skills to help those children with disabilities. One goal for the coming year is to open a special needs class.

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