

# New Hope Mission Society, Inc.

Our Christian community desires to bring  
the love of Jesus Christ to the Muslim world

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## Mission News



### Rededication of the Bisharah Complex

By Ian McDonald

#### Rededication Ceremony

Ian McDonald and his daughter Mackenzie spent a couple of weeks this past November in India for the Rededication of the Bisharah Complex. This event successfully occurred over the last weekend in November, with over 200 attendees for the ceremony, and reportedly over 300 for the seminars that followed. The seminars focus was "Islam and Mission", intended to arm Christian pastors and believers with the most effective methods to communicate about Christianity with Muslims. Dr. Wasserman (aka Salam Falaki) and Basam Kowri (Christian Apologist from the U.A.E.) were featured speakers at the seminar that followed the Rededication ceremony.



KK and Jasmine at the  
Chapel Rededication

Ian cutting the ribbon for the rededication

#### Programs offered at Bisharah

KK will be offering curriculum similar to his past operation of Bisharah. This includes teaching sections of:

1. Bible classes
2. Belief and Practices of Christian Faith
3. Training of Evangelists
4. Three day Fellowship events

These will be offered as needed by inquirers and other interested parties and as funding allows.

#### Update on Bisharah Renovations

Bisharah has come a very long way since my trip one year ago! The dormitory, KK's residence, Chapel, Kitchen and group eating buildings are all substantially renovated and are operational. Only minor overall work is left in these buildings—the most of which is the completion of the tile coverings in the dormitory bathrooms and showers, and the completion of the Western Style apartment for foreign visitors. A large parking lot has been carved out of the landscape and significant cleaning up has occurred all around the site. Furniture is refurbished or added in many of the buildings. A couple of areas that are not yet complete are KK's offices and the women's shelter attached to the group eating area. The large water pump/well system has not been repaired and the stolen generator has not been replaced. KK has installed additional water storage tanks—in India most are large black containers made of heavy duty plastic that sit on the roofs of dwellings and buildings.

#### **NHMS Financial Summary**

##### **Monthly expense** for current operations

- \$2400 per month plus interest \$735
- \$500 one time gift to ISI

##### **Bisharah—debts needed to be Retired**

- Short Term Debt \$15,000
- Long Term Debt \$82,000

##### **New Hope-Bisharah annual expense**

- \$96,000 (\$8,000/month)
- Includes feeding hospitalized patients

## Prayer and Financial Concerns Raised by KK

- Needs more literature funding
  - Short on funds and literature inventory, thus has scaled back the boy's and girl's teams evangelism and outreach efforts
  - Particularly, KK has requested funding for a new publication "The Key of Mysteries." This is a compilation of other works by KK that includes a listing of FAQs about the Christian Faith. This book would equip inquirers with answers to the most commonly asked questions about the faith
- Prayer for the Boy's and Girl's Evangelism teams
- Debt reduction funds needed
  - Debt secured by Bisharah real estate balloons in December 2008
- Funds for a large commercial kitchen cooking range to replace the current aggregation of individual propane cookers used today.

## Congratulations to Dr. Abdul Messieh and Dr. Usha Esther

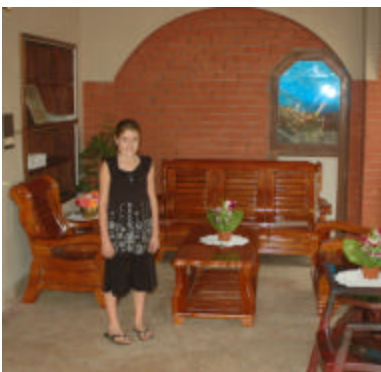
KK's son, Dr. Abdul, was recently engaged and married to college friend, Dr. Usha. A Betrothal Ceremony was held on January 28, 2008 (pictured right) with the wedding held at the Bisharah Chapel on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Dr. Abdul and the entire Alavi family are elated to have a new member in their family. Please pray for their new lives together!



**KK Alavi family: Priscilla, KK, Dr. Abdul, Dr. Usha, Yasmin and Christina**

## **India in the Eyes of Mackenzie McDonald - Age 11**

In November 2007, my dad and I went to India. We visited two hospitals and the Otten School. In the school there were grades K-12. Also they had rooms much like ours. My favorite part about the school was when I got to meet a couple of Indian girls, and I heard about what they do for a living. I also loved seeing the Taj Mahal and all the sights in New Delhi. I really loved Bisharah and Manjeri.



Mackenzie at Bisharah

In India I saw two hospitals, one was a private hospital and the other was a public hospital. The public hospital was for the poor and the hospital wasn't clean at all.

All the women stayed in one room and all the men stayed in one room, and there were no nurses. The hospital had everything you could possibly think of outside, but to me it was interesting to see how these people live and work. But overall, I just really enjoyed India!

Mackenzie at the Otten Hospital



## **International Students, Inc. - New Mission Outreach of NHMS**

“Get them while they’re here” is the goal of International Students, Inc, a ministry that NHMS just recently began supporting. Frank Hutton, part-time high school counselor and missionary, reaches out to international students, particularly Muslims, on several Twin Cities college campuses. He presented the ISI mission and purpose to the NHMS board at a recent meeting. The board agreed that this ministry aligns with our mission statement.

**Mission statement: “ISI exists to share Christ’s love with the international students and to equip them for effective service in cooperation with the local church and others.”**

Check out the IS website at [www.isionline.org](http://www.isionline.org).



**A picture of the Bisharah Renovation Project remarkable progress! Praise the Lord!!**



Bisharah Dormitory in 2006



Renovated Bisharah Dormitory in 2007

### **NHMS Annual Meeting:**

Thursday, **May 8th at 7 pm**, marks the date of the annual meeting of the NHMS. Please mark your calendar to join us at **Faith Lutheran Church**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the missions that NHMS supports and to give your input, ask any questions and to spend time in fellowship with other believers. There will be treats and refreshments provided. The NHMS board looks forward to seeing you there!!

### **NHMS Volunteer Opportunity:**

Would you like to get more involved in mission work, but not quite sure that you are prepared to go to India or another part of the world? NHMS is seeking mission oriented people that would like join our advisory board. Please contact one of the current board members or Jackie at the church office if you are interested in joining our team!

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDS:**

### **Bisharah Debt Reduction project**

- 100 people giving \$1000 dollars will eliminate the debt
- Smaller and larger gifts are greatly appreciated!!

New Hope Mission Society, Inc. is diligently working to support KK’s growing mission to the Muslim world, as well as International Students, Inc. and we need your prayer and financial support!

Dr. Christoph Wasserman, known as Salem Faliki, is a world renowned missionary to the Muslim world and has begun working with NHMS and KK Alavi in reaching the Muslims in Kerala. Unfortunately, he will not be coming to Hutchinson at this time. Watch for a future opportunity to be further educated on Islam beliefs and culture, as well as be encouraged in your faith. Watch future mailings for the date and time!

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