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Reports on Earthquake Relief Efforts during Oct-Nov 2005

Report on 8th Oct. 2006

You may have come to know of the massive earthquake that hit Islamabad this morning at 8:50am. Our entire house in Islamabad was shaking like I have never experienced it in my life. I was in the shower and my wife and daughter were asleep. Everyone was jolted out, and we ran out of the house. I could barely put on my bathing gown before running out.

The quake lasted for nearly 6 minutes with a severity of 7.6 on the Richter scale.

One of the most famous apartment building complexes of Islamabad - Margalla Towers in F-10 sector - was the most affected. One part of the complex collapsed completely with around 25-30 flats totally destroyed. They are still trying to dig through the rubble to pull out the dead bodies and the injured. We still don't have the figures of the casualties.

We are getting after shocks every few minutes. It is now 1:20pm (nearly 3 and a half hours after the main shock) and our house is still shaking while I write this message.

May Allah forgive us our sins and have Mercy on us.

By the Grace of the Almighty - all our relatives in Islamabad are fine.

We of course have many friends here in Islamabad. In fact, 3 of our friends were living in the Margalla Towers building complex that collapsed. The stories of how they escaped are harrowing. By the Grace of Allah, they were saved, but over 100-200 people are still trapped in the rubble of that building. May Allah have mercy on them.

Please pray for all of us, and for Pakistan.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui

Further Report on 8th Oct. 2006 (later on in the evening)

This is just an update on today's events. The situation at Margalla Towers is bad. One complete section of the complex has been destroyed, with around 25-30 flats in it. Most of the casualties are women and children. So far, they say that they have pulled out around 30 people who are injured. They don't have any proper equipment - cranes, concrete cutters, etc to be able to get through to the people who are trapped down there. We don't know how many people have died in this complex yet.

Tens of people are still trapped under the rubble of the Margalla Towers complex. The army finally arrived 4 hours after the quake, but hats off to the common folks who tried their best to provide whatever assistance they could. It was the common labourer who was more concerned than our govt. agencies who were very slow in reacting.

Then the Gen. Musharraf and our PM Shaukat Aziz finally turned up at the site to show that they are concerned. And all the agencies were more concerned about the safety of these two leaders than to perform rescue operations.

Many of the katchi abadis have been destroyed, but apparently the number of deaths reported from such areas is small - less than 10 so far. But we will find out more details as time passes by.

Our Finance Manager is from a village in Murree. He called his village and found out that maybe 90% of the houses have been destroyed.

The epicentre of the quake was around 100km from Islamabad in the Hindukush mountains, a bit north of Balakot. At Balakot, the quake was recorded to be 7.6 on the Richter scale.

The aftershocks are coming in very strong every few minutes. It is 11:40am now (nearly 2 hours after the first major shock), and I can still feel the shocks right now while I write this message. They say that the shocks may continue for another couple of hours or so.



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The quake was felt in 80% of Punjab, 60% of NWFP and 100% of Kashmir.

There have been some buildings in Lahore that have also been destroyed I understand with some casualties. I don't have full details yet.

However, the greatest disaster is in the Murree Hills and Kashmir areas. Total villages have been wiped out I understand, or buried in landslides. Our jawans who were in the trenches were buried alive on the Kashmir front. There are no figures of the casualties, but you can expect the worst.

To top it all, we were hit by a hailstone storm at around 10pm. And the storm still continues. My body shudders to think of what the poor people in the mountains or the people under the rubble of Margalla Towers (who are still alive) must be going through with this storm that has hit them after the destruction of their homes.

It is a calamity of a magnitude that is still incomprehensible.

Islamabad is fearful tonight. People are scared that another quake might strike in the night. We have been getting pretty strong tremors all through the day after every 15-60 minutes.

My wife and daughter refused to sleep in their bedrooms, and are sleeping in the drawing room just in case they have to rush out in the night. Likewise our servants and their children are sleeping in our kitchen. They are afraid to sleep in their own quarters. Our niece who was in hostel also moved in to our house for tonight.

The situation is very tense.

Actually, most of the day was spent in answering calls from all over Pakistan and abroad, or trying to locate our friends who were in the condemned complex (Margalla Towers). Three of my friends were in that building. Alhamdulillah all of them escaped with their families. Fortunately there has been no damage to the normal homes in Islamabad.

They say that the tremors will continue for at least another 2 days.

Please do pray for the safety of all the people of this region against this disaster. And pray that Allah may lighten the difficulties of those who have lost their homes.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Update Report on 9th Oct. 2006

You are absolutely right that the Hazara Division is probably the most affected areas. I guess in our own agony, we were not able to understand the depth of what is happening in the northern areas yesterday. But as of last night I started getting some reports of what may have happened out there.

The details are still sketchy. There have been so many landslides out in the north that we don't really know the full extent of the damage. We know that there has been extensive damage to Abbotabad, Mansehra, Balakot, etc, and also the entire Kashmir valley which has been affected 100%. They say that maybe 90-100% of all buildings in Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot and Balakot have been either totally destroyed or damaged extensively.

There is no real coverage of this calamity by the news media. They are all focused on Islamabad.

My own Finance Manager is from the Murree Hills. I understand from him that his entire village has been wiped out. Likewise tens of villages in the Murree, Mansehra and Abbotabad divisions, and Azad Kashmir area have been totally destroyed, and possibly buried under landslides. Most of the major roads leading to that area have been damaged. The army has been working overnight to create jeebable roads over the landslides to be able to get to that area.

I know of some friends' friends who are trapped in Muzaffarabad, and who are unable to get back to Islamabad as there are no roads left. I understand that even the major government buildings and homes in Muzaffarabad have been destroyed.

The extent of loss of life is still immeasurable. Possibly tens of thousands have died already. They are saying that at least 2,500 bodies are lying strewn in Muzaffarabad alone where the authorities don't have the resources to even bury them. They don't even have enough resources to evacuate the injured who are in the tens of thousands.

Also the number of army jawans who have been buried alive in their bunkers probably runs into thousands. So far, the govt is acknowledging a few hundred soldiers died, but the actual numbers are tremendous.

All the focus is on Islamabad due to media access. But the real epicenter of the quake was around 95 km from Islamabad near Muzaffarabad.

The greatest hit was on Azad Kashmir and then on the Naran Valley and Hazara District.

I think it will be days before the entire drama unfolds.

The government has been very slow in moving. Even in Islamabad, it took the army 3-4 hours to move from their barracks located in Rawalpindi to the Margalla Towers in Islamabad. Offer them a dinner, and I am sure they will get there in 15 minutes.

And it seemed that they came primarily to provide protection to Musharraf and Shaukat Aziz who wanted to visit the site. At first they were doing little to dig the people out from the rubble.

I think our government is confused. They don't know how to handle a crisis even if they had the will to do so.

May Allah forgive us our sins.

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui

Further Report on 9th Oct. 2006

Since the strong support from many of you to go ahead with a "Petarian" effort for the relief, I have talked to Shahid Mahmud 74104 to come up with a plan. There are a few corporate entities who are willing to put in substantial money as well.

We have worked out that initially it will cost around Rs. 10,000 to set up one family under a tent with basic requirements for the first month. They will need at least another Rs. 4,000 worth of food, etc to



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survive. We will assist them to rebuild their homes. By December, the snow will be on the ground in the hills. So we don't have much time.

We can take one village to rehabilitate - say 1000 homes. That will need Rs. 10 million for the first rehabilitation, but an additional Rs. 4 million for a month's survival. Then they will need assistance in the form of building materials to rehabilitate their homes/shops, etc. We will need to work out a budget for that.

The more money we can raise, the more homes we can rehabilitate.

In addition to this, we will need medicines and doctors.

These are some initial thoughts.

Shahid is arranging to build a website to raise funds. Petarian Foundation will then join hands with others in this effort.

I shall have more details insha Allah tomorrow.

In the meantime, I urge all those who would like to donate through the Petarian Foundation to make your commitments and send your funds to our bank account as I provided in my earlier mail.

I would also like as many Petarians here in this area to meet to put in our time as well.

Arif, please coordinate on this count. I shall be in touch with you tomorrow insha Allah.

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Report on 10th Oct. 2006

Dear Petarian friends in Karachi:

We are meeting today at 5:30 pm (followed by a simple iftar) at the office of "The Petarian Foundation" located at Regent Plaza Hotel Karachi. At the same time TPF members will be meeting at TPF office Islamabad and we will have tele-conference to finalize our action plan for earthquake rehabilitation project.

May I request Petarian friends in Karachi to please come forward and be counted in this time of crisis.

Please contact me at 0300 829 5306 or Aamir Mumtaz at 0333 329 5294 to confirm if you wish to attend today's meeting.

Thanks and Regards,
Mahmood Baweja 7518/Q
For The Petarian Foundation

Progress Report on 10th Oct. 2006

We have just wrapped up a meeting of Petarians at TPF Office Karachi. It was a very well attended meeting with 34 Petarians in attendance including 5 members of TPA Managing Committee lead by VP Shahbaz Malik. Some senior Petarians were K.G.N Ansari, S.B. Ansari, Tajammul Hussayn, Rasheed Abro, Noman Ozair, Perways Inam, Jamal Ansari and many others. Aamir will post a list of all attendees.

A great Petarian spirit and enthusiasm, to contribute monetarily and physically, was witnessed at this meeting. Various proposals/action plans were discussed and finally the following was agreed with mutual consensus and in consultation with the team that met simultaneously at TPF Islamabad.

1. **Startup date:** Everybody concurred that we should move fast and mobilize our teams to one of the effected areas on urgent basis. We must start our work from tomorrow morning.
2. **Area of Operations:** It was decided that we must consolidate and concentrate all our efforts in one specific locality so that a meaningful help could be rendered. TPF team in Islamabad, in consultation with Pakistan Army's Relief Operation wing has identified one village in Azad Kashmir Area which consisted of 7000 houses, now totally destroyed, but with no relief activity started till this morning. Unlike many other villages, this area is now accessible. TPF Islamabad had already dispatched 2 truck loads of relief goods including 100 tents this morning; every one in the meeting agreed that we must focus our energies and resources in rehabilitating this one village of 7000 families. Kazi Bhai will post further details about the exact location and action plan.
3. **Scope of Work:** It was agreed that we will need to provide the following material/services in our area of operation:
 - a. A field hospital to provide immediate medical help before any epidemics break out.
 - b. Providing Food and shelter, most importantly tents, warm clothes, blankets and enough ration for sustenance till permanent rehabilitation.
 - c. Set up a "*langar*" as people may still not have cooking facility.
 - d. Providing permanent shelter before the weather gets worst.
4. **Distribution of Work:** To avoid any overlapping of relief work it was decided to distribute the work between Petarian Association and Petarian Foundation, as follows:
 - a. **TPA:** The Petarian Association will manage the "Field Hospital" with Dr. Humayn Sarwat being in charge of medical operations. Dr. Humayun has already teamed up with Petarian and non-Petarian doctors and paramedics and will leave for Islamabad on Wednesday (12 Oct) morning. Another back up team of doctors provided by Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon will replace Dr. Humayun's team as and when needed.



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- b. **TPF:** Items b, c and d will be taken care of by The Petarian Foundation; this will include providing survival packs, setting up the *langar*, providing temporary shelters (tents) in the first phase and permanent shelters in phase 2 (before December). Petarian Foundation will also manage logistics from Islamabad to the area of operations. Amir Mumtaz, along with a team of Petarian volunteers will be leaving for Islamabad tomorrow afternoon. I will join the team as and when needed.
5. **Collection points:** It was also decided that five collection points be established at Karachi to collect donations in kind; such as blankets, clothes and ration. One of the center has already started working today; it is the office of Capt. A. Waheed Khan (7342). He has also arranged four Suzuki pickups to collect material from any place within Karachi. Other collection points include TPA office at Fleet Club, Tajammul Bhai's office etc. I will post addresses and contact numbers in separate mail.
6. **Target – Amount and deadline:** We have set up a target to collect Rs. 20 million. It was agreed that everybody will try to mobilize his own entry to make maximum possible contributions. This is besides the individual donation that anybody may like to make. This target needs to be met within 3 days from now, i.e., by 13th October 2005.
7. **Where to send your checks:** It was also agreed that Petarians may donate either through Petarian Foundation or Petarian Association. Account details for both will be posted in a separate mail.
8. **Base Camp:** The base camp for all this activity will be the Islamabad office of Petarian Foundation. All teams of volunteers and goods will be dispatched to Kazi Zulkader for onward deployment.

The meeting concluded in high spirits and everyone seemed fully geared up to take up the challenge.

Best Regards,
Mahmood Baweja
7518 Q
Treasurer, the Petarian Foundation

In continuation with the email of Mehmood Baweja Bhai, following is the list of Petarians who attended today's meeting.

S.#	Kit #	House	Name
1	3	Jinnah	Sikandar Bakht Ansari
2	26	Jinnah	KG N Ansari
3	321	Liaquat	Jamal A Ansari
4	370	Liaquat	Abdul Rashid Abro
5	389	Latif	Abdul Haleem Qureshi
6	439	Jinnah	Tajammul Husain
7	556	Ayub	M. Nauman Ozair
8	567	Liaquat	Shaikh Pervaiz Inam
9	7072	Latif	Shahid Mahmood Vohra
10	7342	Qasim	Capt (R) A.Waheed khan
11	73108	Qasim	Maj Mahyar M. Dhatigara
12	7406	Qasim	Dr. Malik Nazeer Ahmed
13	N-51	Liaquat	Syed Naeem Ul Hassan
14	7465	Iqbal	Syed Humayun Sarwat
15	7512	Qasim	Arshad Siraj Memon
16	7515	Ayub	Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon
17	7518	Qasim	Mahmood Baweja

S.#	Kit #	House	Name
18	7558	Latif	Shahzad Sattar
19	7571	Iqbal	Maj Aamir Rehman Syed
20	7935	Iqbal	Syed Waqas Azher
21	7975	Ayub	Dr. Naseem Ahmed
22	79144	Ayub	Dr. Abdullah
23	8159	Iqbal	Ali Sabri
24	81128	Qasim	Azher M.Kidwai
25	8216	Latif	Lt. Cdr. Badar Shafat
26	82105	Iqbal	Shahbaz Ali Malik
27	8648	Qasim	Waseem Ahmed
28	89157	Jinnah	Ahad Sheikh
29	9255	Jinnah	Dr. Azam Virk
30	9458	Latif	Sohaib Ahmed
31	94101	Iqbal	Aamir Hussain Gopang
32	95149	Iqbal	Hassan Rohela
33	9639	Jinnah	Haqdad Khoso
34	96100	Latif	Umair Bilal
35	97192	Liaquat	Bisharat Rasool Memon

Regards
Aamir Mumtaz, (94101-IQ)



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Progress Report on 11th Oct. 2006

Dear Petarians:

We need volunteers in following areas; please respond ASAP.

1. Karachi: to man collection points and logistics.
2. Islamabad:
 - a) for logistic support
 - b) Doctors and paramedics for the field hospital
 - c) civil engineers and associate engineers to supervise some construction work at the village in AK.

Kindly contact directly one of these:

1. Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui : 0333 512-5120 (all volunteers for Islamabad)
2. Mahmood Baweja: 0300 829-5306 (all volunteers for Karachi)
3. Dr. Humayun Sarwat: 0300 268-0495 (doctors and paramedics)

Please Hurry. the first team of doctors and volunteers is being dispatched tomorrow. We need as many workers as possible to provide a backup support as not all volunteers may be expected to stay for more than a couple of weeks, whereas the relief activity may last for a couple of months.

Thanks and Regards,
Mahmood Baweja

Further Progress Report on 11th Oct. 2006

There are a number of things that we have been doing today, and I think we have good progress. Let me highlight the things we were able to achieve:

- We set up a Control and Command Centre at Islamabad, located at Shahid Mahmud's office (across the street from mine). The tel nos of the Control and Command Centre are:
 - (051) 710-1096/9 (4 lines)
 - This centre will be manned 24 hours from tomorrow insha Allah
- We have dispatched a couple of guys to the village site with satellite phones to set up the communications link with us.
- Two truck loads of tents and food stuff will leave for the village tomorrow insha Allah.
- Two of our Petarian volunteers from Karachi will be coming in to Islamabad tonight. They will be sent onwards to the site for establishing logistics control.
- Four Petarian young doctors from Karachi are expected to come by tomorrow to set up medical camp at the village.
- Arif has arranged for up to 20 volunteers to go to the site along with one diesel mechanic.
- We are negotiating with Hidayat Foundation USA to work with us on this relief work, whereby they will collect the funds (tax exempt) from USA and route it through us insha Allah. Ikram is working on this with the help of Basheer Mahar Bhai and Saleem Mastan Bhai
- The Abdalian Association (Alumni of Cadet College Hasan Abdal) are keen to join hands with us for this village project. I expect to get formal acceptance from them by tonight. In principle they are already agreed.
- We hope to have our operations at the village in place by tomorrow insha Allah.
- A number of other Petarian volunteers have come forward to work at either the Islamabad or Karachi centers or at the sites. We shall utilize their resources fully insha Allah.

May Allah bless all Petarians.

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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It is really great that Petarians in Karachi got together full of zeal to join hands in this great effort. The village we have chosen is called Samni, located in Tehsil Rerah, District Bagh. So far, almost no relief has reached this village. The demographic details of this village are as follows:

- Population: 25,000 - 30,000
- No. of houses 7,000
- Gender ratio is almost equal

The present status as per reports is as follows:

- Almost 100% houses have been demolished, and people are under the sky
- They are still awaiting relief
- There is no medicine, food and clothes, etc. They lost everything
- Reported no. of deaths is 25-30 people including women and children
- All people are homeless
- All communications system has been demolished

My company will give 2 trucks for the operations to ply back and forth between Islamabad and Rerah.

We Petarians alone may not be able to handle the rehabilitation of this entire village ourselves. There are other non-Petarian friends here who are also volunteering goods and manpower for this village.

The immediate critical items we need are:

- Tents
- Tents
- Tents

There is a great shortage of tents in the local market. If anyone can get hold of tents (4m x 4m size) locally, please pick them up. For our overseas Petarians, if you can ship out tents to us, that will be a great help. We need 7,000 tents for this village alone. Shahid Mahmud has located a large quantity of tents in India, which he is trying to obtain. But if you have access to tents, please go ahead and procure them.

One team of Petarian doctors will be coming from Karachi tomorrow insha Allah. We shall arrange to send them to the village so that they may start up operations. We shall assist in whatever supplies that are needed.

We need to mobilize funds on a fast track.

As Mahmood has pointed out, you may send your funds either to the Petarian Foundation or to the Petarian Association. I have already sent you the bank routing instructions for the Petarian Foundation. I am posting it again with this email as an attachment. Please see the attachment. The instructions for the Association account will also be posted.

For those who are in Pakistan, we have already applied for tax exempt status for the Petarian Foundation, and expect to have that in place shortly. So insha Allah, you should be able to avail tax exemption when you file your next tax returns in case you send the funds to the Petarian Foundation.

Let us all join hands to make this a true show of united spirit amongst Petarians.

The Islamabad operations will be handled out of Shahid's and my offices. Our offices are located opposite each other in F-7/1. The addresses are as follows:

Techcorp Holding (Pvt) Ltd., 12A, Street 29, F-7/1, Islamabad
Tel: 265-2511/2

Interactive Communications (Pvt) Ltd, 11, Street 29, F-7/1, Islamabad
Tel: 265-2505/9

Arif Masud will be coordinating a lot of the work out of Islamabad insha Allah. With the passage of the next couple of days, we will be clearer on the distribution of work load between us here.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Further Progress Report on 11th Oct. 2006

We have setup five collection points in Karachi for donations in kind. The central point for all logistics within Karachi and dispatch to Islamabad is the office of Capt Waheed (7342). Other points are as follows:

1. Capt Waheed
(Petarian Associates), 1/1 C, Main Saba Commercial Avenue, DHA, Phase-V Ext.
Tel: 534-4531, 534-2534, 534-2000, Cell 0300-212-7571, 0321-212-7571, Time: 9am to 9pm
2. The Petarian Association, PN Fleet Club, Saddar, Karachi
Tel: 278-7134
3. Tajammul Hussayn
Seasons Master Engineering, 2C South Park Ave, Phase-II ext, DHA
Tel: 5888 355, 5888 394, cell: 0300-201-7574, 0333-225-9399
4. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Khan
Anam Estate, Room # 701, main Sharea Faisal (near baluch bridge)
cell: 0301-283 7601
5. Arshad Siraj Memon
Room 101-104, 1st Floor, Asad Chambers, Shamboonath street, near passport office, Saddar
Tel: 568-9573, 568-3500

Here is the account number of **Petarian Foundation**. Donors may kindly deposit directly in one of these accounts or write a check to "The Petarian Foundation" and mail it or send in person to one of the offices (at Karachi or Islamabad) Both addresses given at the bottom of this email.

Donors in Lahore may kindly contact Mian Wamiq Anwar at 0300-942-6427

Donors who wish to donate through TPA may kindly check with Basheeruddin Memon Bhai for TPA's account details. He can be reached at 0303-728-5650

Account Information:

Beneficiary: The Petarian Foundation, Islamabad
Account no.: 01881118
Bank/Branch: Prime Commercial Bank Ltd, 78-W Roshan Centre, Blue Area Branch, Islamabad

Beneficiary: The Petarian Foundation, Karachi
Account no: 01007595
Bank/Branch: Prime Commercial Bank Ltd. Shakra –e – Faisal Branch Karachi

Addresses for sending the check:

The Petarian Foundation, 12A, Street 29, F7/1, Islamabad
Tel: 265-2511 / 2

The Petarian Foundation, Emerald-6, Mez Floor, Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi
Tel: 565-7031 / 32

In addition to above, please feel free to contact me at 0300-829-5306

Regards,
Mahmood Baweja



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Progress Report on 12th Oct. 2006

It has been one of the most hectic days of activity and I was not able to update you all on the progress all day. Let me now summarize below:

- The **Abdalian Association** (alumni of Cadet College Hasan Abdal) have joined hands with us 100% according to our plan, i.e. providing full relief and rehabilitation to the village of Samni in Bagh District. They are mobilizing all the 5,000 Abdalians to support this activity. They will be doing fund raising as well as providing their volunteers to work along with the Petarian volunteers. Henceforth, this is a joint Petarian-Abdalian cooperative venture. This is a great achievement for us.
- With the Abdalians joining hands with us, we have decided to give our best shot to providing full relief to the 7,000 families at Rerah / Samni village (instead of just the 1,000 families that we had originally planned). This means we will need at least 7 times as much of financial and manpower resources. Thus, we have taken on a much larger challenge. We seek Allah's help in this regard. I may point out that in order to provide only simple relief for the next month and a half, we now estimate that it will cost us around Rs. 15-20 crores for the entire village.
- Our main mobilization for the project is now in place. In this regard, we have already done the following:
 - We have set up a Command and Control Center at Islamabad. There are 5 telephone lines set up for the Center. Anyone needing any information on our activities may call the following nos.
 - (051) 710-1092, 710-1096, 710-1097, 710-1098, 710-1099 (for calling from within Pakistan)
 - If you are calling from outside Pakistan, please dial +92-51 as the code instead of 051.
 - The Command and Control Center is manner 24 hours a day. It will be the main contact with the site as well as with the donors. It will also provide logistics and supply support.
 - After the initial scouting teams returned from the Rerah village, our main camp team is departing during the night to set up a operations office at the site and a field hospital. The team is led by Arif Masud, kit no. 70111 and Major Aamir, kit no. 7571. Along with them, there is a team of around 8 people including Abdalians and Petarians. They will be joined by another 5 doctors from PMA tomorrow. They are leaving as a part of a convoy of around 4 trucks and vehicles.
 - The team going there includes 5 youngsters who were the main people involved in the operations at the Margalla Towers in Islamabad. They were the ones who were going into the tunnels and crevices to free the injured and to pull them out. They are very experienced in crisis situations.
 - The first convoy is carrying 100 tents and food and medical supplies for the initial few days.
 - They are also equipped with 2 satellite phones (Thuraya) to be able to communicate back with the Command and Control Center
 - A second convoy will leave within 24-36 hours with further 100 tents and more supplies. The movement of this second convoy will depend on the reports received from the first convoy.
 - We have ordered 4 large field hospital tents from UAE. Each tent is around 50' x 100'. This will be required to set up a proper field hospital. These large tents should be arriving within the next few days.
 - We have also provided for armed security guards to accompany our convoys since many of the trucks are being looted in the hills
- We understand that a team of doctors has been dispatched by the Petarian Association from Karachi to Islamabad, and is supposed to contact me upon arrival here. I am still waiting for them so that they may join our teams in this relief work as agreed in the joint plan worked out at Regent Plaza Hotel.
- With the assistance of our brothers at PANA, we have been able to establish contact with the Hidaya Foundation and the Noor Foundation to assist us in getting tax-exempt donations from

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the USA. We hope to be able to complete the paperwork with them by tomorrow insha Allah. In the meantime, please continue to send your donations directly to the Petarian Foundation account as per the attached routing instructions. I would like to thank Dr Ikram Ghani, Wasif, Arshad Ansari, Shabieh, Rifaquat Cheema and all others who are making this happen.

- The donations are pouring in from all sides. So far, nearly Rs. 20 lacs has been received or pledged. We need even faster inflow of funds. Please open up your hearts and your pockets and encourage your friends to donate as well. May Allah reward you for it.
- For the first convoy today, we have already spent Rs. 9 lacs for the 100 tents (they are costing Rs. 9,000 a piece now) plus another 3 lacs for supplies, i.e. a total of Rs. 12 lacs. We will be spending a similar sum tomorrow insha Allah for the second convoy. The initial start up costs are high and we will be needing a lot of money up front to get a successful venture.
- We have been putting together a proper website for this relief effort. This website will be up shortly as a joint Abdalian - Petarian venture.
- Our Karachi office led by Mahmood Baweja and Tajammul Bhai have been doing wonders in supporting us. In addition to sending volunteers (including doctors), they are also arranging for tents and medical supplies.
- The Abdalians are setting up support offices at Lahore and Kohat as well for this work.
- Lt.Col. Sultan Sikander Ghumman, kit no. 766 came in with his team from Lahore. He is arranging with Army Aviation to airlift some of our supplies to the field office at Rerah village. He will be scouting the area tomorrow by helicopter to provide us further logistical support. He has also mobilized Petarians in Lahore to help in this effort.

I would like to thank all the Petarians for standing behind us. It is only with the support of all of you that we will insha Allah make this succeed.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 13th Oct. 2006

Let me report on our activities for today as follows:

- I want to firstly salute the advance team of around 20 people that finally arrived at Rerah village today. Under normal circumstances, this is a journey of only 5-6 hours. But it took our convoy almost 18 hours to get there. The time taken was far beyond our expectations. Apparently there are too many problems on the road, and they had traffic jams in several places. They have started to set up the field base with the supplies they are carrying. They are carrying 3 satellite phones with them, which allowed us to keep contact with them all along. We were concerned about the safety as well, since there have been several cases of looting by both needy people as well as criminals. Therefore, we sent armed guards with the convoy.
- The work we have taken on is probably more difficult in some ways. Most of the people are simply going to the cities to dump their relief goods, i.e. to Balakot, Rawalakot, Muzaffarabad, etc. But hardly any relief is getting to the villages. Thus, our effort will be one of the few that are aimed at the people in the hills.
- Our main problem has been tents. Even the first lot of tents got lost. The supplier claims that the Army guys confiscated the truck between Lahore and Islamabad. The goods have been lost for over 24 hours now, although we paid for them 100% in advance. Maybe the vendor is lying. He may have gotten more money from someone else and he diverted our consignment to them. There is so much of dishonesty around here unfortunately.
- Several friends who had been sending their goods to the towns have abandoned those efforts and are now diverting the goods to us. This is good for us, since this will mean we can use our cash donations more judiciously. One friend delivered a Suzuki load of foodstuff, etc today, while we will get a donation of 2 truckloads of goods tomorrow morning insha Allah.
- Our Control and Command Center has been fully operational today.
- We got several more commitments and pledges for funds today.
- Five doctors from Karachi arrived this morning. We hope to get them out to the field by tomorrow. They will leave with the next consignment of goods.
- Another 4 doctors and 3 assistants are being sent by AMZT company in Karachi, which is also run by a Petarian.
- Lastly, we now have the support of another organization. This is the **HVAC Society of Pakistan**. Tajammul Bhai did a good job in getting them on board
- Ikram has been able to come to an agreement with the Hidayat Foundation in USA to transfer relief goods to us.

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Progress Report on 14th Oct. 2006

The day seems to pass so fast despite the fasting of the month of Ramadan. We just don't seem to have enough hours in the day to be able to do all the work that needs to be done. I didn't get time to post this until past Sehri today. I must congratulate all our teams that are doing marvelous work.

Let me summarize some of the key activities of yesterday, i.e. 14th October.

- The Petarian/Abdalian team is the first relief team to reach this remote village of Bagh Dist. No other team had gotten to this point so far. In fact, there are many other similar remote villages that have not received any aid. Most of the aid teams have been dumping relief material primarily in larger cities, while the countryside and the villages have received nothing.
- Major Aamir, KAM and their teams have been doing wonderful work at the Rerah village site. As the day dawned, there were over 600 injured people at the camp seeking medical assistance. The number of injured is massive, although the deaths have been few in this area. Although our base camp is still not fully organized yet, the teams started working on providing relief to the injured and sick people.
- The injured were segregated into two sections. Firstly, all those who had severe injuries, fractures, lost limbs, and gangrene affected areas were put on one of our trucks (which was converted into an ambulance), and sent immediately to the nearest Army Hospital in the area near Bagh. These patients would be transferred to Rawalpindi by helicopter by the Pakistan Army so that they may get proper treatment.
- Our field hospital is catering only to those patients who do not have serious injuries, and who need medical assistance only with minor surgical procedures. At the moment, we are not geared to take any major surgical procedures. We do not have that kind of equipment at the field hospital to do that. With the passage of time, we may get better instruments like mobile X Ray machine, etc, and then we may have capability for a few more procedures.
- We have a lady doctor (wife of Major Aamir) in our team. Her presence has meant that all the women are coming to get a check up too. Otherwise, women were being left out.
- The Pakistan HVACR Society has now decided to join our efforts too. These alliances will give us greater purchasing power and rehabilitation.
- NTC (National Telecommunications Corporation) has also decided to join our effort. Chairman NTC, Rear Admiral Shahid Farooq is also a Petarian and he is very much behind our efforts. NTC will contribute a couple of truck loads of relief goods every day to our effort.
- In addition, we procured 85 tents and other stuff like food, medicines, etc yesterday.
- A helipad has been constructed at the site by our team at the front camp. We now have the coordinates of the village too, i.e. latitude and longitude. We had sent a GPS to determine these so that it would be easy for a helicopter to locate the site.
- After great efforts, we now have commitment from the Pakistan Army Aviation for one sortie on MI-17 transport helicopter tomorrow (15th) morning. We shall transport approx 100 tents.
- Then we have commitments from the Cabinet Division Aviation to use their smaller helicopter for a couple of sorties tomorrow. This small helicopter can take a payload of only 1,500 lbs only. We will be using these sorties for medical supplies, and other critical emergency items.
- I shall report on the progress of these helicopter sorties tomorrow.
- In the meantime, we have dispatched one more truckload of food to the site - part of which was bought by us and partly it was donations in kind received from different people.
- We have also found a cheaper source of supply of tents from Faisalabad. We had bought our first lot of 100 tents at Rs. 9,000 a piece from a Lahore trader. We are now getting the same sized tent from this Faisalabad party at Rs. 1,875 a piece. He is the manufacturer, which cuts out all the middlemen. Secondly, he is a god-fearing man and is charging us only for the cost of materials without any profit. We are thus now buying 5 tents for the price of one. Thus, our estimate on the cost of tents goes down five times. I placed an order for 500 tents immediately, and have cancelled orders on the trader from Lahore.
- This same Faisalabad party is giving us 4 large hospital tents (54ft x 54ft each) at a cost of Rs. 32,000 a piece. I immediately cancelled yesterday's order on a Dubai party, where I was buying large tents from there at a price of AED 5,000 (Rs. 80,000) a piece. We will be getting delivery of these 4 tents today insha Allah, and transport them to our site tomorrow morning.



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- We are trying our level best to find cheaper sources, since money is scarce. At the moment, in this time of need, we have some traders who are black marketing the scarce goods and trying to make a fast buck. We will pay the high price when we are stuck, but better planning and buying practices will save us a lot of money.
- Another party in Lahore is donating 50 tents plus a bunch of blankets, food items today. These will also go on the same truck as the 4 large tents. We have dispatched our truck to Lahore to pick this stuff up.
- Capt. Altaf Rehman, 88 entry/Latif House arrived to go to the site for 9 days. He took special leave from Army for this purpose. We will dispatch him on helicopter tomorrow insha Allah.
- We now have 5 vehicles full time at our disposal as follows:
 - One Adam Zabardast truck, based at camp office being used as ambulance
 - One Potohar jeep at camp office to be able to access the remote dirt roads
 - One Adam Zabardast, one Shehzore truck and one Bedford truck for plowing between Islamabad and base camp.
- Our 3 satellite phones are fully operational at site. We are now working on putting up a VSAT link from base camp to our control and command centre in Islamabad.
- We have some volunteers from AMZT (Farook Ali Khan 7651 is Chief Executive of this company) flying in from Karachi in the morning insha Allah. They will also be carrying some donations as well.
- Several Petarians, Abdalians and others continue to give donations on a daily basis. Money has also started to flow from the members of the Pak HVACR Society who are backing us.
- We are hoping to get support - cash or kind - from Hidayat Foundation and Noor Foundation over this weekend.

Let me now turn to a couple of critical points

- The site we have chosen is a very difficult one. It is remote and there are no facilities there. Thus, our volunteers who are going there have to rough it out. It is no picnic.
- Due to this, worker fatigue sets in very fast. Therefore, we do not plan on keeping our volunteers at the site for more than 5-7 days at a go. And if any one cannot take it, we are also willing to bring him back sooner.
- We therefore need a lot of back up volunteers who are motivated, and who are willing to rough it out for a few days. For this, we need:
 - Junior doctors with house job experience [don't need senior doctors as procedures at our camp are not complex. Besides senior doctors may not be able to rough it out]
 - Paramedics
 - General volunteers who would be distributing food, managing logistics, registering the affected people, managing the tents, etc. It would be good if we can have more junior or middle level officers of the Pakistan Army or Navy, if they can take a few days off, as their training allows rough environments. Major Aamir and Capt. Altaf are a great asset to us at the moment. But we need their replacements too.
- We also need more volunteers in Islamabad for manning our command and control centre. As activity picks up, we will need at least 3-4 people round the clock at the command centre. At the moment, we have only 2 boys at a time all round the clock. Again, we need people in the 20s and 30s who are motivated, and who have good communication skills. We will also be rotating these people as no one may be able to take time out for 2-3 months from his job. If we can get volunteers who can inform us the dates (any time over next 3 months) when they can be available for one or two weeks, that will be great. We are doing 8-12 hour shifts.

Brothers, please remember that this will be a sustained effort over a period of 3-4 months. It is not like a bubble. I know that interest dies out very fast, and it will be difficult if we don't have a sustained support from all of you over the coming months. Let us make this into a successful operation and a model operation.

With Best Regards,
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Progress Report on 15th Oct. 2006

- In the morning of the 15th, the sky was overcast with some rain all over the north region. This had hampered all movement of trucks and all the helicopters were grounded until early afternoon. Finally, the Pakistan Army helicopters started moving supplies after 1pm, and thus most of the cargo was left stranded at Rawalpindi.
- We had a consignment of 85 tents to be airlifted. Although we had an earlier commitment that all will be sent, at the last minute they cut our cargo down to 30 tents on an Afghan MI-17 (arranged courtesy of Capt. Nayyer Islam, Abdalian). They did take our 2 volunteers though - Capt. Altaf (87 entry) and Hashir (s/o Air Comm. Nayyer - Abdalian).
- The helipad was ready at the site, and our teams had marked it properly. We had proper GPS readings of the actual location so that there would be no confusion. The helicopter finally got to the site around 4:15pm. As it blew up too much dust, the helicopter then moved and landed in a field a couple of hundred yards away. Before our teams could get to the helicopter, a couple of hundred nearby villagers who had been sitting on the roadside rushed to it, and virtually ransacked all the goods. Despite scuffles, our people could not lay their hands on the tents. This was the first small setback for us. We lost all the 30 tents.
- While the two new volunteers got dropped off by the MI-17, seven of the previous volunteers returned to Islamabad on the same helicopter. These included 2 doctors and 5 other volunteers.
- The remaining 55 tents were returned to our Islamabad base from the Chaklala airbase. We then loaded these along with tons of other food supplies, medicines, blankets, clothes, etc, and a convoy of 1 Bedford truck, 1 Shehzore, and one Potohar Jeep left Islamabad at around midnight. These arrived at the site today (16th) at around 1pm.
- We loaded another truck from Lahore with the 4 hospital tents that were ordered the previous day (each tent is 54 ft x 54ft) plus around 10 chairs. This truck arrived at our Islamabad base around Sehri time this morning. The rest of the space was stacked up with remaining materials lying at our Islamabad stores and dispatched. The truck has not yet arrived at site until the writing of this report.
- We also tried one more sortie on a small helicopter yesterday evening with a load of around 700Kg. Unfortunately, that could not take off due to poor light conditions before sundown.
- We received a list of medicines from our site, based on the actual requirements, and as developed by our team of doctors. We have procured all those medicines, and will be sending them preferably by helicopter.
- We have been receiving a stream of supplies through the Abdalian Association from Kohat (courtesy of Air Commodore Nayyer). So far, a few truck loads of supplies have arrived from Kohat.
- The Abdalian Association also sent in a group of around 10 volunteers from Kohat, who departed for the Rerah village along with the Bedford truck-Shehzore-Potohar jeep convoy. They will be replacing the 7 volunteers who returned by helicopter.
- The progress at site is good. Our teams are busy with distribution of food and medical treatment. I have received over 100 photos from the site, which I will post.
- Late in the night, it started raining with heavy winds and thunderstorms all across the northern belt. This rain and storm has caused havoc.
- Aftershocks of the earthquake continue every day in all the areas. Typically, the strongest jolt of the day comes in the middle of the night, with an intensity exceeding 5 on the Richter scale. Islamabad has also been feeling these jolts every night.

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Progress Report on 16th Oct. 2005

- A team of 4 young doctors arrived from Karachi in the evening as replacement for the earlier teams. We have arranged a Landrover for them, and they will be departing for the site at Fajr time on the 17th morning. These doctors were arranged for by our Petarian Foundation Karachi office.
- We now have another truck load of material ready which will depart with the Landrover in the early morning hours.
- The storm that started last night has been raging all morning. It died down towards the latter part of the day. Therefore there were no helicopter flights today at all. We came to know that one Pakistan Army MI-17 rescue helicopter crashed not far from our site yesterday evening. Around 5-6 officers of the Pakistan Army died in this crash. May Allah grant them *jannatul firdaus*.
- Due to the storm of last night and this morning, there have been no helicopter flights today at all. Therefore we are relying only on road transport today. We hope that the skies will clear up tomorrow and we are able to use some space on helicopters tomorrow. It has been a rather gloomy overcast day.
- Reports from our site indicate that the wind and rain storm last night led to further landslides. One large boulder that came down the mountainside barely missed one of our vehicles by inches. We are fortunate that the vehicle didn't get destroyed.
- One Shehzore and one Adam truck returned to Islamabad from our site. Due to the conditions, the Adam truck has mechanical damages, which hope to be fixed tomorrow.
- We had a delegation from the Discover Islam Centre, Bahrain today at our Islamabad office. We made a presentation to them on how we can cooperate for this effort. The meeting was excellent. We believe that our Bahraini brothers will have a lot to contribute to this effort, and will be cooperating with us insha Allah.
- We also had a visit from Sigma Motors Chief Executive Col. Zafar who has promised to have his fleet of 4-wheel drive vehicles available for our use when necessary.
- We have also been receiving a stream of supplies from other well-wishers today.
- Our funds situation is improving by the day *alhamdulillah*. We need to keep up this pressure so that we may sustain with enough funds and volunteers over the next 4-6 months to complete the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the area.
- There have been innumerable calls of support from Petarians and friends from all over the world.

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Progress Report on 17-19th Oct. 2005

I was unable to post the progress of 17th and 18th in time due to my visit to our relief camp in Bagh district. I left on the evening of the 17th and got back in the wee hours of this morning at around 2:30am, thoroughly exhausted.

Let me report on the details here now:

Progress on 17th October

- Aftershocks from the earthquake continue on a daily basis. We have gotten used to the one or two stronger shocks in the day, which the lighter ones are almost routine to the extent that we tend to think of those as normal and go about our normal chores as if nothing happened. I can feel my chair moving almost every few minutes in the day.
- Our medical teams are not working with a proper set up. The stream of critical patients has reduced but still continues. There are more patients now with minor symptoms that can be handled easily by our teams.
- Much of the relief material has already been given to the affected people of Samni village and to some of the other villages in the vicinity. Around 115 tents were distributed today in addition to other supplies. Most of the affected people DO NOT want clothes, but some of the poorer villagers will accept them. The item in greatest demand is the tent which is in tremendously short supply.
- The Pakistan Army finally moved into this area and have set up a Brigade Headquarters and a number of army units have been deployed in this valley. The unit deployed at Rera Tehsil where we are located is the 5th Baluch Regiment. They are coordinating their efforts with us.
- Two more truck loads of relief goods left Islamabad for our relief camp.
- The first of our hospital large tents has also been installed giving cover to the patients from the sun during the day.
- Gen. Andrabi, a famous surgeon from Rawalpindi has also moved next door to us with his own team of volunteers. This is a great support to us, and we have set up a cooperation with them to possibly pass on surgical patients for his care. He needs a mobile X-Ray plant to be able to perform better. We are negotiating with the Army to see if we can get him one.
- An Abdalian by the name of Umar Akbar, son of the AIG Investigation, Lahore was also in the valley, and had eventually thought of going back as he didn't seem to get anywhere and was disheartened. With the assistance of our teams and the Brigade Commander, he now has set up his camp also in our vicinity. He has a number of tents with him and can source more. We are working closely with his team as well.
- Dr. Hasan (Abdalian) who has a clinic near Hasan Abdal donated a Shehzore load of medicines and surgical supplies. The items were collected from him today.
- Mahmood Baweja flew in from Karachi at around 7pm, and Air Commodore Nayyar Khawja (Treasurer of Abdalian Association) drove in on his 4-wheel drive Hilux from Kohat today in the evening.
- Mahmood, Nayyar and I then departed from Islamabad for Bagh and Rera using Nayyar's vehicle to go and assess the situation on ground and to determine future course of action. We departed from Islamabad at around 9:45pm, and arrived at our camp around 2:30am. We drove via Murree-Kohala-Bagh route. It was a good drive. We didn't see too many trucks or vehicles on the way. It seems that donor fatigue may have set in and the number of individuals who have been driving into the area with their own truck loads of relief goods has now almost dwindled. It was probably due to this reduced traffic that we were able to drive into the area so fast. In the past few days, it has been taking our vehicles up to 22 hours to travel the same distance. Our speedometer shows that the distance from Islamabad to Rera (where Samni village is located) is only 170 Km via this route. There is another route which is slightly longer that goes via Kotli Sattiyān. However, the roads are not completely safe due to the landslides (which have been repaired by the Pakistan Army over the past few days). Most of the track is in the mountains with winding roads and hair-pin bends. The road is very bumpy. In fact, half way through, I felt very sick in the stomach due to the churning of food I had consumed right after *Iftar*.



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Progress on 18th

- By the time we arrived into our camp and woke our key staff members, it was around 3am. Major Aamir and Aamir Mumtaz sat down with us over a cup of tea and briefed us on what had been going on. We took a break at around 5am for 4 hours to rest from our tiring journey.
- Since we had decided to walk up the mountain to see the villages with our own eyes, I decided not to fast. However, I must salute Air Cdre Nayyar who did fast despite hardship.
- Our site relief work has come almost into routine now. The field hospital is working regularly with a daily stream of over 100 patients. With the passage of time, the number of critically injured patients is reducing. However we see some interesting phenomena as follows:
 - We have camped in the damaged facility of the only main dispensary in Rera, which is the main bazar in the valley. This is the meeting point for all the villages in the vicinity including Samni. There are more than 20 villages that this point caters to. It is on the main road coming from Bagh, and is located around 30-35 minutes drive from Bagh.
 - The main building of the dispensary collapsed completely. However, a couple of its smaller buildings survived.
 - The medical and other immediate stores for our staff are located in two rooms that are still in tact in this complex.
 - In addition, we are using one room as a dispensing unit to dispense the medication as prescribed by the doctors. The entire dispensing and stores operation is managed by Arif Masud. He has done a wonderful job of organizing this effort.
 - The outpatient clinics are set up in the open under larger tents or under tree shade. 6-7 doctors work in parallel at the same time in different corners of the camp examining and treating patients.
 - We have one female doctor at the moment who has been a great source of help to us. Female patients have been flocking to her and feel more confident in sharing their problems with her.
 - The doctors do take their medical supplies from the dispensing unit. In addition, they do write out proper Prescriptions for the patients, who then are able to get the medication from the dispensing unit upon producing the Prescription Slip.
 - We got the patients from the nearby villages who had better road access in the early few days.
 - Now the patients are coming from remote villages, where the villagers have to travel as much as 5 hours on foot to get to our medical camp
 - Most of the injured patients now are women and children. It seems that the men got their treatment first, and now the women and children are turning up in larger numbers
 - We are still transporting 10-25 very critical patients (who we are unable to treat due to our limitations) everyday to the CMH in Bagh on our makeshift truck ambulance. We now have a proper Referral Service set up for these cases which we cannot handle. However, even in several of these cases, our doctors do administer some initial medical assistance which can range from suturing of cuts to cleansing of wounds and giving basic medication for relief against pain or other symptoms. The patients are sent to CMH along with proper Referral Slips with details of the initial diagnosis.
- We have a team of around 18 volunteers from Kohat provided by Air Commodore Nayyar (Abdalian Association), who have been a great asset in visiting the damaged villages and doing a survey. In addition, we have Capt. Altaf Rahman (Petarian) and Aamir Mumtaz (Petarian) who have also been scaling the mountain sides and participating in the surveys and distribution of the relief goods. Some of the points relevant to this activity are as follows:
 - We are sitting in the middle of the valley at Rera which is indeed a central location. This valley runs East-West.
 - There are mountains both North and South of this valley. Typically, these will rise up between 500-800 feet above the valley below. There are villages and homes all along the mountainsides. Most of these are dispersed. An entire mountainside would be considered to be a "village". Thus a village here is not a cluster of homes in one location with lanes between and other infrastructure.



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- The assessments of our teams has been that the villages on the northern ridges have been hit far more badly as compared to the ones on towards the south.
- Samni village that we had initially identified as our prime target is on the southern side. Although most of the houses of this village have also been either demolished or badly damaged, they are still better off as compared to the northern villages.
- Our surveys also reveal that Samni village is a lot more affluent as compared to other villages in the vicinity. Based on this, our teams have started moving towards those villages in the same valley now that have a greater need as compared to Samni. We have already provided substantial assistance to Samni in terms of tents and other rations. Although Samni needs more assistance in terms of tents only, the other villages have greater needs, which we decided to concentrate on.
- We still do not have full numbers on total population and homes in the valley. As you will recall, initial estimates given to us was a population of 25,000-30,000 and 7,000 homes. It is likely that this number may increase as we move more into the valley.
- Our estimate now is that Samni village alone has around 400-500 homes and a population of around 5000-7000. Each home has between 8-15 people. Several homes have their male members working either in other main towns of Pakistan or abroad (probably UK). Therefore, it has been difficult to assess the exact number of people who were in the valley or the mountains when the catastrophe struck.
- Over the coming days, we will have better data on the population. We are also sharing information with the Army units who are also collecting data.
- Our data forms normally include information about each home - listing out the family members, dead, wounded and healthy, present assessment on condition of the house (damage and destruction), availability of food rations and clothing with the family, how much of aid has been received by the family and how long they can survive with present rations, etc.
- Realizing the manner in which we are moving, we have accepted that our relief work is now expanded from Samni village to the Rera Tehsil and to as many villages in the area as we can support within our means.
- We met the Brigade Commander - Brigadier Naeem Sadiq at around 10:30am. His camp is located around 2 Km from ours.
 - Brigadier Naeem is from the Sindh Regiment. We found him to be a very conscientious officer and highly motivated to undertake the relief work.
 - Brig. Naeem emphasized that we must all work together in order to achieve as much as possible. He offered to provide as much assistance to our teams as possible and to create further alliances if necessary.
 - He shared a lot of information of the area with us and directed his teams to work with us. He confirmed much of the information we had already received from our teams.
 - He offered to move our camp into the vicinity of his camp to be able to provide better security and coordination between the Army and our teams. We are contemplating advantages and disadvantages of such a possible move. The greatest disadvantage in this move would be that we would not be in the middle of the main bazaar where most of the crowds gather. Otherwise, this would be an ideal situation for us.
 - Brig. Naeem also encouraged us to concentrate our relief efforts only on tents and kerosene heaters, which would be required in great numbers as winter sets in.
 - The other subject we discussed was a sandwich panel room that Umar Akbar (Abdalian) has developed in Lahore. It is a sandwich panel of steel sheets with some insulating material in between like Styrofoam or thermopore, etc. Umar was in Lahore that day and we couldn't meet him. We are given to understand by the brigadier that a 12' x 12' room would cost around Rs. 75,000 only and such a room could possibly pull the population through the snows. It takes only an hour or so to assemble these panels into a room. We need to discuss this option further and see how far our resources can take us in this direction.
 - Major Aamir has been doing most of the coordination work with the army in addition to dealings with the villagers and organizing the logistics.
- We also met around 30-40 "elders" of the Samni village for more than an hour to exchange views on the relief and rehabilitation efforts.



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- We impressed upon these elders that the only way forward is if the affected residents would participate in the rehabilitation process themselves and take charge of the situation. They should not simply be sitting around and waiting for outside help. We observed throughout the day that the people of this area seem to expect that they would get 100% assistance while they sit or stand watching us. We tried to impress upon them that they must lend their manpower to clear up the debris everywhere and for the reconstruction and rehab programs.
- We also requested them to team up with us. They have hundreds and thousands of able hands, while we outsiders are few. We can guide them and manage the programs and arrange funds. But they must join hands with us.
- Despite this, we do see problems. It is not easy to change attitudes of a people.
- We also see that there is a great level of poverty. But there are some very affluent people as well. And it is these affluent people who tend to be more greedy.
- Among these affluent people are also the hoarders, who have been trying to capture as much of the relief goods and sell them back in the markets. It is a daunting task for the relief agencies like ours to ensure that the relief goods gets into the right hands - i.e. those who are poor and needy and are afflicted by this calamity.
- However, we also realize that there is a level of pilferage which cannot be avoided under such circumstances. We simply need to reduce this pilferage and get to the homes of the afflicted ones to give them aid in their homes.
- In the initial days, we were giving the aid to the "elders" of each family so that he can pass it down to his larger family. But we realize that he may have been the source of hoarding as well. Thus, we are also taking corrective action accordingly.
- In the afternoon, Mahmood Baweja, Air Commodore Nayyar and I along with Major Aamir, Dr. Mrs. Aamir, Capt. Altaf, Dr. Asad, Dr. Khalid, Hashir (Nayyar's son) went up the mountainside to get a first hand view of the Samni village. We took Nayyar's vehicle and our Potohar jeep on the track and were able to climb around a third of the mountain. The rest of it was on foot. We passed through Suwang village and then on to Samni.
 - The mountainside is beautiful indeed. But the beauty is marred with the devastation of the earthquake.
 - It was clear that the homes that were made of stones and mud and wood were the first ones to collapse. The structure was weak and probably none of the homes built in this fashion survived. We saw several of such homes. These are the homes of the poor, and they are the ones who have received the least aid.
 - Then we saw the homes of the rich. These are homes with proper wooden pillars and tinned sheet roofs - painted in different colors. The cladding in most of these homes is of cement block or stone. Many of these homes are also damaged. However, what we could see was that few of these home have collapsed completely. The structural damage needs to be evaluated. What definitely was damaged in these homes is the wall cladding which has fallen. We are not sure whether these walls took any load or not. In most probability, these walls were not load bearing, and the homes can be fixed relatively easily. However, on the other hand, these same people have enough money to get these fixed as well. And they are well to do comparatively. And these are the people who through their strength were able to get the tents and relief first.
 - This is the anomaly of the social structure there.
 - Our challenge is to bypass this social structure and get to the poor and devastated population to provide them the relief that is needed badly.
 - It was nearly sundown when we finally got down the mountainside. And as we drove back, another aftershock in excess of 5 on the Richter scale struck the region.
- We sat in the evening with our teams to evaluate our future course of action. Due to the complex nature of the activity, there were different views. But some of these were unanimous.
 - It is clear to us that the field hospital will have to continue for some time. With the Army and other agencies moving in, the question for us will be whether the Petarian-Abdalian effort should continue to remain in the prime role, or we take on a secondary role. Or another option would be that we bring it to a stage where we are able to hand over the hospital to the civil agencies there and wind up our operations. I am sure that the coming few days will help us in assessing the developments when we



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will be able to take positive decisions. For now, we are very much into it and we will continue to do the same. We should make a second assessment in a week or so to determine the future course of action as far as the hospital is concerned.

- As for the relief efforts, hundreds and thousands of tents are being poured in by different NGOs, Army and other agencies into the entire region. At the moment there is a shortage, but we feel that within the next couple of weeks, there will be more than sufficient tents.
- Many of the villages have enough food. Some of the poor people need support, but this is not a major concern as of now.
- Most of the people don't want clothes. We have a roomful of clothes at our site which no one wants.
- Most people are also not keen to take blankets. They seem to have them.
- With winter setting in, kerosene heaters will be required.
- A solution needs to be found for these people to survive the snows. The tents won't do the job. The Govt. of Pakistan and other foreign governments and agencies have been discussing solutions. Gen. Zubair has been appointed by Gen. Musharraf to head the rehab and reconstruction project. They are talking big money on how to get this area up and about. We also need to talk to the likes of Umar (Abdalian) and others who are providing solutions.
- We initial target was to participate fully in reconstructing the homes of these people. With all these options, we again need to assess how best we can perform our role.
- One option that is actively under discussion is that we offer the affected people to build their homes where the home owner provides his own manpower and we will assist with the deficient construction materials.
- We have been receiving pledges and some money has flowed in. As I mentioned in previous messages, a sustained donation campaign need to be continued for several months. It is our fund resources and manpower that will determine how much we can contribute towards the reconstruction of this area.
- After dinner, Nayyar, Mahmood and I left Rera at around 10pm. Arif Masud and Hashir also came back with us to Islamabad in order to give them a break for a couple of days. They intend to go back to the camp shortly.

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- Two truck loads of medicines, beds and other stuff left Islamabad for the site.
- We were exhausted from this trip and I seem to have lost my voice.
- This day was spent in reviewing our findings from the site and discussing them with our teams in Islamabad for developing a unified approach.
- We had brought back lists of requirements from the site. Our procurement people have been busy in buying these supplies which we hope to send back to the site by tomorrow. Most of these include supplies and food and water for our own team members. But we also have some requirements of instruments and tools.
- Another truck was dispatched to Lahore to pick up 100 tents (or whatever it can carry) that are ready to be transported. This load should get to Rera by tomorrow.

Lastly, I want to thank the Petarians and Abdalians in particular who have been supporting us wholeheartedly both morally and financially. We need to have continued support. And I want to thank our teams at Rera who have given their best to make this happen.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 20-22nd Oct. 2005

Let me give you a run down on our latest activities for 20-22 Oct:

- Our surveys have been continuing on a daily basis with teams going to the homes destroyed in the earthquake on the hillsides. While our teams have been visiting different villages in the Rerah District, we now have a fair summary of the Samni village position. These details are as follows:
 - The total number of houses in Samni village proper were 475.
 - Out of these, our teams have visited 325 houses in person.
 - Of these 325 homes, 180 have been totally demolished by the earthquake, while all of the remaining 145 are partially damaged. None of the residents of these 145 partially damaged homes are entering their homes. They are all living out in the open.
 - The total est. population of Samni stands at 7,000.
- Our initial strategy was to identify the heads of each clan and give the relief supplies to him to distribute evenly within his own larger clan. Over these past few days, we have become wiser. We discovered that the head of the clan was not passing the relief items to the poorer members of his clan, and would use it only for his own immediate family or hoard the goods.
- Knowing this, we have changed our strategy now. Our teams visit the homes in person, and after assessment of the damage and the needs of the family, a signed slip is given to the residents of that home as to what they really need. Then one member of that home would have to go down to our camp at Rerah, where he is registered and the goods are given to him. This new procedure ensures that the really needy ones will get the aid.
- As matters stand, we have issued following relief to Samni village. This does not include relief given to other villages.
 - Tents issued so far are 175. This village needs another 250 tents.
 - We have given food rations to 250 homes. Our assessment is that food is not as critical an issue. They do have supplies that have not been destroyed. However, we will continue to give rations as necessary over the coming few weeks. Our estimates are that we may need to replenish with around 800-1000 packets of food (each packet having rations for a week for one family).
 - We have given out blankets/razai's to 125 homes. We are currently short on these, and need blankets for another 250 homes (i.e. 750 blankets if we assume 3 per home at least).
 - We have given clothing to 350 people. However, we have noted that most of the people are reluctant to accept clothing, as they consider these clothes to be of inferior quality or used. It seems to be beneath their dignity to accept such clothes. We are now giving clothes only to those people who are willing to accept and wear them. We have excess of clothes and do not need any more.
 - We have given cooking utensils to 25 homes. This item is in great demand. For Samni village alone, we would need another 400 sets.
- Umar Akbar (Abdalian) has distributed 700 tents in addition to the ones we distributed to the northern villages.
- We are sharing this information with the Pakistan Army units so that there is no duplication of efforts.
- One team from Lahore headed by a young person Bilal (known to Sajid Minhas, 625) visited our camp yesterday with a truck load of medicines and other supplies. These were given over to our team for distribution.
- Four of our team members left the camp yesterday as their vacation from their employers expired. We salute them for the services they have provided over the past week or more with full dedication. They are
 - Capt. Altaf Rehman, kit no. 8871/Iqbal
 - Dr. Asad Jiskani, kit no. 9096/Qasim
 - Dr. Khalid Memon (from Karachi)
 - Dr. Mukhtiar (from Karachi)



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- Arif Masud, kit no. 70111/Iqbal returned to the camp today after taking a break of 2 days when he came back to Rawalpindi to be with his family. He has gone back for another week, and will then take a break again for 2-3 days. Arif is a natural leader and has been a great asset at the camp. He will continue to be the head of operations there.
- Ms. Nayyer Ahmed, sister of Saleh Ahmed (7437/Jinnah) volunteered to assist at the camp, and she also moved to Rerah today. It will be a great asset to have another lady volunteer to work with the women affected people.
- Five more medical team members arrived from Karachi today evening, and have been dispatched to the site. They are:
 - Moed Ahmed Langah, kit no. 75116/Jinnah
 - Arif Khan Afridi
 - Dr. Kazi Zeeshan from Civil Hospital Karachi
 - Dr. Asad from Civil Hospital Karachi
 - Dr. Fahad Khan from Civil Hospital Karachi
- A team of 2 Abdalian doctors led by Dr. Faisal (of Hasan Medical Centre) plus the Secretary General of the Abdalian Association Capt. Nayyer Islam left for the camp tonight. Dr. Faisal had earlier on sent a truck load of medicines as a donation.
- The team of volunteers from Kohat sent by Air Commodore Nayyer Khawaja (Abdalian) is also being replaced tomorrow. Around 12 new volunteers from Kohat departed on our trucks today. The present Kohati volunteers who have been there for the past nearly a week will return tomorrow.
- One truck load of 100 tents plus other supplies left Islamabad today for the site. We have another 400 tents on order from Faisalabad (the supplier is much slower in delivering as compared to his promises), plus the 150 tents pledged to us by Discover Islam, Bahrain. These tents from Discover Islam should be delivered to us tomorrow hopefully along with 450 razai's.
- We have received a number of proposals from different companies worldwide saying that they can provide the best solution for reconstruction using fast assembly techniques for prefab buildings. We are evaluating all the options before taking on a definite course of action with regards to what role we should be playing for the future rehabilitation work.
- The stream of patients at the field hospital continues with full force.
- Dr. Mrs. Aamir, the only female doctor at our camp will be leaving tomorrow after having spent over 10 days and serving the injured and sick women and children. With her departure, we will be left without a female medical practitioner. We need a replacement for her and are looking around for another volunteer lady doctor.
- Our website www.pakistan-earthquake.org that caters to the efforts of Petarians/Abdalians is not up. The domain name was acquired by Imran Latif, 84152/Liaquat. We are working on improving its get up and uploading many more photographs of our camp and the relief efforts. Atif Zia, 94111 is working on developing a new design.
- Wasif Malik, 7402/Liaquat has also done a great job with putting up the website www.petarians.com. A complete section at this website has been devoted to our relief efforts. Great job.
- Our fund raising efforts are picking up further. In addition to the truck loads of supplies we received in kind, we now have received cash or commitments of Rs. 77 lacs to date.
- The Noor Foundation route for transmission of funds from USA has now been tested and is working. We have received the first amount of money transmitted through this channel.

With Best Wishes,
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Progress Report on 23-29th Oct. 2005

Due to the heavy load of work both for relief activities as well as my work/home front, I was unable to post the daily reports.

I just got back from Taraveeh prayers at Faisal Mosque, Islamabad, where they finished the Qur'an tonight. It is the 25th night of Ramazan here. The prayers ended with dua. It was a good reminder of the disaster that has overtaken us over these past 3 weeks.

Let me now turn towards the main text of my report and update you all on what has transpired at our Rerah camp site over these past 5 days.

- The Medical camp has done well *masha Allah*. Our young volunteer doctors have been working hard. The number of patients per day has dropped to around 150. Most of the patients now are suffering from diseases generated due to exposure to the cold weather. There has been a spread of tetanus reported particularly in the cities. There have been several deaths reported daily from the major hospitals in Rawalpindi, Islamabad, etc. However, so far we have not had a tetanus case developed at our camp.
- Arif Masud has been a driving force for our medical teams. He has been supervising over their efforts and looking after the administration of the medicines. With his tight grip, there are few problems at this end so far.
- The team of doctors that has been at the camp for the past 6 days will be returning to Karachi via Islamabad tomorrow insha Allah. A new team of 2 doctors - Dr. Kamran and Dr. Amjad - is flying in from Karachi tomorrow morning and will proceed immediately to the camp at Rerah insha Allah.
- Over these past few days, we have achieved our target of providing relief to Samni village in totality. Our teams surveyed all the homes, and through the new process of issuance of "chits", we ensured that all the needy in this village got the relief that was desired. Around 350 tents in total have been issued to Samni village. In addition, all of these homes received blankets / comforters ("razai's"). We also provided them with food rations. This is a great achievement of our teams that they completed this first task successfully. I must thank the teams from Kohat along with Aamir Mumtaz and Moed for completing this task.
- After completion of the work at Samni village, our volunteers have now been surveying the villages on the northern hills. The devastation and number of casualties on this side has been much larger. In particular, we have now moved to Barikot, Ramikot, Mohajir Colony, Seri and smaller villages in their vicinity. A complete database of these villages is being developed while relief is being provided to the affected homes. We have already either disbursed or are in the process of disbursing nearly 900 tents to this part of the area (in addition to the 350 tents distributed at Samni).
- So far, the total number of tents arranged and disbursed in this area is as follows:
 - Initial purchase - 200 tents
 - Donation from Kohat - 300 tents/tarpaulins
 - Second purchase - 500 tents
 - Donation by Discover Islam Centre, Bahrain - 200 tents
 - Donation by another private donor - 80 tents
 - **TOTAL no. of tents - 1,280 tents**
- In addition, we are providing blankets or comforters to all these people. We received a donation of nearly 600 sets of comforters (razai's) plus bedding from Discover Islam Centre. In addition to these 600 sets, we have distributed over 1,000 sets that we had arranged through other sources.
- Our supplies of food rations also continues. We have had to modify the type of food we are sending based on inputs from the site. For example, we learnt the hard way that these people do not consume powdered or UHT milk. Nor do they want mineral water. They don't consume cheese and other types of condiments. We are back to simple and straightforward wheat flour, rice, sugar, tea, and lentils (*daal*). This is what they consume and this is what we are now concentrating on.



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- The only clothing that is worth supplying is warm clothing like sweaters etc. All other clothing supplies are a waste.
- Our 4 trucks have been plying between Islamabad, Lahore, Faisalabad and the Rerah Camp site on a daily basis. For example, two truck loads left today, and another two truck loads will be leaving tomorrow morning. Most of what we are now sending is tents and comforters/blankets.
- Let me now turn towards the data collected. I shall list the data of Samni village, which will give you a fair idea of the extent of damage to property.
 - Of the 475 total houses in this village, our teams surveyed 428 homes
 - Of these, 228 are totally destroyed, i.e. 53%
 - 182 homes are partially damaged and would need extensive repair to make them livable, i.e. 43%
 - 18 homes are intact with no visible damage, i.e. 4%
- The data of other villages is still under compilation. The surveys are being conducted while the relief supplies are being distributed.
- In addition to our teams that are based at the camp, we have had several people from amongst our well-wishers and organizers who have visited the site over the past week. These include Shahid Mahmud, Shafqat Sami, Capt. Nayyar (Abdalian), Dr. Faisal (Abdalian), a couple of major donors, etc.
- To date, we have already received over Rs. 8 million in cash plus around Rs. 3 million worth of relief goods. In addition, we have over Rs. 6 million commitments which we hope to receive soon. Thus, we have **a total of over Rs. 17 million received / committed** in cash or kind.
- Our total expenditures to date are Rs. 3 million worth of goods which have already been distributed plus over Rs. 4 million that we spent on purchases of tents, food rations, medicines and other relief items.
- We shall be providing a complete independent audited report of all receipts and expenses on this effort.

In the meantime, we have been continually assessing our work and what should be our future course of action. I shall be writing a separate message on this issue based on our discussions by tomorrow morning insha Allah.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 30-31st Oct. 2005

These past two days were rather difficult for our overall team in the work that they have been doing. This entire relief work has become an experience in itself which reflects on various aspects of humanity - both the good and the bad sides of it. It has also given me personally a lot to think about and reflect on life and death aspects, and what the future may hold in store for me.

Let me first tell you about the incidents over these two days.

As I had mentioned in my previous report for 23-28 Oct, our relief efforts gained major momentum, and we were able to move substantial amount of supplies - particularly tents and comforters - to our site over the past 3-4 days. In the meantime, our boys had been doing a wonderful job at site by surveying the damage to every home and family and identifying the truly needy people.

As I also mentioned in the previous report, we distributed around 350 tents to Samni village, which according to our assessment covered the basic needs of all the residents, based on the survey. Therefore, our teams moved on to other villages in the vicinity starting with Barikot, where the devastation was severe. We started distributing tents and other supplies to them.

The normal process for this was that our teams would walk up the mountains to the villages and go to each home. Based on the damage, they would issue a "chit" to the home owner and make a record in their own register of what they thought was needed by that family. The ID card no. of the person was also noted. A date would be given to the person to go to our camp to collect the goods.

When the person appeared, the goods would be given to him after ratification, retaining the chit. The register would be updated. This ensured removal of duplication in issuance of items.

During the initial few days, we did not have this "chit" system in place. We had relied substantially on the so-called "elders" of the clans to give us the data for their entire larger clan and collect the goods for the entire clan. We quickly found out that this was creating problems as these so-called "elders" themselves were the hoarders and they were not passing the goods down to the really needy people.

Therefore with the change in process, the poor people started getting the relief, and rich elders were unable to get the goods from us. Later on we found out that these elders had started selling the goods. *Alhamdulillah*, we caught on to their nefarious activities and took corrective measures.

Based on the knowledge of the above, let me turn to the events of the 30th of Oct.

- Some of these nefarious elements who had been hoarders and resellers of relief goods got very upset with our teams for the new methods used that had an impact on the hoarders and thieves. They felt that they had the right to all of the relief that was being offered at our camp and were trying all techniques to hand over all the goods to them.
- With our processes in place, all the newly arrived goods were being diverted to other villages in the area as well. This upset their plans.
- Shortly after 2pm on 30th, Arif Masud called me from his Satellite Phone that the camp was under attack by hooligans who are virtually murderous. This was right after 6 of our team members left the camp to return to Islamabad onwards to Karachi. They replacements had not arrived yet and were on the way.
- They had planned the attack systematically. First they cut off the telephone line coming into our camp from the SCO (Army) run PCO. Then they also beat up the army personnel manning that PCO. What they did not realize was that there were 2 satellite phones in our camp, and therefore our people were still able to call us.
- With the assistance of Shahid Mahmud, we were able to transfer information to the PSO of the GOC (Major General) who is in charge of the Bagh area. Within minutes, around 10 or so Army jawans came rushing to our camp.
- In the meantime, some people from our camp rushed to the Army MT office located next to our camp also to seek assistance, which was forthcoming.
- The attackers were pushed back and six of them were arrested by the Army, and handed over to the local police. Around 4 of our volunteers sustained some minor injuries. Some of the army jawans were also injured in this fight.



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- The Army, SCO and our camp lodged FIRs with the police. The Brigade Commander himself is following up with the police to ensure that the miscreants do not get away.

With this situation created, Air Cdre Nayyar (Abdalian) and I decided to travel to Bagh immediately to support our teams morally, and to sort out the problem by finding solutions. We left Islamabad on 30th night (same day), and arrived at our Rerah camp at around 4:30am, just in time for our *sehri*.

During the day, we (Nayyar, Arif Masud and I) met with the Brigade Commander as well as the Lieut. Colonel, commander of the 5 Baluch Regt. which is covering our territory. We had a very fruitful interaction with them. Let me summarize the discussions and the course of action we have taken:

- Our relief operations were in any case coming to a close as I had reported earlier. We had decided to taper this off and give away all that was in the pipeline to the needy people. We would then stop the relief operations with the Eid holidays coming in.
- We had planned to continue with the medical camp though, with a break for Eid holidays when we would have difficulty getting doctors
- In light of these developments, we then decided to make a slight change in plans so as not to jeopardize the security of our volunteers
 - We decided that we would bring our relief operations to a close one day earlier than we had planned. We would have pulled out our relief team by Wednesday in any case and to get our volunteers back to their homes in time for Eid. But now these boys would be pulled back on Tuesday. In the meantime, these boys had already done surveys of the villages - particularly Barikot area - and we would now disburse the goods to these people with the assistance of the Army. This would allow us to fulfill our obligations by ensuring that the material is given to the verified needy.
 - We would also freeze our medical operations until early next week for people to go home for Eid. Our medical supplies would be stored away in the meantime.
 - Our camp facilities would also be under the custody of the Army in absence of our volunteers during these holidays
 - We may relocate our camp after Eid
 - We also consulted with them regarding our longer term commitments, for which I had written an incomplete email on the 30th and which I could not mail out to all of you as we rushed towards Bagh. I hope to be able to complete it today and post it for the knowledge of all of you.

With these decisions in place, Nayyar and I returned to Islamabad last night. Our team is now working on winding down the camp accordingly, and we hope to have the boys back in Islamabad either tonight or tomorrow morning insha Allah.

What really pained all of us is that despite such a massive disaster, there still are some people who are incorrigible. They will never change their ways. We could feel so much goodness all around us with the entire Pakistani nation trying to assist those who have been afflicted by this disaster. Therefore it was difficult for us to envision that there could be some people amongst these afflicted ones who still could not change their ways and retain greed in light of the plight of their families, neighbours and friends. May Allah guide them and show them that goodness should not be forsaken.

I suppose it takes all types to make a people.

On the other hand, we will still continue with our work to bring about relief and rehabilitation to the poor, needy and afflicted in this area. We shall not be deterred by this incident.

On a brighter note, we are also arranging gifts for displaced or orphan children living in camps around Islamabad on the occasion of Eid. Funds for this activity have been donated by Discover Islam Centre and some people in Bahrain. We are obtaining some good Eid clothes and other gifts for these children. We hope to be able to give gifts to over 1,000 children. The procurement is under process and we intend to distribute these on Wednesday / Thursday insha Allah.

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Short to Medium Term Plans of Petarian Foundation emerging on 1 Nov, 2005

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for the tremendous support we have received for our efforts to date.

We have tried to keep you up to date with the progress on the work we have undertaken. With the passage of time, there have been a lot of changes on ground, and we have accordingly gone through a re-think on our strategies and the work we have charted out for ourselves in the near to mid-term.

I would like to share this with you so that you all are aware of how we believe we would contribute best within our limitations. So let me now turn towards immediate and long term future course of action on behalf of the Petarian Foundation / Abdalian Association.

We have been evaluating our efforts and the needs on virtually daily basis. Some of the factors that are molding our decisions are as follows:

- The Pakistan Army has moved in to most of the areas, and they are doing a good job with the relief efforts. They are still encouraging the established NGOs to continue the work, and are cooperating with them to the fullest. We share information with them on a daily basis.
- The Govt. of Pakistan has two major bodies working in addition to the Pakistan Army. They have a Relief cell headed by Major General Farooq, and the ERRA (Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority) headed by Lt.Gen. Zubair. The relief operations by the Army are in full swing. The govt. announced that it is releasing Rs. 8.4 billion for these two efforts immediately, most of which will be given as compensation for the loss of life and property and for relief programs.
- The affected population has their own set of problems, some of which we have identified as follows:
 - With the govt. plan for compensation, these people seem to be in favor of keeping the destroyed houses in the rubble state so that they may claim adequate compensation. The people who fall in this category are those who have multiple homes. They would normally have a second home down in the valley or in one of the major cities of Pakistan. So they can afford to keep the houses in a damaged or destroyed state. We have talked to the people in the area, and they do not seem to be inclined towards our help for reconstruction of their home.
 - Only those people want to have a quick rebuild who are really poor and who do NOT have a second place to go to. In fact I did see some people already trying to fix their houses.
 - These people are very reluctant to leave their homes and move to one of the tent cities set up by the government in Islamabad or Chakwal or other places.
 - I am still not sure how they will survive in the tents when the snows fall. on the ground. These tents will not provide the protection.
 - Yesterday, the govt. started dishing out Rs. 25,000 per broken home to the people of AJK. With the release of this money, it is likely that the home owners will now seriously consider repairing their homes. Having seen the extent of damage, we believe that the real cost of repairing most homes will be an average of between Rs. 10,000 to 15,000. Most of the stones and wooden frames are still intact. All they will need are a few corrugated steel sheets and some cement if they will provide their own labor.
- Thus, in light of the above factors, we are not sure how effective we would be in trying to assist in the reconstruction. We may not be able to contribute very much. Therefore it is better for us to concentrate on other efforts which can possibly bear fruit.
- With our relief work now completed at Samni village, and a good portion of relief done at other surrounding villages, and keeping the above factors in mind, we had seriously been contemplating an exit strategy for the relief work (not for the medical camp) over the past week. With this incident of attack at our camp on Sunday, it precipitated our decision. By this time, we have distributed all the relief goods that we obtained or purchased. The situation on

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ground is much better except for some remote areas which are still not accessible. The reports are that more than 50% of the population now has tents. For the rest, the govt. is making arrangements.

- Thus, with regards to the Relief Work, we are bringing this work to a completion before the Eid days.
- Secondly, we may evaluate the need to move relief efforts to another area where there is still a need. However, even if we do so, this will be a temporary measure as the need for such relief is diminishing with the passage of time.
- Our intention is still to continue with the Medical Camp for some time. We will have to determine the shape and place in light of recent incidents.
- Thirdly, we believe that the best form of rehabilitation would now be to participate in institution building (instead of home reconstruction as discussed above). There are three options that we are considering for which we are in communication with the Pakistan Army units in the area as well as with the govt. of AJK. These three possibilities are:
 1. A small hospital in a district, with 8-16 beds. Such a hospital is expected to cost in the range of Rs. 15-20 million (i.e. 1.5 - 2 crores) as initial investment in building and equipment. In addition, the annual operating cost will range between Rs. 5-8 million (50-80 lacs). In this case, we would have to hire a young doctor couple and pay them double the salary that they would get elsewhere.
 2. A Primary only OR Primary plus Secondary school project. At the moment, most of the schools in the earthquake area have been destroyed. For example, in the Rerah valley alone, there were 30 schools. All of them have been flattened. The army has restarted 8 schools under tents. Using the TCF model with some modifications for earthquake resistance, the Primary School will cost around Rs. 10 million (1 crore) and Primary plus Secondary will cost Rs. 20 million (2 crores). Operating costs will be in addition to this, which will actually be less than the operating cost of a hospital.
 3. An orphanage, possibly on the model of SOS villages. I do not have a costing model yet on this.
- The AJK govt. in all likelihood will grant us land for this project. We may take it and operate it on a longer term basis, or we may transfer it to the govt. after 12-24 months on a BOT basis.
- The inclination of the authorities as well as our workers seems to be towards options 1 or 2. We will be meeting further on this subject during the Eid holidays to firm up the proposals and finalizing a deal with the authorities insha Allah.
- Another possibility we are considering is to build any one of these institutions in the earthquake-hit Pakistani territory rather than in AJK.
- Currently, we have over Rs. 5 million (50 lacs) in this relief/rehab fund. We have commitments from one corporate entity for further roughly 8 million (80 lacs). Therefore either the hospital or a school project would be very viable for us insha Allah. Thus, the additional amount we may need to raise to complete either of these projects is within reach insha Allah with the help of our donors.
- In either case, we would want to probably have these in place before December or January if the weather permits us, using fast construction techniques and materials.

I shall insha Allah keep on updating you all on how we proceed.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 1-3rd Nov. 2005

Our work over these past three days in this respect has been as follows:

- In line with our decision, our teams finally returned to Islamabad from Rerah to go home and celebrate Eidul Fitr with their families. Our camp and medical supplies have been stored with 5 Baluch Regiment for safekeeping until we return. All relief goods in our stock at Rerah have been given out to the affected people of the villages in that area directly by our volunteers. Left over supplies were given out through 5 Baluch Regiment. We would like to thank all the volunteers who spent their precious time at the camp for the sake of the earthquake affected people.
- Of the last of those who returned, the contingent from Kohat returned to their homes in NWFP, and Aamir Mumtaz took a bus to Lahore and onwards to Larkana, Sindh (his hometown). The only one who didnt have to travel any further was Arif Masud.
- Two volunteers from abroad have arrived in Islamabad and would like to spend their Eid holidays at our camp in Rerah. We are in the process of making arrangements to transport them to Rerah, where they will remain with the 5 Baluch Regiment to conduct surveys and distribute relief goods. We were unable to get them on a helicopter flight today to Bagh. We are very hopeful to do so by tomorrow morning. These two are Waqar and Arsalan.
- We have received funding from the crew member of Air Universal of Jordan to supply 160 tents to the affected areas. We shall be dispatching these insha Allah on the next day of Eid as no truck drivers are available to drive the trucks during the holidays.
- Discover Islam and Friends of Bahrain have contributed nearly Rs. 600,000 for distributing Eid gifts to those who lost their homes during the earthquake. For the past 3 days, Mrs. Naureen Mahmud and Anushey have been very instrumental in managing this program. We finally achieved the following:
 - We procured special Eid clothes for around 1,500 children between the ages of 1 and 14. This included very colorful velvet embroidered clothes for girls (in different colors), and shalwar kameez sets for boys. We also got socks and shoes for many of them.
 - With the help of the volunteers (all college students) listed below, we conducted a survey of 3 camps at the CDA tent city set up in Sector H-11 of Islamabad where thousands of homeless people are housed temporarily. The volunteers went to each tent to identify the number of children, their ages and gender. Then packets were made for each tent and given to the children at the entrance of each tent. This avoided chaos of people thronging at our trucks.
 - The process of survey and distribution took up all day of 3 Nov, just in time for Eid. We hope that the children of these 3 camps will have some very good and colorful clothes to wear on Eid day (tomorrow).
 - The volunteers who worked for this program are Muhammad, Basil, Atif, Asad, Abid, Hammad, Zohaib, Umar, Sikander, Zulfiqar, Taha, Zulfiqar the second, Ahmed, Umar the second, Maryam, Mustafa, Abbas, and Hasan.
 - In addition, we are thankful to Air Commodore Najamul Asr of PAF who guided us in this process.
 - While we were distributing, 3 other families who had brought clothes for another 200 or so children handed over the stuff to us to distribute due to the very organized manner in which our teams were operating.
 - The three camps where the clothes were distributed were the Turkish Red Crescent camp, Al-Rasheed Trust Camp, and the Akhtar Trust camp.
 - At least these three camps will have this little token from us - courtesy of Discover Islam and our Bahraini friends - to make their Eid more colorful and happier.
- We hope to sit down and work further on our rehab and relief plans during these Eid holidays.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 12-19th Nov. 2005

Let me try to summarize the course of action we have been undertaking recently in light of the on-going relief efforts and the change in weather in the disaster afflicted areas

- The temperatures have fallen substantially in the areas affected by the earthquake. There has been some snowfall on the peaks of the mountains, but the valleys and the foothills are still clear.
- In the meantime, the govt. of Pakistan has stepped up its drive to give Rs. 25,000 per house damaged / destroyed and Rs. 100,000 for each death as compensation. This money is being given out through the army units sitting all over the disaster territory.
- With these two factors - compensation given out and the changing weather - the Kashmiri people have finally decided to reconstruct their own homes. You now find people who were waiting for compensation before their built the homes, now rebuilding the damaged walls and roofs of their homes. This is a welcome change.
- In the meantime, there have been a number of NGOs and agencies that have built a few shelters in various towns and villages. However, this has still not led to any massive construction of shelters to replace the damaged homes. Every organization has come up with its own design. The cost of these shelters ranges from Rs. 15,000 (for plain GI sheet shelters without any insulation) to around Rs. 50,000 for those having a higher quality of materials with insulation and basic amenities. The size of these shelters is between 8' x 10' to 10' x 12'. In other words, it is between 80 to 120 sq.ft. each. Thus depending on the material and quality, the cost works out to between Rs. 200 to 400 per sq.ft.
- The Alternate Energy Development Board (AEDB) located in the Prime Minister's secretariat has also come up with an interesting design. The key man in AEDB is Brig. Nasim Akhtar Khan, kit no. 533/Qasim House. They have developed a model home that is energy efficient and is heated by solar energy. Thus, even in very cold climate, it keeps the rooms warm and pleasant. A few samples of these have been placed at the National Library behind the PM Secretariat. They have a small home with 2 bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen covering an area of over 300 sqft selling for around Rs. 150,000. This works out to be a little under Rs. 500 per sqft. The advantage here is that the home is heated and they do not have to rely as much on kerosene heaters.
- Despite all these prototypes that have been presented through the media and to the government, there has still not been a major move yet to construct such shelters.
- The major roads have all been opened now. Even the access to Neelam Valley is now open.
- The reports show that relief has been provided to most of the areas that have been affected. It is only the very remote mountain tops or valleys that may not have been reached.
- The affected population does not need as many tents any more. With the approaching winter, what they now need is shelters and not tents. Or they must reconstruct their crude homes, which they have now started in earnest.

Bearing all these in mind, the Petarian-Abdalian relief efforts have been channelized as follows:

- Our teams have been back in Rerah for over a week now.
- **Immediate Relief:** We have continued to provide relief goods where necessary. Our main stock of relief goods is in Islamabad, and we are sending out the relief items to those areas where there are the most needy. A group of Abdalians are now poised to take a couple of truck loads of goods (food, tents, etc) from our warehouse in Islamabad to a remote village near Muzaffarabad. These goods will move shortly. The team effort is led by Capt. Nayyar Islam, Secretary General of Abdalian Association. We are also moving some more relief goods into the Rerah area to cater to those people who still have needs. In addition, we have had requests from other smaller areas where we have been sending the goods in our possession. We have received a further 100 tents from Discover Islam and we procured another 200 tents for this purpose. We also have some comforters and other goods that we are distributing in these areas.

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- **Medical Facilities:** Our medical camp at Rerah had been a great success and our doctors had treated thousands of patients during the initial few weeks. The needs have now changed vastly. In this regard, we have now had to adjust our work to suit the needs of the area

Prior to the earthquake, the Mahl Valley with Rerah as its commercial hub had a very inadequate health care system. A number of basic healthcare units were constructed at different villages which were manned by a medical technician / compounder / vaccinator and women health workers. There was no doctor in the entire valley. The patients needing proper medical treatment would have to travel to Bagh which had the nearest proper hospital.

The valley that we have been serving has a population of around 25,000 to 30,000. The basic health unit / dispensary building at Rerah collapsed during the earthquake. Some of the staff members have reported back on duty.

At present, our medical camp is located in the same facility, which we intend to reconstruct using a steel structure and solar heating. In addition, we need to revamp the dispensary buildings at Sehri, Lohar Bela, Sunny and Kotli. Thus, we will have basic health care facilities (primary health care) at at least 5 locations in the valley.

The intention is to provide primary health care to all of these villages. The plan is to place 3 doctors full time at the Rerah dispensary who would travel to the other dispensaries every other day and set up there out patient clinics there. They will have a vehicle at their disposal to transport the doctors and also patients for referral where necessary.

We have already taken on board the 3 doctors and one OT technician for this purpose in addition to an administrator.

Arif Masud and Aamir Mumtaz traveled to Rerah initially on 11-12th of November to survey and determine the needs. They returned to Islamabad on the 12th and have been back at the site since the 14th. They were accompanied by Hashir s/o Air Commodore Nayyar Khawja (Abdalian) and four volunteers from Kohat. This group of 7 people set up the camp once again and have been making the logistical arrangements.

Dr. Asad Jiskani, kit no. 9096 has joined the camp today. He will be accompanied by 2 doctors - Dr. Mukhtiar and Dr. Khalid. All three had volunteered their services at the camp earlier as well.

Arif Masud will be returning to Islamabad after setting up the medical camp details.

We shall be sending in teams of technical staff for putting up the steel structures during the coming week insha Allah. The basic structures should be completed within the next 10 days or so.

We intend to operate this primary healthcare system in the valley for a period of 12 months after which it may be handed back to AJK government or we may continue to operate it with their consent.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Progress Report on 20-25th Nov. 2005

- Arif Masud got back to Islamabad on 21st after having been there for nearly 10 days. It was great to have Arif there to oversee the operations during these past few days. Thank you Arif!
- I went again to our camp at Rerah on 22nd and returned late night on the 23rd. We stayed the night at the camp under the tents that our team had put up. The main large tent has been erected and under it there are 5 smaller tents. This does keep the cold out substantially. Besides, with the charpoys and the razai's, one is able to keep himself pretty comfortable at night. During the day time, the area is still quite pleasant. Rather, it is warm enough that you do not need warm clothes. The day time temperatures are probably around 18 degrees C. The evenings are cool. In fact, it is a bit cooler than Islamabad. The temperatures in the middle of the night would be near 5 degrees C.
- However, we have to prepare ourselves for the upcoming cold. It is expected to be rather cold between December and February. The residents say that there is a total of around 2 feet of snow during winter at Rerah. So far, there is no snow and the temperatures are well above freezing point.
- This was a very fruitful trip indeed. The key points achieved were as follows:
 - Imran Latif, 84152 accompanied me on this trip. He stayed behind and will be at the camp for a whole week as the camp leader. With Arif back in Islamabad, Imran will be heading the team.
 - Also accompanying me were 2 supervisors from my company to survey and measure the existing structures so that we may be able to reconstruct the rooms for the clinics as well as residence for our team members. We also surveyed the material on the ground and assessed what material needs to be shipped from Islamabad to Bagh. It seems that we may have to take all labor for reconstruction from Islamabad, since people of the area are now getting into rebuilding their own homes. Thus there is a shortage of even unskilled manpower in the area.
 - We also visited the SCO main office in Bagh and got telephones installed at our camp in Rerah as well as at the dispensary at Lohar Bela. The SCO staff were extremely cooperative and it didn't take them more than 3-4 hours to have the lines in place. Our telephone nos. are as follows:
 - At the Rerah Dispensary (058720) 49311 or 49312, ext. 16.
 - At the Lohar Bela Dispensary (058720) 49316 or 49316, ext. 04
 - We also had a meeting with the District Health Officer (DHO) at Bagh in order to establish our relationship with the AJK Ministry of Health. The present employees of the AJK Ministry of Health who are employed at the dispensaries are currently reporting to our staff. These employees include vaccinators, technicians, lady health visitors, lady health workers, dayahs, sweepers, malis, and guards. There are currently around 10 employees at Rerah and around 6 at Lohar Bela who report to our staff. Our current level of activity at these clinics gets reported to the Ministry through the employees, which is then reported as part of the overall medical activity in the region through the Ministry.
 - The next meeting of WHO, Pakistan Army, AJK Ministry of Health and other NGOs will take place on this Sunday. The DHO requested us to attend this meeting, and I intend to be there insha Allah.
 - We also met Brigadier Naeem Sadiq who is the Commander of 22 Brigade based at Rerah. He reaffirmed his support to us, and requested us to take over the health clinic at Bhont as well, where he has been supervising the construction of a housing community of 100 houses for the really needy and displaced people of the area. With this added on to us, we now will be offering services to the following villages:
 - Rerah
 - Lohar Bela
 - Seri / Barikot
 - Samni
 - Koteri
 - Bhont



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- Brig. Naeem Sadiq also requested us to assist him in developing a software for balloting of applications for allotment of the 100 homes to the needy. Imran Latif has taken on this task and while he is there at Rerah, he will develop this software for them.
- We are also discussing the possibility of our team managing this community operations as well with the brigadier.
- Junaid Bhatti, kit no. 9832/Latif, also arrived on 23rd and proceeded to our camp on the 24th. He will be assisting Aamir Mumtaz on the administration / logistics, and the management of medicines. He will be based at our camp for the next 12 months insha Allah. With the arrival of Junaid, our staff at the camp comprises of
 - Imran Latif
 - Dr. Asad Jiskani
 - Dr. Khalid (who is arriving today insha Allah)
 - Aamir Mumtaz Gopang
 - Junaid Bhatti
 - One cook hired locally
- Nizam Siddiqui, kit no. 75111/Latif, who is an editor with DAWN newspaper also arrived with Junaid from Karachi. He has also proceeded to the camp and will stay there 2 nights to interview our camp staff and the people of the area. He will be writing a complete story on our work and efforts which will be published in DAWN newspaper.
- We also have had a few visitors to Islamabad to support our work and to discuss areas of cooperation. These included the following:
 - Saleem Mastan Bhai, kit no. 336/Liaquat House, who came in all the way from Freemont, California. Saleem Bhai has great ideas in his mind, and is a real go-getter. He has raised some major funds for us through the Freemont community. He will continue to support us insha Allah.
 - Nusrat Trust which is based in Karachi is keen to establish a residential / educational facility for disabled boys. They were referred to us by our dear retired Professor Aziz Ahmed Farooqui who has been associated with them for many years. They met Mahmood Baweja in Karachi first and then came to Islamabad to work towards this goal. Their representatives Abu Huraira and Abu Qatada visited us. They will be insha Allah signing an agreement with us to establish a facility for at least 500 boys, which will allow these disabled boys to acquire education up to Intermediate first and then we will facilitate them to acquire university education. The funding will be arranged by Nusrat Foundation, while the academic and overall management will rest with us. We shall report in greater detail on this development in the coming weeks insha Allah.
- Our Abdalian team led by Col. Gilani and Capt. Nayyar proceeded to Muzaffarabad today with 2 truckloads of relief goods to be distributed at villages that have still been deprived to date. These trucks are carrying tents, blankets, and food items.

With Best Wishes,
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Progress Report on 26-29th Nov. 2005

I visited Bagh again on Sunday, 27 Nov.

- Air Commodore Nayyar and I left shortly after 3am to be able to get to Bagh early in the morning. It was already raining, which slowed us down very much. The landslide areas in particular were muddy, which was also hazardous for the vehicle. We arrived finally around 10am.
- We had a meeting with the District Health Officer, WHO officials and other NGOs who are operating in Bagh District for providing medical facilities at 10am. Each organization was required to submit a report of its activities and to establish coordination between all the organizations working in the area. The foreign NGOs there were from Australia, Malaysia, Qatar, NATO forces. The most prominent of local NGOs was PIMA. The only NGO operating in the tehsil where we are located are the Qataris, who have set up a 40 bed hospital at Dhulli. Interestingly, none of the other NGOs are working in the villages like we are. All others have set up their medical facilities on the main road and expect the patients to come down to them. We will be the only ones to be offering primary care almost at the doorstep to these villagers
- After the meeting, we met with the District Health Officer separately to draw up an agreement officially with the AJK govt. The DHO requested me to write it out. So we took a break and upon return to our camp, I wrote up a 2 page MOU / Agreement that was signed between us and the DHO representing the AJK govt later on in the day. This was a great achievement for us, since this gives us proper legal status in the area. The terms of the agreement are as follows
 - TPF/Abdalians will take total control of the Basic Health Units at 4 locations - Rerah, Lohar Bela, Samni and Seri Gala. All staff at these BHUs will report to us and we will manage them, although the salaries of the staff will be paid by the AJK govt. We will take care of the expenses of our staff only.
 - We will be responsible for total management
 - We will reconstruct these four BHUs using earthquake resistant and energy efficient materials
 - The agreement will be for a period of 6 months, and it will be renewable based on mutual consent.
 - We will provide all the medicines and supplies as required.
 - AJK govt will provide vaccines and other supplies which they normally do.
 - The present staff at each of these units includes medical technicians, vaccinators, lady health visitors (LHVs) and lady health workers (LHWs), dayahs, sweepers, water carriers, guards. We will primarily be providing doctors and administrative staff.
 - We will be basing one vehicle to transport our doctors and staff to the different BHUs daily. We expect to establish clinic at each location at least every alternate day.
 - We are already operating a daily clinic at Rerah, where we currently get around 60-100 patients every day.
- We also had an extensive meeting with Brig. Naeem Sadiq, Commander of 22 Brigade which controls that region. We have full support from him and his staff.
- Brig. Naeem Sadiq has also conceived and funded another interesting project in the area. He has been able to secure a 99 year lease from the AJK govt for a 200 kanal piece of land close to Bagh city at a place called Bhont. He has funding to construct 100 homes for poor and needy families, which will be allotted to them on a permanent basis. He wants us to take total control of the management of this community and to set up a healthcare unit there as well. It will also entail setting up a school as well. The community management will include programs for healthy development of that community in addition to providing basic civic facilities like cleanliness and hygiene, maintenance of green areas, maintenance of the homes and roads and utilities, etc. In principle, we have agreed to manage this community, and hopefully develop this as a model community in that area.
- Imran Latif has been working with the brigadier over the past few days to develop a balloting software that will transparently allot these homes to the most needy families.



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- Nizamuddin Siddiqui visited the camp and stayed there for 2 days. Nizam will be writing a story for us in DAWN newspaper. He left back for Karachi on Sunday. Thanks Nizam.
- Imran Latif left the Rerah camp today after having spent a week there. Thanks Imran.
- We have now taken on the services of Mr. Arif Mir who will take on administrative duties at Bagh for construction, management of health units and the community development project.
- We acquired one Hyundai Shehzore pickup truck today which will be based permanently at our camp for use by our staff and for the movement of the doctors. We also obtained one motorcycle and a back up generator which are also being shipped to the site.
- As soon as our facilities are constructed at Rerah (hopefully by this weekend), we will be equipping it with a computer/printer, fax machine, plus medical equipment so that we are able to offer a better level of service.
- We got back to Islamabad on Sunday night after another 7 hour drive due to the rain.

I would like to mention here that the weather reports in the newspapers are a bit misleading. There is no doubt that it is getting cold by the day, and the rains are making the conditions difficult. However, there is NO snow whatsoever in Bagh or at Rerah. The only snow that has fallen are light flurries on the mountain peaks above 8,000ft altitude. No snow is expected in the Bagh valley for at least another 3-4 weeks. But it will get chilly during the nights. The day time is still rather pleasant.

We did have a problem in our camp due to the rains. The ropes of the main tent were not properly tightened. Thus, the water accumulated in the sacs formed on top of the tent, which caused the tent to become unstable. Our boys then had to get rid of the water manually.

Insha Allah, as soon as our sheet metal shelters are erected by this weekend, our staff will be a lot more comfortable. We will not have to rely on the tents any more, and we will be prepared for the rains and snowfall as well.

With Best Wishes,
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Geography of the Area

- The longitude/latitude of Rerah is as follows:
 - Latitude : 33 deg, 55 min, 55.85 sec North
 - Longitude : 73 deg, 52 min, 04.74 sec East
- As for the map of the area, I shall post it on our website www.pakistan-earthquake.org insha Allah today or tomorrow. Just to give you all a feel of the area, Bagh town is located in a valley between mountains. It is around 170Km from Islamabad, but the roads are winding, narrow or broken at many places. Where the road was washed out due to landslides, the army engineers have merely been able to remove the rubble and reconstruct it as a kucha path. In these areas, it becomes extremely dangerous to drive if it is raining, since the road turns into a muddy slush which causes the car tires to skid. And if you miss it, you could well go tumbling down the mountainside before you know what hit you.

Bagh is located around 3,800 feet above sea level. You will find a marker for this at the GOC office in Bagh.

A "river" (more like a small stream) called Mahl River flows towards Bagh from the southeastern valley. Along this river bed, they have constructed a road in the valley. This road leads up to Rerah, which is around 10km away. This is where our current camp is located.

Further down on this same road along the River, you will find a place called Dhulli which is around 6Km from Rerah. You then go another 3-4Km further on the same road and you will reach Lohar Bela. This is the place where we have the second Basic Health Unit.

Coming back to Rerah, if you look up the north facing mountain, you will find a kucha road going up which eventually becomes a pathway. This leads eventually to Seri Gala. Two other villages, i.e. Kathi and Barikot are located adjacent to Seri Gala. Our forward health unit is located at Seri Gala. I do not have the measured altitude of this point, but it is probably between 1,000 to 1,500 feet above Rerah.

Lets go back to Rerah again. If you look at the south facing mountain, you will find the village of Samni all over this mountainside. There are 3 pathways going to Samni. The Forward Health Post of Samni which we control is not high up in the mountain. So it is relatively easily accessible.

- I appreciate your pointing out the problem of entertainment in the evening or communication with the outside world. We were waiting for the construction of our first building to complete before we send any of these expensive items to the site. As you are aware, the tents have been insecure, and over these past 2 months many items have been stolen from our camp. It is impossible for our boys to keep an eye on every tent at all times. And I do not wish to get into a problem over stolen expensive items. The first building is now almost complete, and we sent a TV to them on the last truck. We hope to send them a Satellite decoder on the next one. We also sent them a computer on this last truck, but I understand there was some problem with the monitor although it was brand new. We are fixing these problems.
- As to newspapers, they do get some local paper there. Unfortunately, the main newspapers are not available.

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New BHU Building at Rerah, 29/12/2005

Qaisar Zaman and Mahmood Baweja had visited our camp a week ago. The Basic Health Unit (BHU) building had already been constructed by the Petarian Foundation then. I am attaching a photograph of the building with Mahmood and Qaisar standing in front of it. You can also see the steel sheets and thermopore sheets (that have been used for construction in the background). This stock is to be used for the building to be constructed at Lohar Bela.

The buildings we are constructing are made of sandwich panels (steel sheets outer and inner with thermopore in between for insulation). The structure is made of angle iron to withstand any earthquake shock. The entire structure is bolted with riveting on the panels.

Over the past few days, we have also completed the construction of the building at Seri Gala.

At present, our camp staff is staying inside this building. They moved out of the tents around 10 days or so ago.

I am proceeding to Bagh again in the morning and I hope to have more photographs for your viewing insha Allah.

The Sarbuland Village project is also coming up beautifully. I do have some pictures that are over a week old. I will post a picture separately for you so that you have an understanding of this interesting project of 100 houses being built for the poor people of that area.

I hope to post a complete report upon my return from Bagh insha Allah.

With Best Wishes,
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Report on 30 December 2005

I just returned from Bagh after 2 days.

We have been operating in the Bagh tehsil from the very early days since this devastating earthquake. Many Petarians and non-Petarians devoted their volunteer time and money and goods in kind with great generosity. May Allah reward them all.

At present, we have an agreement with the govt. of Azad Kashmir to operate 4 of their basic health units in Tehsil Bagh. The buildings of these health units were destroyed in the earthquake. We have undertaken the reconstruction of these buildings. In addition, our doctors are based there to provide basic healthcare. We are also providing free medicines.

As of today, two of the four buildings have been reconstructed. Insha Allah the remaining two will also be done within the next couple of weeks.

We have put in a substantial infrastructure both at Rerah, Bagh and at Islamabad to be able to do this work. And I must congratulate the donors who have supported our efforts to make it all happen.

During the initial 3 weeks, we also provided substantial amount of relief goods to villages in the same area. In addition, we ran a program of gifts for children (new set of clothes) during the last Eid. We distributed these to over 1500 children at the H-11 camps in Islamabad.

The other project we are closely linked to is the Sarbuland Village for 100 poorest and neediest families of that area. The village has been built over the past one month. We are doing various things at this village which I will elaborate upon in another email. The main donation for the construction of this village was made by Brig. Naeem Sadiq and his family and friends. The second major donor is the Turkish Red Crescent Society in association with the govt. of Pakistan.

Please do visit our website www.pakistan-earthquake.org to see photographs and reports of past activities.

Please do call me when you are next in Islamabad. It will be our pleasure to welcome you. My mobile no. is 0333-512-5120.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, 671/Latif House (1965-1969)



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Forward Health Unit Building at Seri Gala completed, 1/1/2006

My last trip to Bagh tehsil on Thursday and Friday was very fruitful indeed. I was also able to take a trip up to the newly constructed Healthcare building at Seri Gala, which is located nearly 2000 feet or more above Rerah.

I took a few pictures of the building our boys have constructed. I am attaching 2 pictures for your viewing.

In the first picture, you will see 2 buildings/rooms. The one on the right was constructed by the crews of the Petarian Foundation. The one on the right was constructed by NATO forces.

Following is the data for your comparison.

	TPF Building	NATO Building
Size	14ft x 18ft	10ft x 12ft
Area	252 sqft	120 sqft
Roof	Tapered above 8ft	One side tapered over 3ft wall
Useable area	full room	half room due to tapering roof
Walls	double GI sheet	single corrugated GI sheet
Roof	GI sheet	GI sheet
wall insulation	Thermopore	no insulation
False ceiling	tarpaulin	none
Electrical	Full wiring with lights	none
Floor	PCC (cemented)	none
Cost	Less than Rs.100,000	Euros 16,000 (over Rs. 11 lacs)

NATO forces have built several such buildings in the area for schools and healthcare units. As you will see from the picture, the wall is only 3 feet high from one side and therefore half of the NATO building cannot be used. You cannot stand upright on that side.

In addition, it is not insulated and will therefore be a deep freezer in winter and a hotbox in summer.

The most interesting feature is that NATO forces are charging Pakistan a sum of 16,000 Euros for each such room. This is the equivalent of 11 lacs rupees for 120sqft.

As against this, we constructed more than twice the sized room - 252 sqft - will fully insulated walls, false ceiling, electrical wiring, lights, PCC flooring for less than 1 lac rupees.

In other words, NATO is charging the equivalent of over 22 times our cost.

The NATO cost is a total rip off. This is how all of the aid and loan money given to Pakistan will be adjusted.

The person who is providing catering to the 1100 American troops is well known to me. He is charging the US Army \$25 per person per day just for breakfast and dinner, and he told me that the US Army is charging \$50 to Pakistan government from aid money for this. In addition, he has supplied containerized toilets to them for which he is charging them \$10,000 per month per toilet as rental in addition to Rs. 100,000 per toilet for moving them to the forward areas and will collect another Rs. 100,000 per toilet will they will demobilize.

I thought I would share some of these interesting facts with you.

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I must congratulate our boys for having constructed 2 out of the four health centres, i.e. Rerah and Seri Gala. The team has now moved to Lohar Bela, and we hope that they will finish this building within the next week or so. This building will be similar in size to the one at Rerah with around 4-6 rooms. Then finally they will move to Samni to construct a room similar to the one at Seri Gala.

There is another location known as Seri which is around half way between Rerah and Seri Gala. The people there are giving us a piece of land to construct one healthcare room there as well. There is a substantial population in that area as well covering the villages of Seri, Kathi and Barikot. We hope to be able to do this room as well at the end.

More about my visit to Rerah in the next mail.

With Best Wishes,
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Updated Report on 3 February 2006

Between ill health and my visits to Bagh, I have not been able to write much on what has been happening at our relief/rehab/reconstruct camp site at Bagh. By the Grace of Allah, we have been progressing very fast and our teams have been doing wonderful work. Let me summarize these activities.

- **Sarbuland Village:**

- During this past month, almost all the construction work at the village has been completed. This includes
 - 98 homes - each home comprising of a 10x12' hut plus an 8x21' containerized room. The latter is supplied by Turkish Red Crescent Society
 - primary school with complete furniture
 - vocational training centre
 - playgrounds for children
 - cattle shed
 - community water taps all around the village
 - public toilets and showers in all four corners of the village
 - there are three large water storage tanks with a total capacity of 36,000 liters
 - cobble stoned roads between the houses
 - Streets are lighted at night with 12 High Pressure Sodium floodlights
 - main entrance gate
 - 200 KVA transformer supplied by WAPDA
 - LPG gas cooker for each home supplied by UNDP
 - LPG gas space heater for each home supplied by UNDP
- A computerized balloting was held and 98 families were selected to occupy these homes. Of these 98 families, 85 of them are headed by widows, each having 4-6 children.
- All the 98 homes have been occupied.
- We have also hired a team of people to manage and serve the village. This team has been in place for the past one whole month (since the beginning of January). Our current team for this purpose comprises of
 - One camp manager who is an ex-major of the Pakistan Army.
 - One admin officer / supervisor
 - An 8 member security staff (mostly ex-army people), headed by an ex-subedar major. All of this staff is local.
 - A 5 member sweepers crew, who clean the village, public toilets and showers and public water points all day to ensure cleanliness and hygiene.
 - One electrician
 - Two plumbers (one of the plumbers is an all-rounder and does all sorts of semi-skilled work)
 - one mali
- The village will be equipped with the following additional amenities:
 - A vocational training center for women (since most of the breadwinners will be widows). The AJK govt Social Welfare Dept will be operating this center with trained staff providing services. They will also be giving a stipend of Rs. 450 per month per woman trainee. In addition, they will pay Rs. 50 per child per month to the trainees. So if a trainee has 6 children, she will receive Rs. 750 per month. The rooms for this activity are already constructed.
 - A primary school up to 6th grade. The school rooms have been constructed. We are under process to hire the teachers and staff. This will be operated by the Petarian Foundation / Abdalian Association. The school year starts in March-April. So we have another month to put our act in place.
 - A basic health center will be operated by the Petarians / Abdalians. The rooms for this activity are under construction.



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- In addition, we are currently working on following further developments for the village
 - A Montessori School will be operated by Save The Children.
 - A mosque is being set up.
 - A lawn is being planted at the grassy field in the middle of the village.
 - The roads will be asphalted as soon as it warms up a bit. This may be done towards the end of February.
 - Our management camp is under construction adjacent to the village. Two large rooms have already been constructed and further approximately 8 containerized rooms will be set up insha Allah along with toilets and showers. This will also have an ante-room, a dining and kitchen facility. We also plan to have 2-3 guest rooms for visitors. We have already provided TV and satellite dish and will also provide other recreational facilities like a basketball court, volleyball court, badminton, etc and indoor games for our camp members. Our entire team will reside at this camp. We hope to have this camp ready insha Allah within the next 2 weeks.
 - A bund has to be constructed for protection against flashfloods. We hope to have this constructed before the start of the summer insha Allah.
 - Another donor is donating a further 100 homes. This will be the second phase of the project, and we hope to have these installed within the next 4-6 weeks.
 - This project has been such a success that there is a line of people coming to us every day asking for allotment
 - There has been coverage from the international media for this project. So far, PTV, Skynews and ARY have covered this project on their evening News programs. Some of you may have seen this coverage on your TV. A lot more media people are covering this village as this is one of the most unique of all projects in the entire earthquake region. I understand there are 3 video clips about Sarbuland Village on the Skynews website. The URL of one of these is http://www.sky.com/skynews/video/videoplayer/0,,31200-quake_p5181,00.html where the initial minute or so is about Sarbuland Village.
 - The official inauguration of this Village will take place the day after tomorrow (Sunday 5th of February) insha Allah. I shall be going to Bagh again on early Sunday morning insha Allah for this and shall report back. Tajammul Bhai will be accompanying me. There may be a couple of others too.
- **Basic Health Units at Rerah and other locations**
 - While the work at Sarbuland Village has progressed so well, we have been working equally hard for the development of the healthcare facilities in line with the agreement we signed with the Dept of Health, AJK Govt.
 - So far there have been several visits to our medical facilities by AJK officials, WHO officials, UNICEF officials, and other international agencies. Our work has been appreciated extremely by all the agencies *alhamdulillah*.
 - The AJK Govt was so pleased with our work at Rerah that they are considering upgrading the Basic Health Unit (BHU) to a Rural Medical Support Centre.
 - So far, we have already constructed 3 out of the 4 health centres using our own resources. The ones that have been constructed are at Rerah, Seri Gala and Lohar Bela. Our workers are now busy constructing the one at Samni, which should be done within the next few days insha Allah.
 - For the past over 2 months since we signed the agreement with AJK govt, we have had at least 2 doctors on duty. We now have 3 (three) doctors since the past one month. Supporting them is an admin assistant, a cook, and a driver.
 - We have provided a brand new Shehzore truck to them. We now have a donation of a Defender jeep from Sigma Motors which will be sent to our camps for use at the medical centers and Sarbuland Village within the next 2-3 days.
 - We have been continuing to have a regular stream of 100-200 patients daily.
 - We still continue to provide medicines free of cost to the patients.

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- At present, the doctors continue to live within the premises of the Rerah BHU that we had constructed. They will all move to Sarbuland Village as soon as the management camp is constructed there.
- We are also considering constructing one more forward health post at Seri Kathi village as well.
- In addition, we have provided a 10x12' insulated room materials (complete with angle iron structure, steel sheets, thermopore, nuts and bolts) to 10 of the employees of the health units. There are a total of around 20 employees (employed by AJK Govt) working with our teams. These employees also lost their homes, but worked diligently with our doctors to provide healthcare facilities at our camps. Therefore, we have decided to provide the materials to construct at least one room each for each of these employees for the sake of their families. We shall be providing the rooms for the remaining 10 employees shortly insha Allah.

So far, I have been going to Bagh almost every week. We now have a retired air commodore who is joining our team as head of operations for the Bagh area. It is great to have him on board which will help us in being even better organized.

Lastly, I want to thank all the donors who have made this possible. We still continue to have funds coming in even though it is at a slower pace. I am confident that our donors will continue to support us in future as well insha Allah.

Our current estimated expenses should be less than Rs. 1 crore per year for the operations and maintenance of the above two projects. We do have substantial funds for many months. But we will need more funding for the future.

In addition, we need funds to the tune of around Rs. 30 million to construct the bund against flashfloods. We are confident that our donors will come forward insha Allah.

With Best Wishes,
Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui



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Munaf's death – 13 August 2006

It has been some time that I have written to you all about our ongoing camp at Sarbuland Village Bagh. Insha Allah I will write in more detail later on.

Since the earthquake occurred last October, the Petarian Foundation has been on ground providing services all through these past 10 months. Most of the other NGOs have already left and we are among the very few who have stuck it out and continue to provide services. Currently, we have a staff of over 60 people running the operations of Sarbuland Village (with a monthly salary bill of nearly Rs. 400,000). This staff has been performing wonderful services for running the school (over 200 children), operating a Basic Health Unit (daily over 100 patients), a vocational training center for women (for the widows and orphan girls), maintaining security, doing daily maintenance, and developmental works. We have people of different skills on our staff including doctors, teachers, managers, sweepers, guards, electricians, plumbers, construction workers, and others. It is a mammoth task for which our teams have been doing excellent work.

The second in command at the camp to manage all these works was Mr. Munaf Ali for the past several months. Munaf had been a source of great stability for all of us.

With extreme sorrow, I would like to inform you all that Munaf died of a massive heart attack in Islamabad this evening. He was a young man and probably not even 40 years old. He leaves behind his wife and 2 young children. Munaf was originally from Karachi, while his wife is Pathan.

His janaza will take place tomorrow. I dont have the details as yet, but will know more by the morning insha Allah.

I would like to request all Petarian brothers to pray for Munaf's soul. He was a great selfless worker who worked tirelessly round the clock. He had great leadership skills and was able to keep our teams in place. We are going to miss him tremendously at Sarbuland Village.

May Allah grant Munaf the choicest place in Jannat, and may He make it easy for his wife and children.

Those brothers who may want to join us for his janaza may call me in the morning at 0333-512-5120.

In mourning,

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui

as salamu alaykum

Since last night when I heard of Munaf's death, I have been very upset. He was mashallah so full of life and a young man of barely 40. He was always on the move to try and do some good work and help everyone out. He was soft-spoken, and would win hearts of people.

All key members of our team drove all night from Bagh to Islamabad to pay their last respects to Munaf.

I was at his house since the morning. It was heart rending to see his teenager children and his wife totally broken.

It all happened so suddenly. He visited my office yesterday in the afternoon to settle the accounts of the previous month. And then he was gone. I understand that he was at Peshawar More in the

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evening when he had the heart attack. He immediately called his very close friend, who arrived within minutes. Munaf couldn't get out of the car and was lying down. His friend drove him immediately to the hospital but he expired on the way. The attack was so sudden and massive that he didn't seem to have a chance.

His body will be flown to Karachi on the 7pm flight to be buried at that khandani qabristan in Karachi. They will also hold namaz-e-janazah on the lawns of PIMS (where they have stored his body) at 3:30pm today. I do not have the details of where his janazah will take place at Karachi.

May Allah have Mercy on him and grant him the very best in the Hereafter.

With Best Wishes,
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Sarbuland Village movie – 24 September 2006

For the past nearly a year, we (i.e. the Petarian Foundation) have been working for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes primarily for the destitute and widows in the earthquake affected zone in the Bagh area of Azad Kashmir. While most NGOs have left, we have survived. .

One of our major projects has been Sarbuland Village. This project is still on going despite all the hurdles we faced. We expect to continue to manage this project (until we financially can afford to do so) for the next few months more when we will hand it over to the locals for their own management.

A couple of months back, we made an 8 minute documentary movie on the Sarbuland Village project. This movie is now uploaded on Google and it is possible for you to view it.

So if you get a chance, please do visit the following Google URL to see this video on Sarbuland Village:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-3614033199056906142>

I want to thank all of you once again who participated in this project through your contributions and donations. And I want to thank Umer Husayn for uploading this movie on to google.

With Best Regards,

Kazi Zulkader Siddiqui, 671/Latif