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President Column



The Assyrian Aid Society was formed in 1991 in Northern Iraq by a group of activists and dignitaries of our people as a response to the needs of the Assyrian refugees who fled away to the borders of Iraq from the suppression of the regime of Saddam Hussein, and this was the beginning of the first spark which witnessed the foundation of the Assyrian Aid Society.

When we recall the history of our People, we notice the recurrence of the tragedies and calamities which they suffered throughout history in the modern era, which requires us to work on building Clubs, Organizations and Independent Non-Governmental Organizations, through which we can provide services, assistance and implementing projects in various fields to develop our society in various areas, according to the priorities of our people.

Thus, the Assyrian Aid Society was one of these organizations that have emerged in Iraq as a means to implement the aspirations of our people to stay and continue their existence in the historical land of our forefathers.

These were the reasons behind constructing our destroyed villages, opening streets, laying water nets, supplying power generators, distributing agricultural plants and equipments, and other means to strengthen the presence and bring life to dozens of villages and agricultural land destroyed by the ongoing wars in Iraq.

However, the largest and most prominent deed done by the Assyrian Aid Society was supporting

the Assyrian Education Process since 1992 until now, to revive our language which is the root for the rebirth of the Nation, the hope of the continuation of our national existence and the revival of our great Civilization, so this experience was enhanced and has achieved great success witnessed by everyone.

As we know, all the above achievements in various fields would not have been possible without the invaluable support provided by our people in the Diaspora, which had a significant impact on our Society to continue its achievements.

As well as, we need to remember that the Assyrian Aid Society, during the past years has been able to obtain support for projects from many Foreign and International Organizations that are concerned about our people and their presence in the homeland.

A look to the Future:

We are working to continue what was started by our Society's ex-Presidents to develop its performance to ascend up to the aspirations of our People and especially to the development of the Assyrian Education Process, the establishment of a University in Nineveh Plain, humanitarian and agricultural projects in various of our existence, and we will work hard to establish investment projects to be able to obtain fixed income to our Society and then to be able to support the other programs of the Society.

Introduction

As it is known, founding of the Assyrian Aid Society in Iraq in 1991 was a result of the tragic conditions that our people gone through, and because of the economic embargo imposed on Iraq in general and the blockade imposed by the former regime on the northern region in particular, the bad economic situation, unemployment and poverty. As a result of these and other reasons, the idea of establishing the Assyrian Aid Society was necessary as a supportive society to our people, especially in the northern region of the country.

It is worth mentioning that the role of the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq increased more and more in supporting our people after the fall of Saddam region in 2003, and as determined result for other needs due to the security and economic circumstances that Iraq is going through, in addition to the expansion of the geographical patch to include most of the governorates that our people are centralize: Nineveh Plain, Baghdad and Kirkuk.

Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq Departments:

- * Aids and Humanitarian Affairs
- * Health (Medical and Therapeutic Aids)
- * Assyrian Education and Dormitories
- * Construction
- * Administration and Financial



Aids and Humanitarian Affairs Dept.:

In 2010, the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq implemented the following relief programs:

Relief Programs in 2010:

1. A relief program for (135) families in Duhok Governorate, in Semel, Sorka, Sheiz, Mansoriya and Malta, by the support of Assyrian Without Borders from Sweden, for the period Jun. 17th, 2010
2. A relief program for (310) families in Nineveh Plain, in: Baghdeda, Bartella, Karemles and Ba'ashiqa, by the support of the Assyrian Aid Society of America, for the period Dec. 22nd, 2010.
3. A relief program (buying oil heaters) for (100) families in Nineveh Plain, in: Batnaye village by the support of the Assyrian Aid Society of America for the period Dec. 28th, 2010.

It's worth mentioning that our society will continue implementing these programs for 2011 to help needy families and refugee.



Aids:

Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq was able to help many people as:



- Offering financial aids for (50) cases and buying medicines for them.
- Sending some patients outside the Homeland for treatment, by the support of the Assyrian Medical Society.
- Helping about (336) needy families.
- Distributing financial aids for (50) families in different areas in Baghdad and Nineveh Plain.
- Distributing (150) agricultural instruments for the farmers in different villages in Duhok governorate.
- Supporting an orphanage in Baghdad.
- Supporting an Assyrian woman to open a micro job for herself by the assistance of Assyrian Women Federation in Netherlands.
- Supporting Hezanke Village, in Nahla Area by buying water motor.
- Supporting Hezanke Village, in Nahla Area by laying water pipes.
- Supporting Dure village, in Barwari Bala Area by buying Gas oil for the Generator.

Supporting the Civil Society Organizations:

Assyrian Women Union:

Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain as follows:

- Continue supporting the Day Care Centers in Erbil and Duhok.
- By the support of the Swedish Committee for Assyrian (SKA), the AWU held a three-month workshop for Women and Children rights in Nahla area.
- Holding Computer courses in Derabon- Zakho area by the support of the Swedish Committee for Assyrian (SKA).
- Supporting the Assyrian women Union in distributing Christmas gifts for the children in Duhok Governorate.



Chaldoassyrian Youths and Students Union:

Supporting the Chaldoassyrian Youths and Students Union in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain as follows:

- Contributing in furnishing, repairing and rehabilitating the Union's offices in Duhok city, Semel, Sarsing, Enishke, Zakho and Nineveh Plain
- Contributing in buying heating fuel for the Union's headquarter in Barwari Bala Area.
- Holding a debate among the students of the Assyrian Schools from the Union.
- Holding the Fourth Narsai David Football Championship for the students of the AASI Dormitories, with the participation of (22) Teams. This Championship was held for Kha B'Nisan festivals.
- Holding Ashur Football Championship in Sarsing village in Apr. 2010.
- Holding Marathon in Duhok City in Apr. 2010
- Holding commencement for the University Students in Duhok City in May. 2010
- Holding Martyr Samir Football Championship in Deralok village in Aug. 2010
- Supporting the Union to hold their scout camp for the students in Enishke village\ Sapna Area and in Zakho Area.
- Holding Ping-pong Championship in Duhok City in Dec. 2010.
- Supporting the Union to hold their convention in Nineveh Plain.



Other Civil Societies:

- Supporting Alqosh Cultural Society in holding its cultural activities.
- Supporting the Chaldean Cultural Club in Sulaimaniya in their cultural activities.



Medical and Therapeutic Aids:



Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq Pharmacies continue to offer their medical services to the people living in Nineveh Plain and Sarsing, at very low prices, and sometimes free of charge especially to needy people. These pharmacies are located in:

- Sarsing
- Alqush
- Tellisquf
- Batnaye
- Karemlis

Assyrian Education Dept.:

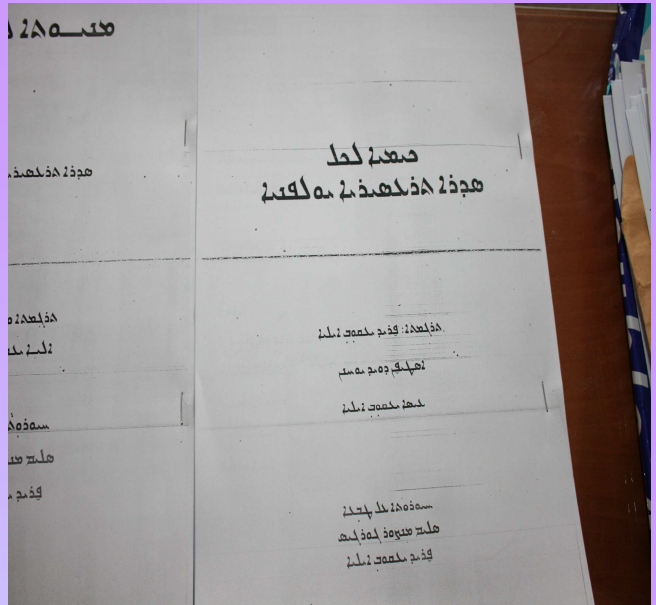
Assyrian Primary Schools in Duhok, Erbil, Nineveh Plain and Kirkuk :

- Paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
- Supplying the schools of some of their needs (buying computers, printers and copy machines) and giving petty expenses to the administrations of the schools according to our capabilities.
- Paying salaries for (4) cleaners in the primary schools for the academic year 2009-2010
- Paying all the transportation expenses for three months and a half for the academic year 2009-2010
- Paying lectures fees for the lecturers of the primary schools in Baghdeda and Bartella.
- Paying the salary for the lady who is supervising the transportation process in Baghdeda.
- Paying transportation expenses for the teachers in Duhok Governorate and surrounded areas.
- Honoring all the superior pupils in all the Assyrian Primary Schools.
- Paying monthly bonus to the storekeeper of the Assyrian books in Erbil.
- AASI bears the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
- AASI bears the expenses of typesetting the Assyrian Education curriculums which are changed by the Ministry of Education.
- AASI bears the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums till Ministry of Education bears this process.
- Paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the Government.
- Supporting Jam Rabatke School in Nahla Area in rehabilitating its building.
- Buying a bus for transporting the students of Zahrira and Zab schools in Deralok.
- By the support of AASA, we were able to buy computers and office-requirements to the schools of Shlama in Bersive and Bahra in Semel.



Assyrian High Schools in Duhok and Erbil:

- Paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
- Supplying the schools of some of their needs (buying computers, printers and copy machines) and giving petty expenses to the administrations of the schools according to our capabilities.
- Paying salaries for (2) cleaners in the high schools for the academic year 2009-2010
- Paying the transportation expenses for the students of the high schools till Ministry of Education pays them.
- Paying all the transportation expenses for three months and a half for the academic year 2009-2010
- Paying transportation expenses for the teachers of the high schools in Duhok Governorate and surrounded areas.
- Honoring all the superior pupils in all the Assyrian High Schools
- Paying lectures fees for the lecturers of the high schools.
- AASI bears the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
- AASI bears the expenses of typesetting the Assyrian Education curriculums which are changed by the Ministry of Education.
- AASI bears the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums till Ministry of Education bears this process.
- Paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the government.
- Supporting Hezanke high School in Nahla Area in rehabilitating its building.
- Holding session for the teachers of Shameil school in Sheiz and Feshkhabour school in Feshkhaour for (15) days.
- By the support of AASA, we were able to buy computers and office-requirements to the schools of Hezanke in Nahla, Urhai in Sarsing and Akad in Duhok.



Universities:

- Paying transportation expenses for the students of Languages college\ Assyrian Language Department in Baghdad University.
- Paying the salaries of the Assyrian Language teacher in Languages College in Baghdad University.



Dormitories:



- AASI covers the expenses of Housing (104) students, most of them are Internally Displaced People (IDPs), especially from Nineveh Plain, including the Assyrian Education students, for the academic year 2009-2010 (till the end of June)
- AASI covers the expenses of Housing (5) teachers and (5) employers, for the academic year 2009-2010
- Undertaking the expenses of Medication, Comforts and also giving financial aids to some needy students according to their requests.



Construction:

- Rehabilitating and Furnishing the Dormitories building by the support of the AUA in America.



Other Activities:



- Distributing Christmas gifts to the children of Nineveh Plain for (10,150) kids, funded by the Assyria Foundation in Holland, Mr. Matay Arsan, and in coordination with the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq and the Chaldoassyrian Youth Union in Nineveh Plain, as follows:
 - Baghdeda: 3650 gifts
 - Karemlles: 700 gifts
 - Bartella: 800 gifts
 - Ba'ashiqqa: 550 gifts
 - Merke: 200 gifts
 - Alqosh: 700 gifts
 - Shekhan: 600 gifts
 - Batnaye: 700 gifts
 - Tellisquf: 700 gifts
 - Telkeif: 800 gifts
 - Sharafiya: 750 gifts
- In coordination with Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq, distributing Christmas gifts to the children in Duhok Governorate, funded by Christine Faulkner and her friends in Holland.

Supporters:

- Assyrian Aid Society of America.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Australia.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden.
- Assyrian Union Clubs in Goteborg in Sweden.
- Assyrian Without Borders.
- Assyrian National Council of Illinois.
- Father Horst Oberkampff.
- Swedish Committee for Assyrians.



Finally:

Through this report, we, as Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq, would like to present our appreciation and thankfulness to all of our supporters (Assyrian Aid Societies worldwide, non-Assyrian Friends, Organizations and Churches), those who tried and are still trying to assist our Nation to stand and be powerful through its Education and Culture.

