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President's Column

The Continuation of giving and supporting that began Twenty-One years ago in continuation in the Homeland, by the support of our brothers outside, collected the implementation of several projects for hundreds of displaced families, dozens of medical cases and thousands of pupils who read and write the Assyrian language, the language of Christ, as well as housing dozens of our People, University and Institute Students in Duhok and Baghdad dormitories, providing medical services across our Pharmacies in Nineveh Plain and Sarsing, in addition to other humanitarian projects.



The most important event that last year witnessed, was the response of the Society to many aid requests for the returned families from Syria, where the Society was the first sponsor for them, and raised the slogan of supporting our People to return to their homeland from the horrific events in Syria, where the Society was able to implement several relief projects for those families, by the support of the Assyrian Aid Society of America and Australia, as well as Father Horst in Germany, Evangelical Churches in San Jose and the activist Mr. Wilfred Wong in UK.

The last year witnessed implementing other achievements, as:

After registering our Society in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by the perseverance and support of the Assyrian Aid Society of Australia, in coordination with the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq, our Society has been able to actively participate in one of the most important events organized by the United Nations, a Permanent Forum for Indigenous People in New York, as our Society was represented by Ashur Sargon and Narsai David, where during this participation we could put forward many issues that are concerned with our People and their presence. Also our Society's delegation has been able to present a speech in the Permanent Forum for Indigenous People that has been interacted by some attended international personalities, and has been able to establish constructive relations, to coordinate with many persons and organizations at the Forum.

During his visit to the United State, Ashur Sargon, the President of the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq, held a number of important meetings and seminars in several cities, the most important were in Chicago, where he met His Holiness Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV, as well as Mr. Homer Ashourian, the President of the AUA Foundation, Mr. Shiba Mando, the President of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois and Ms. Nemo Rasho the president of Assyrian Aid Society Chicago Chapter, Mr. Peter Bityou & Dr. Rouel Georgis the Board members of the Assyrian Aid Society of America and prominent personalities of our People.

In Arizona Mr. Ashur Sargon met Mr. Napoleon Dinkha the president of Arizona Chapter for the Assyrian Aid Society & Fred Rustam, the member of Arizona chapter for the Assyrian Aid Society.

In San Francisco, California, a meeting was held for the Assyrian Aid Society of America, by the attendance of Mr. Younam Kanna, the member of the Iraqi Parliament and the Secretary General of the Assyrian Democratic Movement, the AAS-A was represented by Ashur Yoseph the President of the Assyrian Aid Society of America, Narsai David, the Chairman of the Administrative Board for the AAS-A and Mona Malik the Vice President for the AAS-A, Ms. Natalie Babella, the President of the AAS-A Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Mr. Sargon Alkurge & Mr. Ramil Karim the members of the Central Valley chapter for the Assyrian Aid Society, in addition to a number of the Assyrian Democratic Movement members in America.

In San Jose, Mr. Ashur Sargon met with Mr. Albert Davidoo, the president of the Assyrian Medical Society in Los Angeles, in addition to other national personalities within the Annual Festival Convention of our People in California.

Also we highly appreciate the formation of the new chapter in Washington D.C and wish them successful serving our National issue.

- In Iraq, the Society had many activities, the most important activity was the AAS Worldwide meeting, which was held in the Society's building on April 2012, attended by many members of the Assyrian Aid Society around the world, it was a successful meeting which had many positive results for the development of the work and performance of the Society, where the meeting was attended, in addition to members of the Assyrian Aid Society in Iraq, representatives from the Assyrian Aid Society in Australia representing by the Society's president Ms. June Yacob and the treasurer, Ms. Shushan Tower & Mr. Sargon Shabbas the Board member and the treasurer for the Assyrian Aid Society of America, Mr. Emmanuel Dawod from Assyrian Aid Society in New Zealand.
- The obtaining of registration certificate of our Society from the Non-Governmental Organizations Directorate of the General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers in Baghdad.
- A meeting was held for the General Body in Nineveh Plain, discussing about the work of AAS.
- The President of the Society, Mr. Ashur Sargon participated in a workshop organized by the Global Environment funds as to activate our Society's activities in the fields of the environment and its protection.
- Assyrian Education: Despite of limited support, the Society managed to fulfill its obligations for the academic year 2011-2012.
- Dormitories: The dormitories were maintained over the past year, particularly in Dahuk, as well as in Baghdad, where our Society rehabilitate them to become suitable for many of our students who are studying at the University of Baghdad, College of Languages, Syriac language Department.
- Relief and Humanitarian Affairs: The Society implemented many relief programs to aid refugees who returned from Syria, as well as supporting IDP's and conduct a census of returned families from Syria. In addition to that, the Society was able to financially help many families, and those who can not offer for their treatment.
- The work of Pharmacies has been continued in Batnaya, Karamles, Alqush and Sarsaik, where Alqush pharmacy earned more attention in order to re-configured it in a better way.
- Reconstruction: This section has completed several humanitarian projects for many villages in different areas of Barwari Bala, Sapna, Aqrah and Einsifiny, with its limited possibilities, as well as setting up proposals for several projects.
- The Investment Project of the Society's building and the necessity to start implementing this project quickly, looking for supporters in order to implement it in such a way to increase the financial resources of the Society to fulfill its objectives.
- Media: One of the major events in the development of Society's Media was launching our website in May 2012, and on the following link (www.assyrianaidiraq.org), which shows Society's news and requests, continuously, to all who are interested about our work.
- Society's Media has made another development; as the establishment of specialist media team working for the Society and its activities, producing weekly episodes starting in September 2012 under the title of (Odrana) by a special support from the Assyrian Aid Society of America. These episodes are broadcasting on ANB TV in America, which provided a great opportunity for our Society by giving good media space.

Officers of the Assyrian Aid Society in Iraq:

- The President: Ashur Sargon Eskrya
- Vice President (Secretary): Christina Khoshaba Patto
- Administration & Finance: Evet Nivademos Esho
- Aid & Humanitarian Affairs/Dormitories: Patros Esho Giwarges.
- Assyrian Education: Napoleon Yousif Youkhana.
- Pharmacies: Shmaeil Hedo Dawood.
- Construction & Projects: Younan Lazar Markhaeil
- Media: Eramia Sargon Eskrya
- Legal Affairs : Malko Khoshaba Odisho



Relief & Humanitarian Affairs:

Relief Program:

In 2012 the AASI has implemented the following Relief Programs:

- A relief Program for (52) families in Duhok, By the support of the Evangelical Churches in San Jose (USA) on Jan 2012.
 - A relief Program for (15) families in Barwari Bala, By the support of the Evangelical Churches in Wattenberg (Germany), on Jan 2012.
 - A relief Program for (150) families in Nineveh Plain (Bakhdeda, Bartila & Karamlis), By the support of Mr. Wilfred Wong (London), on Jul 2012.
 - A relief Program for (120) families in Nineveh Plain (Telkeif and Bashiqa), Zakho, Duhok & Baghdad, By the support of AAS-Australia, on Aug 2012.
 - A relief Program for (140) of the returning families from Syria in Nineveh Plain (Telkeif and Bashiqa), Zakho, Duhok & Baghdad, By the support of the AAS-America, Oct 2012.
 - A relief Program for (62) of the returning families from Syria in Nineveh Plain (Alqush), By the support of Mr. Wilfred Wong, on Oct 2012.
 - A relief Program for (32) of the returning families from Syria in Nineveh Plain (Bartila), Zakho, Duhok & Baghdad, By the support of the Solidarity Group of Tur Abdin and Northern Iraq, on Nov 2012.
 - A relief Program for (50) of the returning families from Syria in Nineveh Plain, Zakho, Sapna & Duhok, By the support of the Evangelical Churches in San Jose (USA), on Dec 2012.
- It's worth mentioning that our Society will continue implementing these programs for 2013 to help needy families and refugees.



Bakhdeda, Jul 14th, 2012



Duhok, Aug 28th, 2012



Zakho, Sep 2nd, 2012



Alqush, Oct 4th, 2012



Telkeif, Oct 1st, 2012



Duhok Jan 15th, 2012

Aid:

AASI has been able to help many families by:

- Offering financial aid to (187) of low income families.
- Buying expensive medication for some patients.
- Sending some patients outside the Homeland for treatment, by the support of the Assyrian Medical Society in America.
- Sending reports of some cases to the Assyrian Medical Society of America for consultation.



Mr. Albert Davidoo with a Patient from Iraq



Mr. Sargon Shabbas & Ms. Natalie Babella with an old man



Needy Family

Medical and Therapeutic Aid:

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
- Karemlas



Sarsing Pharmacy



Sarsing Pharmacy

Civil Society Organizations:

Assyrian Women Union:

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

- Continue supporting the Creche Centers in Erbil and Duhok.
- Contributing in supporting the elections of the Assyrian Women Union in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain.
- Contributing in the Charity Market.
- Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in distributing Christmas gifts for the children in the Villages of Duhok Governorate.



Assyrian Women Union



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Chaldoassyrian Youths and Students Union:

Supporting the Chaldoassyrian Youth and Student Unions in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain as follows:

- Contributing in furnishing some of the Union's offices.
- Contributing in holding Mezalta Championship.
- Holding the 6th Narsai David Football Championship for the students of the AASI Dormitories, with the participation of (38) Teams.
- Supporting their activities during Kha B'Nisan celebrations.
- Supporting the Union through hosting The Iraqi Symphony Orchestra.
- Supporting Hamorabi Scout activities.
- Holding Ashur Football Championship in Sarsing village.
- Holding Marathon in Duhok City.
- Holding commencement for the University Students in Duhok City
- Holding Martyr Samir Football Championship in Deralok village
- Holding Ping-pong Championship in Sarsing village.
- Honoring the winning teams in the annual championships.
- Supporting the Union in covering the expenses of their meetings and convention through the year.
- Supporting the Union through holding strengthen courses for the final stages.
- Supporting the union in distributing Stationary for (350) students of Assyrian Schools in Nineveh Plain.



Narsai David 6th Soccer Championship



Chaldoassyrian Students & Youth Union



The commencement of University Students in Duhok



Narsai David 6th Soccer Championship

Other Civil Society Organizations:

- Supporting Ashur Satellite TV.
- Supporting Ur Society in Nasiriya.
- Supporting Nineveh Center for Research and Development.
- Supporting Syrian Catholic Church in Nineveh Plain.
- Supporting Orphanage in Duhok.
- Supporting Mar Afram Church in Bersiveh.



Orphanage



Assyrian Education:

Assyrian Primary Schools in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain:

1. AASI funds paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
2. AASI funds 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.
3. AASI funds paying salaries of (8) cleaners in the primary schools for the academic year 2011-2012
4. AASI funds paying transportation expenses of the teachers in Duhok and Erbil Governorates and surrounded areas.
5. Honoring all the superior pupils in all the Assyrian Primary Schools.
6. AASI funds the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
7. AASI funds the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums which are changed by the Ministry of Education.
8. AASI funds paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the Government.
9. Supporting the schools of Nineveh Plain by buying heating oil and carpet.
10. AASI funds the differences in transportations expenses after paying some of them by the Government.

The Assyrian High Schools in Duhok & Erbil:

1. AASI funds paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
2. AASI funds 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 Society's capabilities.
3. AASI funds paying salaries of (2) cleaners in the high schools for the academic year 2011-2012.
4. AASI funds paying the transportation expenses for the students of high schools till Ministry of Education pays them.
5. AASI funds paying all the differences of transportation expenses for the students of high schools for the academic year 2011-2012.
6. AASI funds paying transportation expenses for the teachers of the high schools in Duhok Governorate and surrounded areas.
7. Honoring all the superior students in all the Assyrian High Schools
8. AASI funds paying lectures fees for the lecturers of the high schools.
9. AASI funds the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
10. AASI funds the expenses of typesetting the Assyrian Education curriculums which changed yearly by the Ministry of Education.
11. AASI funds the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums till the Ministry of Education pays them.
12. AASI funds paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the Government.
13. Supporting Merga school in Nahla by repairing its building.



Stationery Distribution in Kumani



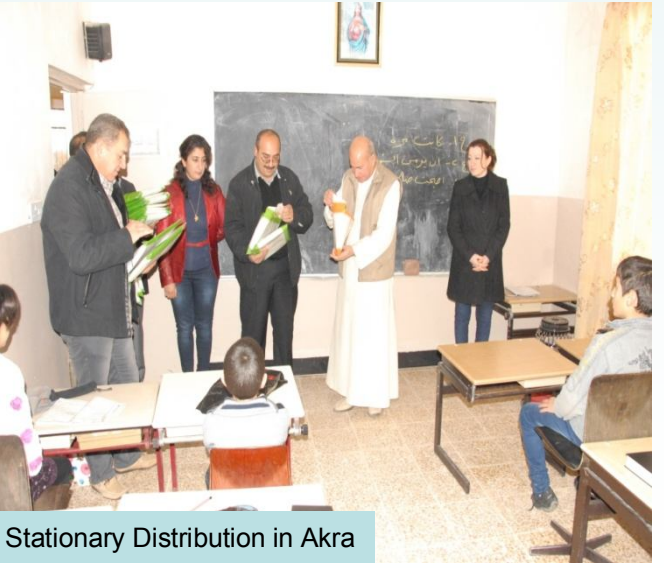
Heater Distribution in Bakhdida



Office of Copy Machine in Duhok



Stationery Distribution in Mosul



Stationery Distribution in Akra



Stationery Distribution in Dawodiya

Universities:

- Contribution in feeding students of Assyrian Department/ Languages College in Baghdad University by providing daily food meals.
- Repairing Dormitories of AASI for the students of Assyrian Department/ languages College in Baghdad University.



Baghdad Dormitories



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Dormitories:

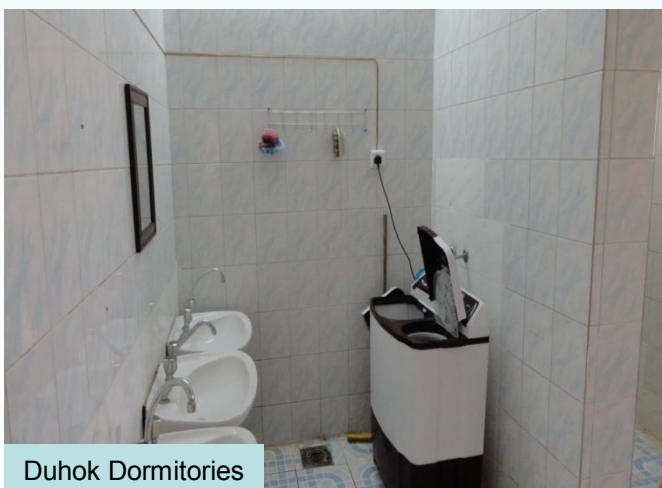
- AASI covers the costs of housing (80) students in Duhok, most of them are IDP's especially from Nineveh Plain for the academic year 2011-2012.
- AASI covers the costs of housing (5) teachers & (5) workers in Duhok for the academic year 2011-2012.
- AASI covers the costs of housing of (105) students in dorms of Erbil, Zakho & Baghdad.
- AASI covers the costs of feeding the students in Baghdad Dorms.
- AASI pays the expenses of medication, Comforts and also giving financial aid to some needy students according to their requests.
- AASI covers the expenses of repairing the Dorms in Duhok.
- Rehabilitating Baghdad Dorms.
- AASI covers the costs of buying heaters, heating fuel, blankets, freezer, cooker, electrical maintenance, repairing of sinks & bathrooms & changing doors.
- Holding a five days Scouting camp for the students of Kirkuk, Nineveh Plain, Erbil & Baghdad.
- Housing some of our People from Syria.



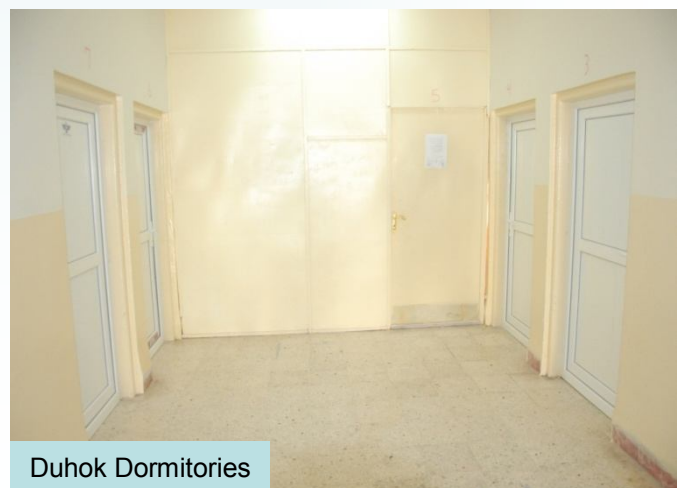
Duhok Dormitories



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Duhok Dormitories

Construction and Projects:

- Repairing the pipes & sanitary at St. George Church in Bersive village.
- Repairing the generator of Bebad village.
- Implementing a water network project in Bebad village.
- Maintenance of irrigation Channels in the villages of Nahla (Chame Rabatke, Belmend, Meruke, Kashkawa, Hezane & Sholee).
- Contribution in repairing the generator of Meruke village.
- Maintenance of Houses and replacing of windows and doors in some villages.
- Maintenance of irrigation Channels and extending of water networks.
- Maintenance some of the Assyrian schools.
- Starting the construction of second floor for the building of Chaldoassyrian Students & Youth Union in Deralok/Duhok.
- Repairing the generator for Chame Rabatke village in Nahla.
- Furnishing the guesthouse of the Assyrian Aid Society in Duhok.
- Starting the preparation of maps and designs for the construction of the Society's building in Duhok.
- Helping the villagers of Enishkee village in restoration their farms.
- Contribute in repairing Rameil Creche Bus in Duhok.
- Buying water pump for Dashqotan village.
- Maintenance of water tank of Garmawa village.
- Supporting Balijani village in repairing the water pipes.

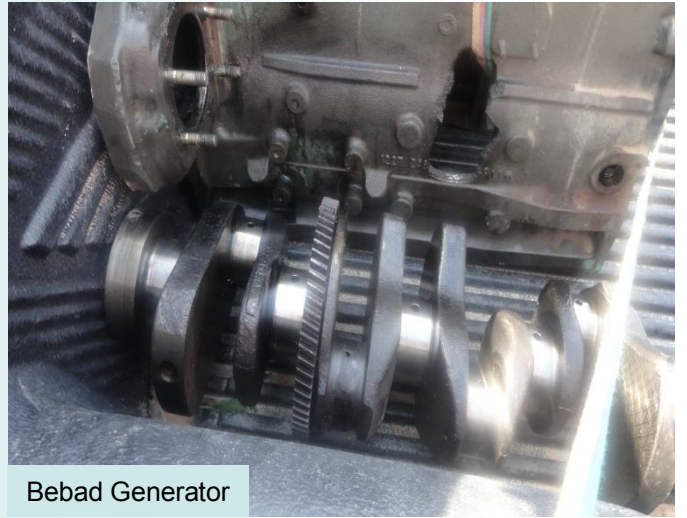
Christmas Gifts Project

Distributing Christmas gifts for (11900) kids, funded by the Assyria Foundation in Holland, Mr. Matay Arsan, in coordination with the Assyrian Aid Society, the project was implemented in the following places:

- Nineveh Plain: 7950 Gifts in: (Baghdeda, Bartella, Karemls, Ba'ashiq, Maghara, Merke, Bahzane, Telkeif, Tellisqof, Batnaye, Baqofa, Alqush, Sharafiya, Ein Sifni, Pirozawa).
- Mosul: 300 Gifts
- Kirkuk: 500 Gifts
- Zakho: 750 Gifts
- Aqra: 300 Gifts
- Erbil: 500 Gifts
- Duhok City Center: 800 Gifts
- Duhok/ Sapna area: 250 Gifts
- Duhok/ Deralok area: 150 Gifts
- Duhok/ Barwari Bala area: 150 Gifts
- Duhok/ Nahla area: 250 Gifts



Dashqotan Water Pump



Bebad Generator



Replacing Doors & Windows in Kore Kavana



Bebad Water Network



Nahla Irrigation Channel



Christmas Gifts



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Visits & Activities:

- Receiving the Parliament member Ms. Jehan Ismaeil in our Headquarter.
- The visit of Society's President to the Director of Duhok Municipality.
- Participating in workshop of Global Environment Facility in Jordan, Feb 2012.
- Meeting of Society's Board Members & Representatives in Nineveh Plain.
- Receiving delegation from America & Holland.
- Meeting of Society's Representatives in the world.
- Receiving Father William Nissan from USA in Society's Headquarter.
- Receiving delegation of the Swedish Red Cross.
- Receiving delegations from Australia & USA.
- Receiving the President of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois in Society's Headquarter.
- Receiving a group of Youth Unions from Germany.
- Participating in the 11th Forum for Indigenous People in UN, May 2012
- Meeting with many personalities & representatives of the Forums' Members
- Meeting the Assyrian Universal Aliens Foundation in Illinois, the Assyrian Medical Society, Assyrian Aid Society in Berkeley & others.
- Meeting a number of our People & organizations and foundations in USA.
- Receiving delegation of Assyrians Without Borders, from Sweden.
- Receiving the leaders of Chaldeans Syriac Assyrians Gathered Political Parties.
- Visiting the US Consulate in Erbil.
- Receiving the parliament member Mr. Younadam Kanna.
- Holding Seminar on Indigenous People in cooperation with Assyrian Cultural Center/Duhok.
- Receiving Barwar Assyrian Society.
- Visits of Assyrian Martyr Day (Aug 7th) to the cemeteries in Balejane, Dawodiya & Mangish.
- Applying for Project with USAID in Erbil, Justice for Iraq Program.
- Participating in activities of Barwar Festival & Assyrian Women Union Festival.
- Receiving delegation from SALT Foundation



Mr. Homer Ashourian AUAF's President & Dr. Rouel Georgis



Mr. Younadam Kanna with the members of the Assyrian Aid Society of America



Mr. Narsai David, chairman of AAS-A's Board at the United Nation Building in the Forum on Indigenous People-New York



Global Environment Forum-Jordan



Mar Dinkha IV, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East



Dr. Hamid Al Bayati, Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations, Dr. William Ishaya, Deputy Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations & Mr. Babi Younadam



Ms. Juliana Taimoorazy, president of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council & Mr. Napoleon



Mar Aprim Khamis

The Supporters in 2012:

- Assyrian Aid Society of America.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Australia.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Canada.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden.
- Assyrian Aid Society of New Zealand.
- Assyrian Medical Society-USA.
- Assyrian National Council in Illinois-USA.
- Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation, (AUAF)-USA.
- Evangelical Church in San Jose-USA.
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria-Germany.
- Father. Horst Oberkamp, Solidarity Group for Tur Abdin & Northern Iraq.
- Assyrians Without Borders-Sweden.
- Ishtar Society-Sweden.
- SALT Foundation-Holland.
- Assyria Organization-Holland.
- Iraqi Nature Organization, Sulaimaniya-Iraq.
- Knights of Malta Organization-Malta.
- Group of Donors-USA.
- Father. William Nissan-USA.
- Mr. Sargon Lazar Slewo, Minister of Environment.
- Mr. Wilfred Wong-UK.
- Mr. Nick Spanner-Switzerland.
- Mr. Younadam Youkhanna-USA.
- Mr. Atur Shabbas-USA.



Assyrians Without Borders



ANCI's President & Members, Father William Nissan



AAS Meeting

Conclusion:

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, friends, other Societies, Organizations and Churches), those who tried and are still trying to assist our People in supporting and reviving the Assyrian language and deep-rooted heritage, as well as relieving the Internally Displaced People (IDPs), establishing equality between men and women and strengthen democracy.

We, as members of the Society, pledge our utmost efforts to achieve our objectives and thus more achievements in various fields, including active participation in the activities of the Forum of Indigenous Peoples and highlighting the image of our People in these events, to prove its existence humanly and culturally.



Honoring Mr. Emanouil Kelaita



Seminar on the Universal Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People



Receiving the Certificate of AASI for the official registration



Father Horst Oberkamp