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Together we GO ... into a world fallen with evil. Every day the news seems worse; ISIS continues to saw off heads, suicide bombers are a common occurrence, police officers murdered to make a point, newborns abandoned daily. These are but a few evidences of a sinful world ... crying out for LOVE.

So we make ourselves slaves, that we might be His beacon of love ... *to win as many as possible*. Most consider us crazy “to GO” into dangerous regions. But Jesus said, *“It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”* Mark 2:17

DOES THE LIGHT NOT SHINE BRIGHTEST IN THE DARKNESS ?

One of our most courageous partners is a “secret agent of Light” in the dark mountain villages of Afghanistan. For eight years we have been supporting this underground Christian behind enemy lines (for his safety, we call him Gabriel). Gabriel is battling female oppression in the most remote regions of Afghanistan with literacy centers.

Five years ago extremists shot and killed Gabriel’s brother, yet Gabriel carries on. There are now 21 centers educating young girls and women, where hundreds have learned to read and write. We also help fund three tailoring centers so they can apply their learning to a self-supporting business.

Afghan women are the most oppressed and humiliated women of the world. Thanks to God for the intervention of developed nations, women’s rights are increasing in Afghanistan’s larger cities. But religious extremists still maintain strongholds, inflicting physical and mental oppression nationwide.

The majority of Afghan women are struggling to achieve the most basics of human rights. Truly this is a Spiritual war, one of our toughest battles. We have sent medical teams in years past ... but now the danger is too great ... so we send Gabriel all the financial support / love that we can. **over please —>**



Though Gabriel is “a secret agent of Light”, there is evidence to how the Great Love of Jesus is finding its Way into these with desperate needs.



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In Gabriel's own words: "Let me proudly announce that hundreds graduated students from advanced level of my literacy learning schools continuing now their education successfully to different government schools or high education. I know tens of the graduated students from my educational centers who have finished their high education and working now as teachers, nurses...etc.

For example **Esther** one of the graduated students who because of authority of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan could not go to school and had started the skill of read and writing from alphabet in my literacy learning school, had finished her high education last year and working now as a teacher at an elementary government school.

Mary, another graduated student, who before of getting admission to my literacy learning school was completely illiterate. After graduating from advanced level of literacy learning school of xxxxxxxx village, continued her education to privet courses of nursing and maternity in xxxxxxxx province. She is working now as a nurse in the maternity wing of xxxxxxo clinic which had made and continuing as charity by a Hazara woman who is living in Swiss now.

Mary's father had lost one of his legs during the Russian's military aggression in Afghanistan. So because of that problem he was not be able to do the heavy jobs and always faced to sever economical problems. Mary is getting \$1000.00 monthly including food and transportation now and living happily with her family.

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