



After losing my elder brother who died at the tender age of 20 in a car accident around 15 years ago, it pushed me to do something in his memory to continue his legacy. From a religious perspective & as a Muslim, there was nothing better to honour his name than to do charity work which not only helps those suffering but something he can also reap the rewards for in the grave.

In the last 15 years, by the will of God I have covered many projects, as the years have gone on, I've gotten myself involved more and more. Every year I set myself what I usually feel is an unrealistic target yet, the support I receive is second to none & the total increases every year. I remember one of my very first projects, that was to raise money towards medical kits in Palestine, since then some of the projects I have worked on include, wheelchairs for those in need, food packs, water sanitisation, Mosques & this year we managed to fundraise for 3 whole villages in Malawi! After seeing the feedback & the difference you are able to make in people lives, it continues to push you more & more.

Over the years I have accrued a small following on Social Media which is a great tool when it comes to fundraising, it helps massively & also gives me the opportunity to use the platform I have to make a difference. On many occasions I've also had people message to say how much the fundraisers have also motivated them to do their own. If not their own, lots of people are willing to take part & donate, they only require a little push.

After attaining the confidence to fundraise & experiencing the management of projects, I now feel I can move on to work which take a lot more time & money. This is one of the reasons why I chose the Shelter Homes project this year. Quite often we give towards charity causes which involve food or something for the short term, which of course is needed, however I thought we need a more longer-term focus & solution. This was also once of the reasons I chose Malawi, the Country is highly poverty stricken, in some places just for clean water, those in need are walking up to 100km there & back with heavy loads & that is truly devastating.

It is also one of those Countries which is often forgotten or not talked about & this is why I felt more inclined to do whatever little I can. When someone is without a home, their options are very limited, once the beneficiary has had their donation of food, they are often forgotten about & in the very same circle a few weeks down the line, desperate for food or water.

Providing habitable homes to live in, brilliantly counteracts this, we are then able to empower the beneficiaries by donating items such as sewing machines, farming equipment or even empowerment via education for the youth. This takes them out of the vicious circle where they are then able to fend for themselves, not be reliant on others & create a better life for not only them but their families & generations to come.

Being very particular with who I work with, I always do my research and would like every penny to be directed towards the projects, I am working very closely with Benefit Mankind, a UK registered charity that is run by volunteers with a decade of experience in the humanitarian sector.

My vision is to build villages around the world and have chosen a title 'Sheltering Mankind' which can only be achieved with generous support of all the donors. Once a family is given a home, we can then educate and empower the families giving them the opportunity to become self-sufficient InshaAllah.

With each home donated, we as a team will provide personalised feedback during the year which I believe is the right of every donor and we will ensure the work is of quality standard InshaAllah.

I would like you all to keep us in your duas including my brother and all marhumeen, support us on this journey and let's all be part of this great venture.

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