



**MEADOWVALE
ISLAMIC CENTRE**

NEWSLETTER

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One Minute

During his college years, Riyaz spent a summer in an Idaho logging camp. When the superintendent had to leave for a few days, he put Riyaz in charge.

"What if men refuse to follow my orders?" Riyaz asked. He thought of Taahir, an immigrant worker who grumbled and growled all day, giving the other men a hard time.

"Fire them," the superintendent said. Then, as if reading Riyaz's mind, he added, "I suppose you are going to fire Taahir if you get the chance. I'd feel badly about that. I have been logging for 40 years. Taahir is the most reliable worker I've ever had. I know he is a grouch and that he hates everybody and everything. But he comes first and leaves last. There has not been an accident for eight years on the hill where he works."

Riyaz took over the next day. He went to Taahir and spoke to him. "Taahir, do you know I'm in charge today?" Taahir grunted. "I was going to fire you the first time we tangled, but I want you to know I'm not," he told Taahir, adding what the superintendent said.

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When he finished, Taahir dropped the shovelful of sand he had held and tears streamed down his face. "Why did he not tell me that eight years ago?"

That day Taahir worked harder than ever before – and he smiled! He later said to Riyaz, "I told Maryam that you are the first foreman in this country who ever say 'Good work, Thaahir,' and it made Maryam feel like it was Eid."

Twelve years later, Riyaz met Taahir again. He was superintendent for railroad construction for one of the largest logging companies. Riyaz asked him how his huge success came about.

Taahir replied, "If it hadn't been for the **one minute** you talked to me, twelve years ago. I was going to leave the country. Your words of encouragement gave me the strength to persevere and motivated me to strive even harder. That **one minute changed my life.**"

Effective managers know the importance of taking a moment to point out when a worker is doing well. But what a difference a minute of affirmation can make in any relationship!

One minute...

Have you got **one minute** to thank someone?

A minute to tell someone what you sincerely like or appreciate about them?

A minute to elaborate on what they did well?

One minute. It can make a difference for a lifetime.

Game Over

A young boy enters a barbershop and the barber whispers to his customer,

"This is the dumbest kid in the whole world. Watch, while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a five rupee coin in one hand and two one rupee coins (1+1=2) in the other, then calls the boy over and asks,

"Which one do you want, son?"

The boy takes the two one rupee coins and leaves.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question?"

Why did you take two one rupee coins instead of five rupee coin?"

The boy liked his cone and replied,

"Because THE DAY I TAKE THE FIVE RUPEE COIN, THE GAME IS OVER."

Don't be too quick to judge who is dumb and who isn't – It may just be that – you are making a fool of yourself.

Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Haadith
5. Full time Hifz / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran every Monday
8. Tafseer every Friday
9. Basketball every Friday
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs
15. Youth Basketball Program
16. Fitness Program (for sisters)
17. **Girls Basketball & Halaqah**
18. **Dora-e-Quran**
19. **Sunday Islamic School**

Special Programs

- March Break
- Summer Camp
- Winter Break

Past Programs

- Ramadhan Workshop
- Hazrat Abu-Bakr R. A.
- Hazrat Umar Farooq R. A.
- Hazrat Uthman R. A.

Upcoming Programs

- **MIC Book Club**
A Study of Khalid Bin Al Waleed (RA)
- **Islamic Studies Series** (for adults)
- Story Night Series - **Hazrat Ali R. A.**
- Workshop on **How to Raise Your Children in the 21st Century**

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While Others Are...

- Believe** while others are doubting.
- Plan** while others are playing.
- Study** while others are sleeping.
- Decide** while others are delaying.
- Prepare** while others are daydreaming.
- Begin** while others are procrastinating.
- Work** while others are wishing.
- Save** while others are wasting.
- Listen** while others are talking.
- Smile** when others are frowning.
- Commend** while others are criticizing.
- Persist** while others are quitting.

Announcement:

Project Status

All items are closed off from our side, & the report is expected to be placed in the next Planning & Development meeting, which is in September 2015 inshaAllah.

(There are no Meetings at the City in the months of July & August because of Summer break).

We request everyone to please continue to make dua for the project. We have strong faith in Allah SWT and we put our trust in Him & ask His help for building of our Masjid insha-Allah. Allah SWT has always made it easy for us and may He continue to do so always. Ameen.

Masjid Funds

Start Date: May 1 2013
 Updated: August 3 2015

Building Masjid - Phase I

\$1.5 Million needed by start of
 MIC construction

Funds Needed: \$1,500,000.00

Funds Collected: \$540,000.00

Balance Needed: \$960,000.00

Phase II: \$2.5 Million needed
 to complete construction (Not
 started)

Total Construction Cost
 (Phase I + Phase II): \$4 Million

Milestones Completed

Phase 1 (Aug 2010): **PAID OFF**
 Paid off property 6508 **\$525,000.00**
 Winston Churchill Blvd

Phase 2 (Apr 2013): **PAID OFF**
 Paid off property 6496 **\$1,000,000.00**
 Winston Churchill Blvd

Rezoning Application **PAID OFF**
 Submitted on Aug **\$225,253.25**
 2013: