

## **History of Ansarullah Dallas**

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**Dallas is second largest city of Texas.** It is located 241 miles north of Houston and approximately 1000 miles south of Chicago, 1600 miles west of New York, 1450 miles East of Los Angeles. According to latest population ranking, Dallas ranks 9<sup>th</sup> most populated city in USA.

In the past population of Ahmadies in Dallas were very little in proportion to the population of Ahmadis in the other major cities of the country. For that reason prior to 1986 there were only couple of known Ahmadis in Dallas. At that time local Ahmadies did not even have any designated place to offer their Friday prayers. **In 1987 Dallas became independent Jama'at** , then we started offering our Friday prayers at the office building owned by an Ahmadi in Irving Texas. Once that office building was sold Jama'at started to praying in a rental property owned by an Ahmadi in Richardson TX. Due to parking problems and also steady population increase of Ahmadis in Dallas; we needed bigger place. Therefore, Jama'at rented a portion of a banquet hall in a restaurant for Friday prayers. **It appeared to us that we were like modern day Nomads and were moving place to place.** People started getting somewhat frustrated.

Obviously we needed a place where we could hold Jamaat's meetings in peaceful manner so we rented a large suit in an office park on Keller Springs Road in Addison Texas. We stayed at this place for a year or two and used it as a springboard for planning to build a mosque. **Now time was ripe for all good Ahmadis to step forward and to build a house of Allah in Dallas.**

Therefore, in 1996 President Jama'at Dallas Ch. Akram Sahib formed a mosque committee that included Mr. Abdul Latif, Mr. Munawar Piracha and Mr. Abdul Shakoor Azhar. Thanks to Allah Soon Jama'at was able to purchase five-acre land in Allen Texas, which is a rich and posh northern suburb of Dallas. It has very good School district. University of Texas in Dallas (UTD) may not be 10 miles from mosque. Moreover just 7 miles south of mosque the old suburb of Richardson is situated. It is in the heart of the Telecom corridor close to major office buildings and corporate campuses. Major nearby corporations include Perot Systems, Alcatel, Nortel, AT&T, Alliance Data Systems, Hewlett Packard and University of Texas-Dallas. Many large chain hotels are a short drive from world class restaurants, numerous shopping centers and convenient to DART rail system.

The Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson Texas hotel is also adjacent to Richardson's Prairie Creek Park. Plenty of major corporations employ people of all background. In other words our mosque is located in a wonderful location.

For time being, I will skip of all the details, difficulties and hindrances that we had to face to accomplish the task of procuring the land, so I could deliver you a very good news now that will give your soul some joy. The men of faith Mashallah completed the mosque in the year of 2002.

As soon as we built the mosque, Jama'at started to grow and progress accelerated; growth of Jama'at of Dallas was amazing and pleasing for all of us. As all of us know, it is very important to build a mosque and establish a Muslim community all around it. and that's what exactly Jama'at Ahmadiya Dallas did it. Many Ahmadi purchased their houses, pretty closed to the mosque. Due to such closeness they offer Maghrib and Isha prayers in congregation in the mosque. Here I would like to quote what Promised Messiah has advised about building a mosque.

**"If you want Islam to progress build a mosque. Wherever our Jama'at is established, a mosque should be built. *Our Jamats' progress is founded on the construction of mosques.* If there are only a few Muslims in a village or a city, build a mosque with good intentions and God will bring more Muslims to that place. It is not mandatory that the mosque be embellished or is a brick building. Wall off a piece of land and build a room with a thatched roof..."**  
(*Malfoozat* Vol 2, p. 42)

**Our Bait-ul-Ikram mosque is located in the city of Allen** on five acres. It is located approximately 25 miles north of Downtown Dallas. The main roads those cross near our mosque are Hwy 75 and Legacy Drive. Within 7 years of establishing the mosque believe it or not, Mashallah we have 54 members in our Ansar Majlis alone. Overall count of total Jama'at members are above 200 and still Jama'at is growing. Many people have moved from East and West coasts to Dallas. We the members of Dallas Jama'at has great pleasure to welcome the newcomers with **our** open arms. Love and respect for all hatred and disrespect for none.

**One major reason for Ahmadi moving to Dallas** is that not only we have a fine mosque in a very posh suburb but also the residential real estate values are very low when compared to other major metropolitan areas of USA. Property Values are almost 30% of New York. In other words if you own a house in NY whose value is 750K you can find much better property for 250K near the mosque.

**As far as Majlis Ansar of 2009 is concerned, we have so far total 3 zaeems and Mujahid Mahmood Sahib is our current Zaeem Ansarullah. Prior to him Mr. Mubarik Piracha Sahib was second Zaeem. Our first Zaeem was Abdul Latif Sahib. Now let us journey back in time to see what Majlis Ansar accomplished under each Zaeem.**

## First Zaeem

### Illustrious achievements of Mr. Abdul Latif and Local Ansarullah Dallas 1993-1998

Majlis Ansarullah was established in Dallas, Texas in 1993, when Mr. Karimullah Zirvi National Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, nominated Mr. Abdul Latif S/O Maulvi Abdul Majeed Sahib of Karachi, Pakistan as Zaim for Dallas Chapter.

According to the information the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Dallas was established in the year 1986/1987, when Dallas was a sub sector of Houston Jama'at. Br. Abdul Shakoor Azhar sahib was the first Ansar living in Dallas, Texas.

At the time when Mr. Abdul Latif was nominated as Zaim Majlis Ansarullah in 1993; there were a total of 9 members of Ansar living in Dallas. here is that historical list:

- 1) Br. Abdul Shakoor Azhar
- 2) Br .Akram Chaudhary,
- 3) Br. Hafeez A Malik,
- 4) Br. Malik Aziz Ahmed,
- 5) Br Hameed A Malik,
- 6) Br. Naseer A Bajwa,
- 7) Br. Khaleel Umar,
- 8) Br. Munir A Bajwa and
- 9) Br. Abdul Latif.

And following were the members of first Majlis-Amla:

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|-----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - | Abdul Latif         | Zaeem                  |
| 2-  | Abdul Shakoor Azhar | Gen: Secretary         |
| 3-  | Hameed A Malik      | Nazim Tabligh          |
| 4-  | Munir A Bajwa       | Nazim Taleem-u-Tarbiat |
| 5-  | Abdul Latif         | Nazim Maal             |

Right from the beginning, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas has been an active Majlis in USA and still is one of the best and active Majlis in whole USA. During the tenure of Abdul Latif as Zaim Majlis Ansarullah Dallas TX (1993-1998), Dallas Majlis achieved the following noteworthy achievements.

1- Year 1995/1996-Dallas Majlis was awarded second position in Chanda collection in all USA Majalis.

2- Year 1996/1997-Dallas Majlis won 2nd position in all Majalis of USA for overall performance and awarded Shield of performance. (Chanda Collection. It was 112% collection (13 members out of 16 paid in full))

**3- Year 1997/1998 Dallas Majlis stood first place in all USA Majalis for best performance and won ALAM-e-INAMI of the year**

**4-Under Zuamat of Mr. Abdul Latif, Dallas Majlis started its local Ijtema. Our first local Ijtema was held in 1998 in local center at Carrollton, TX on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1998. Mr. Daud Muneer than the Regional Nazim were kind enough to inaugurate our Ijtema, Maulana Zafar A Sarwar regional missionary also attended Ijtema. A total of 21 members attended this Ijtema. Participants were 12 Ansar from Dallas Majlis, 5 guests (Ansar) from Houston Majlis, and 4 local Khadims.**

5- Two articles were also published in local newspapers written by Mr. Abdul Latif.

A) – First article was ***“Muslim Community Grows in Strength (Islam)*** “published in Plano Star Courier Plano TX on March 20, 1996.

B) – Second article “*Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam An introduction and achievements*” published in Asian News Richardson, TX on September 16, 1996.

C)-- Jamaat books including Holy Quran (Tafseer – Sagheer) written by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) were put into two Plano Libraries in 1996.

## Second Zaeem

### Distinguished achievements, Mubarik Piracha Sahib and local Ansarullah Dallas 1998-2003:

- 1). Majlis Ansarullah, Dallas, USA received 1st Place, Maximum Chanda Collection in 1998-1999, Medium size Jama'at (11-30 Members).
- 2). Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Performance Award, II Best Majlis 2000, Dallas TX. given to Zaeem Mr. Mubarik A. Piracha by Mian M.M.Ahmad Sahib Ameer Jamaat, USA.
- 3). Meritorious Service Award 3<sup>rd</sup> position – 2001, given to Zaeem Dallas, Mubarik A. Piracha for one of the best Zaeem of USA, at 20<sup>th</sup> National Ijtema USA at Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque, October 19-21, 2001.
- 4). Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Performance Award 2001. Dallas TX. Second best Majlis Zaeem Mubarik A. Piracha, at National Annual Ijtema, Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque on October 19-21, 2001.
- 5). Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Majlis Performance Award, Small Majlis- 1<sup>st</sup> Position, Dallas. Zaeem Mubarik A. Piracha. 21<sup>st</sup> National Annual Ijtema. Bait-ur- Rahman Mosque October 18-20, 2002
- 6). Mr. Mubarik Piracha and his team participated in Massage relay competition in National Ijtema 2003 and won the second prize.

- 7). Mr. Abdul Latif won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in 2003 Taleem Test II
- 8). Mr. Mjujahid Mahmood was one of the Outstanding Muntazim-e- Maal in 2003.
- 9) Mr Mubarik Piracha and Mujahid Mahmood with their team won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Religious and General knowledge in 2003.
- 10). Mr. Mujahid Mahmood won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Observation and Recall competition in 2003
- 11). Horse Shoe competition, Mr. Mujahid Mahmood won the third prize in 2003

**Third Zaeem**  
**Outstanding achievements of Mr. Mujahid Mahmood and Local**  
**Ansarullah Dallas**  
**2003- 2009**

- 1) **In 2003, Dallas, USA was outstanding small Majlis and received first prize.**
- 2) **In 2003, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib was member of a team who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Observation/Recall.**
- 3) **In 2003, Mubarik Piracha and Mujahid Mahmood Sahib was a member of a team who won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Religious/General Knowledge.**
- 4) **In 2003, Mubarik Piracha Sahib was member of a team which won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Massage relay.**
- 5) **2003, Abdul Latif Sb won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Taleem (Education) test II**

- 6) 2004, Malik Mubarik Ahmad won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Taleem test II( education) 2004 obtaining 94 marks out of 100. Moreover Abdul Latif Sahib, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Adul Waheed Khalid Sahib also won positions 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively
- 7) 2004, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib one of the outstanding Muntazim- e-Maal
- 8) **2004, Zaeem Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Majlis Dallas Ansar won the most prestigious award of Alam-I-Ina'ami.**
- 9) 2004, Mujahid Mahmood Sb won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of Musical chairs for under 55 years old.
- 10) 2005, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib shared 3<sup>rd</sup> price with Wajeeh Bajwa for Taleem exam I for 2005.
- 11) 2005, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib was recognized as one of the outstaning Muntazime Maal.
- 12) **2005, Zaeem Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Majlis Dallas Ansar won the most prestigious award of Alam-I-Ina'ami . It was 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that Ansar Dallas as a team won this highly coveted award. Ansar Dallas determined to discharge their duty so they could be blessed with Alam e Inami for next year also so they can win the flag permanently**
- 13) 2005, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Dallas Majlis was given 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for Maximum Participattion **in Taleem Exam II**
- 14) 2005, Hameed Malik Sahib won First prize in the Horse Shoe competition over age 55. It was his first attempt. It was no surprise as he came from Dallas.
- 15) 2005, Mujahid Mahmood sahib secured well-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Horse Shoe competition under age 55, credit goes again to people of Dallas area who has deep connection with horses. I was told by someone please don't go to Ireland and Newzeland those countries have nothing but

sheeps,sheeps,sheeps every where. They don't know in the past Dallas area had nothing either but there was a common site that cowboys were riding their horses and chasing cows.

**16) 2005 National Ansar Amila and ALC (Ansar Leadership Conference) was held in Dallas Baitul-Ikram Mosque.**

**17) 2006 Regional Ijtema of South Region was held in Dallas.It was a resounding success.**

**18) 2006, Dallas Majlis secured the First Position in Outstanding Majalis. Therefore Zaeem Mujahid Mahmood Sahib was recognized as main motivator alongwith the team he molded using pious humble and hardworking Dallas Ansar.**

**19) 2008 It was incredible amazing that Zaeem Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Majlis Ansarullah once again won the most prestigious award of Alam-I-Ina'ami. With true blessing of Allah Dallas won Alam- e- Inami 4<sup>th</sup> time in five years**

**20) 2006 Maximum participation in Taleem Test Exam II Large Majlis Dallas stood 2<sup>nd</sup> and Zaeem Mujahid Mahmmod sahib was recognized for his team's effort.**

**21) 2006, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib acquired top position in individual Taleem test I by securing maximum 102 marks along with other eleven members with same 102 marks.**

**22) 2006, Mujahid Mahmood Sahib acquired 2<sup>nd</sup> position in individual Taleem test II .**

**23) 2006, Mubarik Piracha scored 100% in Taleem (Education ) Exam II, therefore secured top position alongwith 4 more Ansar from other cities.**



- 24) 2006 Munawwar Malik Sahib played very serious game and won the first prize in Table Tennis competition for under 55-age group.
- 25) **2006 Jama'at Dallas bow our heads Allah who enabled us to win the Alam-I-Inami 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. It was very emotional moment and historical day when Alam e Inami was awarded to Mujahid Mahmood Sahib to recognize the fruits combined efforts of Majlis Dallas and his personal efforts and great effort putting forth highest efforts by him and his well organized member of Majlis Ansar Dallas.**
- 26) 2006 Religious/General Knowledge 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was given to Muawwar Malik and Abdul Waheed Khalid of Dallas. (Additionally their team consist also our regional members Chairul Bahri Sahib and Athar Alam Farooqi)
- 27) 2007 It was a great pleasure for our Jama'at to see that Mubashir Ahmad Sahib and Wasim Sheikh Sahib both were recognized for acquiring 100% marks in Taleem Test I.
- 28) 2007 was the year when Dallas Majlis and Zaeem Mujahid Mahmood were recognized for the maximum participation and Dallas secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in large Majalis competition.
- 29) 2007 was a year when our Majlis has discovered a surprise talent Muzaffar M. Qureshi who attained 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Essay writing competition.
- 30) 2007 Majlis Dallas was declared outstanding Large Majlis of USA, secured first position and therefore, Zaim Dallas Mujahid Mahmood Sahib and Majlis Dallas was recognized for their service.
- 31) 2007 Munawwar Piracha received recognition award in finance alongwith 13 more people from other Jama'at.
- 32) 2007 Munawwar Piracha again received a recognition award for his valuable service to Jama'at in finance alongwith 35 other Secretary finance.
- 33) 2007 Abdul Latif and Mujahid Mahmood Sahib received Certificate of Achievement in Taleem (Education) Exam II

- 34) 2007 National Ansar Amila and ALC (Ansar Leadership Conference) was held in Dallas Baitul-Ikram Mosque 2007.**
- 35) 2007, June Dallas Majlis extended their help to Baptist Church in Garland Texas for Meal and Wheal service delivering food at home of elderly and disabled. This is our third year service. We serve every Thursday of the week.
- 36) 2007: Received Certificate of achievement in Taleem Exam II Muntazim Abdul Waheed Khalid Sahib
- 37) 2008, October till now we have join hand with an Islamic mosque in downtown Dallas to provide food for homeless and needy. We serve on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month only.
- 38) 2008, we strengthened our commitment for Tableegh (Propagation of Islam) focusing small towns. It was mutually fruitful experience for our Christian brothers and us.
- 39) 2008 Alam-e-Inami: Majlis Ansarullah Dallas won the coveted prize. A Zaeem Dallas was Mujahid Mahmood Sahib.**
- 40)2008 Munawr Piracha recived Meritorious service award in Finance
- 41) 2008 Majlis Dallas secured first position in maximum participationin Taleem exam. Muntazim Abdul Waheed Khalid Sahib.
- 42) 2008: Prepared Speech Competition Mohammad Antwi Sahib won the First Position.
- 43)2008: **Horse Shoe Toss** under 55. It was amazing and very entertaining that Dallas Ansar (no relation with Dallas Cowboys) won all three positions in this event:

**1st Mujahid Mahmood**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mubashir Ahmad Sahib**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Munawar Ahmad Malik**

44) 2008: Talqeen-e-Amal: Tabligh: Qaid Tabligh Majlis Ansarullah USA assigned a presentation to Dallas Majlis on "**Visit to Small Towns**". At National Ijtema : Suhail Kausar Sahib gave this presentation during Talqeen-e-Amal session on Tabligh.

45) 2009 since March this year Dallas Majlis rented a stall in northern suburbs flea Market called 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. We display, every Saturday we sell and distribute Ahmadiyya books and literature while we get involve in Tableegh with visitors of diversified background and ages "Love for all, hatred for none.

### **Following is the list of Ansarullah Dallas Amila 2009**

1 Za'im	Mahmood, Mujahid
2 Naib Zaim	I Kausar, Suhail
3 Naib Zaim II Lubis,	Aftab Ahmed
4 Muntazim Umumi	Ahmed, Malik Mansur
5 Additional Muntazim Umumi	Abdullah, Tahir
6 Muntazim Tabligh	Shaikh Wasim-ur-Rehman
7 Additional Muntazim Tabligh	Malik, Hameed Ahamd
8 Muntazim Finance Piracha,	Munawar Ahmed
9 Muntazim Education Khalid,	Abdul Waheed
10 Muntazim Education of Qur'an	Ahmed, Mubashir
11 Additional Muntazim Education of Qur'an	Abdullah, Tahir
12 Muntazim Moral Training Kausar, Suhail	
13 Additional Muntazim Moral Training	Ch. Abdur Rahman
14 Muntazim Training New Members	Ch, Abdur Rahman
15 Muntazim Tehrik-i-Jadid Nadeem,	Waseem Ahmad
16 Muntazim Waqf-i-Jadid Nadeem	Waseem Ahmad
17 Muntazim Publication	Malik, Hameed Ahamd
18 Muntazim Health	Waraich, Tahir Rehman
19 Additional Muntazim Health	Antwi, Mohammad

20 Muntazim Social Services  
21 Additional Muntazim Social Services  
22 Muntazim Ziafat  
23 Muntazim Membership Records  
24 Auditor Shah,

Antwi, Mohammad  
Lubis, Aftab Ahmed  
Minhas, Ashfaq Ahmed  
Malik, Tarique Hafeez  
Syed Waqar Ahmed

### **Current Dallas Ansar members those holding positions in National Amila 2008-2009**

There are two members of Majlis Dalas holding positions currently in National Amila of 2009

**Mujahid Mahmood**  
**Munawar Ahmed Malik**

**Muawin Sadr USA**  
**Qa'id e Tajnid USA**

### **Missionaries:**

**During 1993- 2009 our Ansrullah Dallas was blessed to work with following Missionaries, all of them were actually lived in Houston (241 Miles from Dallas). They regularly visited Dallas**

- 1.Mirza Mahmood Ahmad Sahib
- 2.Syed Shamshad Ahmad Sahib
- 3.Zafar A. Sarwar Sahib
- 4.Zafrullah Hanjra Sahib

### **Details about how we are taking care of Community:**

**Road cleaning**: Ansar Dallas regularly participated with Jama'at's other auxiliaries to clean the sidewalks and grassy areas from debris and junk in front of

mosque or those leading to mosque. The roads maintained under this contract were Hedgecoxe and Alma roads. The stretch cleaned by Jamaat is almost 2-3 miles long. This program is called “adopt a highway” plan and was organized under city of Allen TX. This action has very good impression of Jama’at on the surrounding neighbors as it has clearly improved the neighborhood.

**Meal on wheel:** Participation in this program initiated by Mr. Mujahid Mahmood more than a year ago. Dallas Ansar has been delivering lunch sandwiches to old and sick people’s homes within 3-5 miles radius from a Baptist church located in Garland TX. Church prepares the food but Ansar give them hand in distribution.

**Masjid Alislam food for homeless:** In 2009 Mr. Mujahid Mahmood initiated another admirable program by joining hands with Masjid-e Islam in downtown Dallas to participate in their pre-established program of feeding the Homeless. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Majlis Ansarullah purchase, cook and serve about 100–120 homeless people in downtown Dallas.

### **New Activity**

#### **Tabligh Book stall/Exhibition at Dallas Flea market :**

With the grace of Allah, On March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2009, Under Zua’amat of Mr Mujahid Mahmood, Ansarullah Dallas, we rented a space in a flea market called TMTD “Third Mondays Trade Days”. Early in the cold morning Mujahid Mahmood Sahib loaded Ahmadiyya books and literature and set out towards the flea market. Soon Mr Shakeel Kausar Secretary Tarbiat joined Mujahid Sahib. Ahmadiyya literature was displayed very neatly along with large attractive banner “ Love for All Hated for None”. Sometime later this humble servant Hameed Malik (Incharge Publication and Additional Muntazim Tableegh) also arrived at that location. I was pleasantly surprised; what a wonderful job of displaying books was done by Zaeem Sahib and Kausar Sahib. I could feel their true spirit that they are really ready for Tabligh Mashallah.

First they tried to convert the owner of the adjacent stall of Pest control. He became very good friend with us, we also shared our snacks with him and gave him hand in his pest control business. There were not too many people in the flea

market due to cold wind. As temperature started to raise the crowd started to increase in the Flea Market.

Many people were from diversified background paid visit to our stall, young and old, male and female and people of different color and races. It was such a good friendly atmosphere that we could easily initiate conversation with anyone at our will. Those who visited our stall were also not reluctant to ask questions. It was a win, win situation for everyone.

We did exchange dialogues and gave them free literature. There was a **Ba'hai lady bought the book "Jesus in India"**. There were several high school student and some representatives of other churches paid friendly visit to us. There were people who owned other stalls in the flea market also paid a friendly visit to us.

*At this time on my closing remarks I would admit it was rewarding and fruitful experience. We feel it will bring good results in the future. I would like to end this report with a small prayer that May Allah grant all of us sincerity to serve His religion to the best of our abilities. We are very thankful to Allah for providing us the means and resources and helping us to achieve all these. May Allah continue to shower his blessings and mercy upon all of us. May Allah also let us retain the position as the best Majlis in coming years too and win Alam-e-In'aami. Ameen.*

Jazakallah Ahsanujaza