



Tabligh Workshop

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

[41:34] And who is better in speech than he who invites *men* to Allah and does good works and says, 'I am surely of those who submit?'

[41:35] And good and evil are not alike. Repel evil with that which is best. And lo, he between whom and thyself was enmity will become as though he were a warm friend.

[41:36] But none is granted it save those who are steadfast; and none is granted it save those who possess a large share of good.

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۗ ادْفَعْ
بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ
عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

وَمَا يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا ۗ وَمَا
يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا لَذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣٦﴾

What is “Tabligh”?

- ▶ Preaching is the sacred obligation assigned by God to prophets, His dearest servants.
- ▶ This divine tradition shows the importance as well as significance of tabligh and every moment of their lives is spent in the fulfillment of this sacred obligation.
- ▶ They face all dangers and accept every difficulty and misfortune with smiling face. But what turns to be the most conspicuous guiding light of their lives is the divine help and support, which they receive from God at every step. What strengthens their faith and hope during blizzards of hostilities and grants them fortitude and boundless courage is the following eternal promise of their Mighty Lord:

كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي ۗ

Allāh has decreed: ‘Most surely, I will prevail, I and My messengers.’ (Holy Qur’ān, 58[Al-Mujādilah]:22)

- ▶ It is quite obvious that this superiority is impossible without the help and assistance of God Almighty. Chronicles of the prophets have furnished proofs that divine help and support always remained with them. Their whole life is a testimony to a continuum of heavenly favors.
- ▶ They win their goal under the canopy of divine support. As the prophets are the personification of tabligh and of divine favors, I begin my discourse with some examples of the prophets.

Who is responsible for Tabligh?

- ▶ Dā'in ilallāh who follow in the sacred footsteps of the prophets. Whoever comes in the field of tabligh, Allāh invariably comes to help him and rewards him amply with sweet fruits of love for his labor.
- ▶ Allāh says in the Holy Qur'an:

إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا

فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ ﴿٥٢﴾

Most surely We help Our messengers and those who believe, *both* in the present life and on the day when the witnesses will stand forth. (Holy Qur'an, 40[Al-Mu'min]:52)

- ▶ It is clear from this verse that Allāh not only helps His Messengers but also those who are the true believers of those prophets and perform the sacred duty of Da'wat ilallāh. Therefore, he who follows the ways of His dear ones and engages himself in tabligh, invariably becomes recipient of Allāh's loving treatment.

Divine help for those who preach

كُلَّ يَوْمٍ هُوَ فِي شَأْنٍ

Every day He *reveals Himself* in a different state.
(Holy Qur'ān, 55[Al-Raḥmān]:30)

- According to this verse, He shows a fresh sign every day to those who preach His word.
- Divine help for the preacher in the form of extraordinary signs and miracles goes on proving that this person is a dear one of God Almighty, the Creator of heavens and earth.
- This divine support comes in diverse ways.
 - Exceptional granting of the prayer of the preacher;
 - Allāh miraculously protects him from his enemies.
 - He/She is given exceptional scholarly knowledge in the field of preaching the divine message.
 - There is sudden change of heart of archenemies.
 - Then one witnesses God's love and affection for him when He teaches him convincing arguments against his critics and gives extraordinary success.
 - Then there is a spectacle of wrath of Allāh too when arrogant opponents are gripped so severely that they become lesson for others.

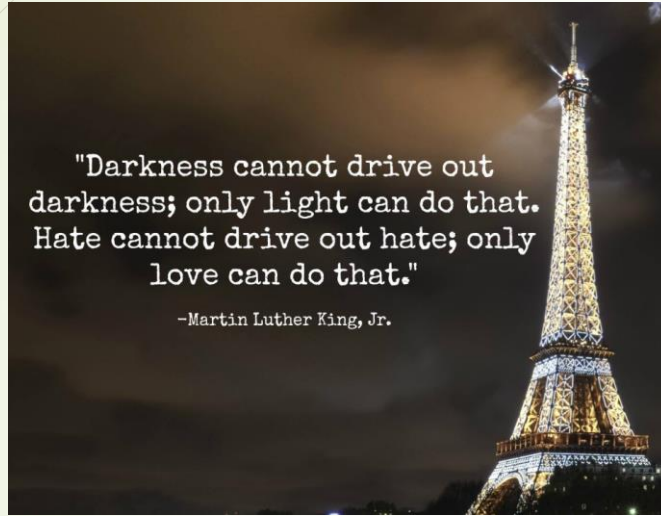
Inspiring events in the field of Tabligh

Dr. Sardār Nazeer Ahmad (the son of Hadhrat Sardār ‘Abdur Rahmān, was an avid Dā‘īlallāh who would like to perform tabligh day and night. When he was busy in this blessed task, he forgot everything.

“I passed the whole night praying. I begged God, I was carrying out Your job and was conveying Your message to the Arabs. This was not my personal job. Now, when the ship has left I don’t know what to do. I beg You to bring back that ship!”



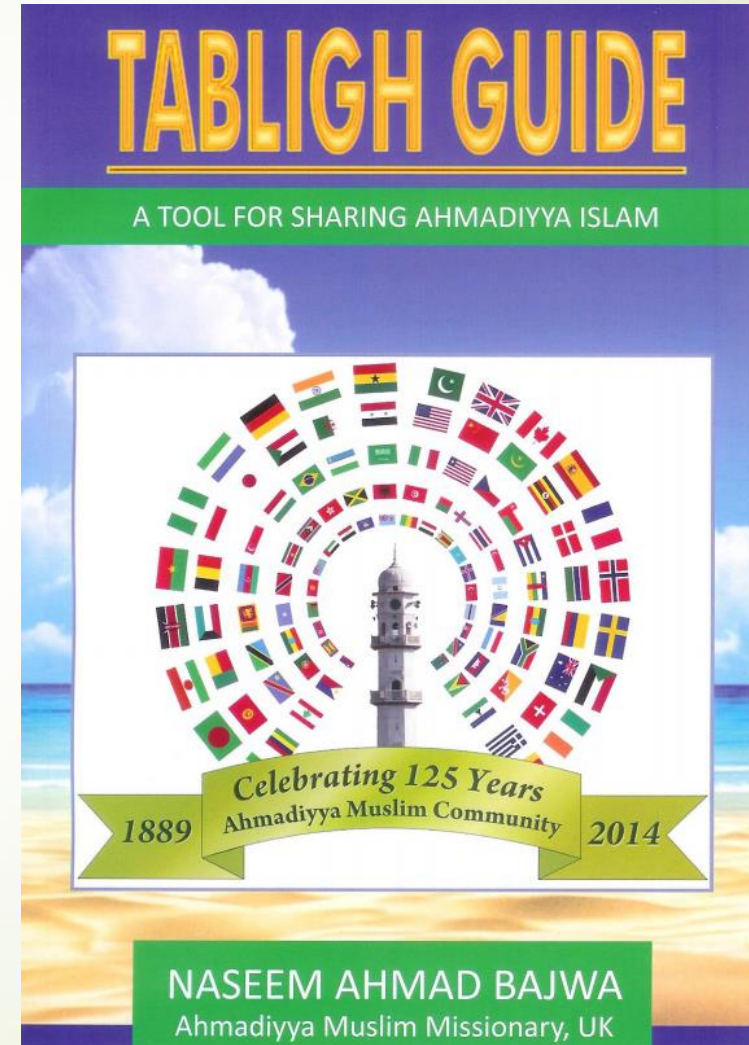
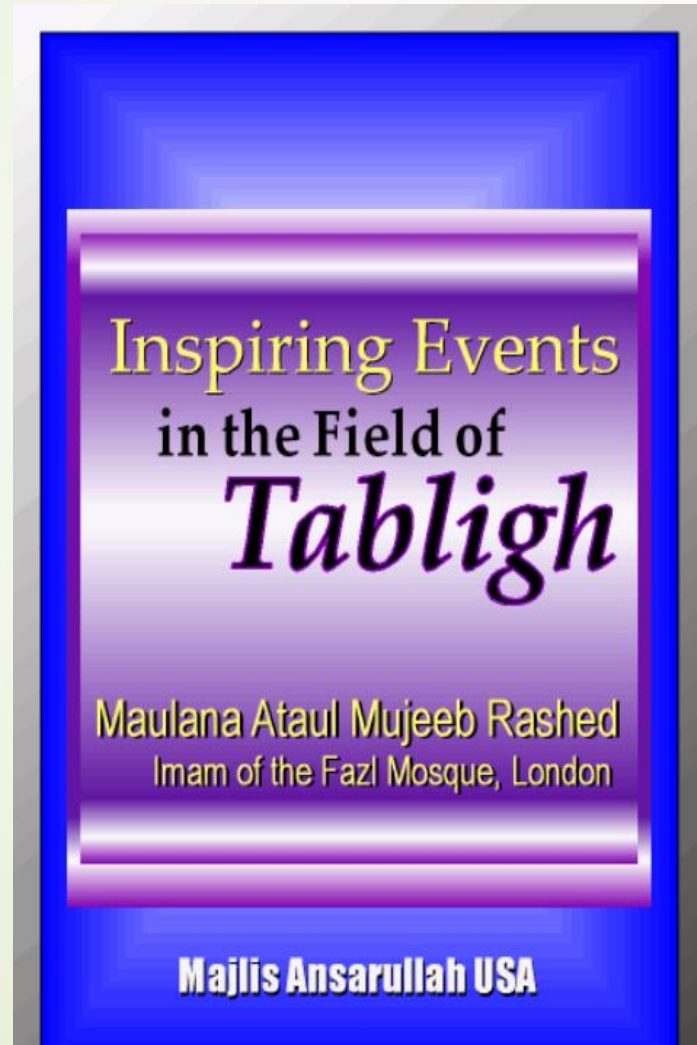
Current Issues: Paris Attacks



Paris attacks: Hate crimes against British Muslims soar by 300% in one week



Resources to improve your knowledge





Ways to get involved with Tabligh

- Stay on top of current issues
- Write letters to the Edmonton Journal and other newspapers
- Submit your name for rapid response writing. For example: CNN ireport
- Attend interfaith symposiums and conferences
- Submit your name for the “Meet a Muslim” campaigns
- Volunteer with food drives and local community services
- Attend Qur'an exhibitions
- Door-to-door distribution of material

Role Play





Common Questions

- 1. Why Polygamy?
- 2. Why is Islam always in the news?
- 3. If Islam is a peaceful religion, why so much violence?
- 4. Why don't Muslims like the West?
- 5. What is Shariah Law?
- 6. Why aren't women allowed to drive?
- 7. Why do women wear the hijab?
- 8. Why can't you eat pork?
- 9. Why can't you drink alcohol?

Comments? Stories to share?

