

Progress Report

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Education

- A school completed in March 2005 is now attended by over 180 children, boys and girls. The enrollment of girls in schools sponsored by TIE has doubled in one year.
- A library and playground were added to a school nearby. Children of all ages wait their turn.
- Adequate paper supplies, pencils, rulers and materials are provided to all students.
- TIE sponsors adult education courses for men and women, held after school during the school year and in homes during the winter months.



Economic Development

- 12,891 fruit trees (apricot and apple) were planted in March 2006. These will bear fruit in three to four years.
- A \$20,000 irrigation system returning 150 acres of farmland to production was completed in March 2006.
- Training has been provided to implement organic “bio-intensive” farming techniques developed by John Jeavons. The vegetable yield potential is in the range of 2 to 6 times U.S. commercial mechanized levels (with an average of 4 times).



- Over 140 micro credit loans have been made, 30 of which were recently made to widows. Widows are the poorest and most vulnerable members of Afghan society.
- Fifty women graduated in September 2005 from a six month sewing class. Students were given new sewing machines upon graduation, enabling them to earn income from home.
- Seven cold storage sheds for potatoes are currently under construction, that should increase revenue for the farmers by an average of 49% during the upcoming selling season.



Health Care

- In 2005, TIE arranged for a doctor to make weekly “village” calls to provide health care for the children. One out of four Afghan children die before the age of five. A medical clinic sponsored by Morningstar, a nonprofit organization based in Colorado, now serves the entire community. TIE delivers medicine and medical supplies provided by donors.
- We have demonstrated our resolve to support the villagers until they are able to support themselves. Hope, the most powerful gift of all, has been restored to those who had little or none.



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