### February 2020 HEMEFund Newsletter



Dear Friends and Supporters,

I trust that you are staying healthy and safe. I send thanks to you who have faithfully stayed with me all these years and are reading this newsletter.

Twelve years ago, Afghanistan, a devastating land of war and poverty, became my love and mission for life. The journey was incredible, yet we still have long years left ahead of us.

I graduate from the study in May and plan to return to Afghanistan in October. I am excited to return to my friends in Afghanistan, yet there are so many things need to be done and prepared before I leave.

I humbly ask you to stay with me and request your continued support until the day I come out of Afghanistan.

Please enjoy the exciting stories and pictures in this newsletter.

Thank you.

William Seo.

Final Exams and Evaluations done for Kabul Training Centers

Students are taking the final exam.

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In January, they held the graduation ceremonies a couple of weeks early for me. After I left, they completed rest of the training and education.

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#### Saying Goodbye to Each Other

Goodbye is never easy to say for anyone. They were excited to hold their first graduation certificates. Some smiled, and some cried.

We know it was their first diploma and will be the last one for most of them.

We wish the best for all of them to seize the opportunity granted to overcome poverty.

# Jalalabad Training Centers Took Midterms



## New Student Interviews and Selection Process



#### We select students carefully.

Teachers interview all applicants and verify recommendations from the elders of their towns.

All applicants take the entrance exams and get evaluated.

It is a lot of work for teachers but is a crucial first step for the program.

This way, we know we accepted the most needy students to our program.

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# We dre engaged

#### Teacher Razma

They met each other in HEMEFund.

Ramish expressed his interest in Razma.

His parents went over to Razma's home many times before Razma's parents accepted the marriage.

They completed the engagement ceremony but will hold the wedding until I return to Afghanistan in the fall.

We are excited to announce that they are our first HEMEFund couple!

Big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ramish and Razma.

#### Master Tailor Ramish

# HEMEFund Tailor's Business Startup Kit



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