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# Providing *hope* for orphans

*KORT Chairman Mohammed Akhtar gives a captivating speech to an audience in Islamabad at the KORT Awareness Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013*

## Kort Conference in Islamabad

An extraordinary conference was convened in Islamabad for Pakistan's Business community. The event was attended by over 350 guests from around the country including Peshawar, Gilgit, Abbotabad, Sialkot, Lahore, Karachi and of course Islamabad. A wide range of Businesses, Corporations, The Press, Telecommunications etc. were represented.

The main purpose of the conference was to inform delegates of the crucial work of KORT, a home to nearly 200 children left orphaned by the 2005 earthquake. For the majority of

delegates this was the first occasion they had heard first hand of KORT's work and the difference it is making to the lives of these children. Chairman Mohammed Akhtar delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing some of the key challenges faced by KORT over the past 8 years. Central to the presentation were our children's heart wrenching stories of their experiences of the earthquake which so moved and overwhelmed the audience that they fully committed to supporting KORT achieve its goals.

Mobilink, the largest mobile network

company in Pakistan generously donated a whole computer lab to the children which is greatly appreciated. KORT presented a thank you shield to Mobilink for their help, support and generous donation.

*Below; Mohammed Akhtar speaking at the KORT conference*



## Pakistan Trip

8<sup>th</sup> of October 2013 marked 8 years since the catastrophic earthquake that hit Kashmir, we went over to stand alongside and march with those that had lost so many loved ones. We do this so that throughout all the progress that is being made in the region we don't want to forget the ones that were taken and the ones that have been left behind.



# Moiz and Maeza Update

*The youngest orphans at KORT are doing well.*

## Maeza

Our little girl Maeza is now 5 months old, and with the grace of the Almighty, is a very happy and healthy young child. We have nurses looking after all her little needs and have carers that are by her side 24/7. Maeza is now making baby noises and it won't be long till she will start to learn to walk. She loves all the colourful pictures and books that are

provided for her and we would like to thank all those that have kept her in their duas.

## Moiz

Baby Moiz has now grown into a lovely young boy; he'll soon be turning 2 years old. He already enjoys playing on the computer and spends many happy hours playing with all the toys that have been generously donated to him by the supporters of

KORT. We're hoping to soon publish some words from him in our coming newsletters as he is learning to speak really well!



*For more information about our orphans please visit the KORT website; [www.KORT.org.uk](http://www.KORT.org.uk)*

*Construction of the KORT complex in Pakistan.*

# Progress of the Complex

With the grace of the Almighty, work to the inner building of the Masjid complex has begun now, the plastering is nearing completion and plans for the dome and minaret to go up are well under way. The plastering for the new educational complex has also neared completion, now will be a case of securing everything before the scaffolding is taken away, to allow the workers to get on with the work needed within the building.



## What's left to do?

Funding is still needed to complete the inner parts of the Masjid, main building and housing complex. Once these have been done the sporting grounds will be attended to.

*Above; new Mosque. Left; new complex*

## Derby Event

Kashmir Orphans Relief Trust (KORT) organised their first EID CHARITY BADMINTON FESTIVAL in Derby on Sunday 27th October 2013. Comprising of men's doubles the event catered for social, league and advanced players. Over 200 people from across the UK came to play and helped raise funds for orphan children. The Right Worshipful, The Mayor of the City of Derby, Councillor Fareed Hussain welcomed everyone and conveyed his best wishes to all players for the tournament. Organizer Ali Latif was thrilled with the turnout, the high standard of the competition and the spirit in which it was played. Bangladesh Channel 9 TV and Derby Evening Telegraph covered the event.

We greatly acknowledge the support of competitors, spectators and volunteers for participating and supporting the event. We especially wish to thank the 10 local businesses for their generous donations that made organisation of this event possible.

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
 B category - Anwar/Masoom (winners), Alfu/Shahab (r/up)  
 C category - Adnan/Daud (winners), Bokul Miah/Yousaf (r/up)  
 D category - Waheed/Zahir (winners), Abid/Safdar (r/up)

# Talk On The Web

Facebook and twitter have gone live; show your support!  
 We have updates posted every day on Facebook and Twitter, please show your support and have a look at our pages on Facebook - kort.org and twitter - @kort\_org\_uk. We update these sites with news and pictures of KORT and the orphans we are taking care of, you can keep in touch and see what the latest stories are in Mirpur. Please leave any comments and feedback to help us grow.



Website updates check for more info

## New KORT Website

We are currently working on a new website that will be launched shortly, you can take a look at our current website and please do keep an eye out to see what the new website will look like and we hope you all love it!  
[www.KORT.org.uk](http://www.KORT.org.uk)



## More Orphans taken into KORT's Care

With the grace and help of the Almighty, we have recently taken into our care more orphans, giving them hope, shelter, food, schooling, medication, clothing and most importantly security.

We ask for you to all pray for their well-being and for the Almighty to give us all the strength to look after these orphan children.

*From top left; Saeeda, Saeeda N, Mudasar, and Mubashir*

## Ways to Help

### Sponsor a child for £35 per month

This will provide welfare, food, medical care and education for a child. As a thank you we will give you an annual update on the child you sponsor, and you can visit your sponsored orphan at the KORT Education Complex.

### Sponsor a Room for £3850

The cost includes the construction and furnishings, and we will install a plaque in the donor's name, or a person/s of their choice.

### Donate

All donations are welcome! Contributions will go towards the construction of the Mosque, Hospital, Sports Hall and Hostels. (Donation form on page 4, or you can donate online at [www.KORT.org.uk](http://www.KORT.org.uk)).

### Volunteer

When the construction of the complex is complete, there will be opportunities for individuals to volunteer at the complex.

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## Your Details

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 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Details

I would like to donate: £ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to donate by:  
 Visa  Mastercard  Switch  
 Cheque  Postal Order  
 Issue Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number:  
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 Start Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Security Code (last 3 digits printed  
 on the reverse of the card): \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Donation

- Sponsor an Orphan      £35.00 per month
- Sponsor a room      £3850.00
- Donation for the Mosque
- Donation for the Health Unit (Hospital)
- Donation for Water Facilities
- Donation for Multi-purpose Hall
- Zakaat, Sadqah, Lillah, Etc

## Monthly Donation

Your bank details – To the Bank Manager

Account Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

## Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK Tax Payer and I wish KORT to treat all donations I have made for six years prior to this year, (but no earlier than 6/4/2001) and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sort Code: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 Debit my account each month starting from: \_\_\_\_\_  
 £35.00  Other: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Sort code: 20-49-11  
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