

March 31st 2006

Dear Steve,

Yesterday March 30th, 6.00 PM I left Kerman and got to Tehran by train 8.00AM March 31st the next day. As usual I did not sleep the whole night and sat in the dinning room and chat with the manager and the rest of the crew. So I have not slept for 16 hours. I have to go to a new airport which is about 45 minutes out side of Tehran to get my flight to Dubai .In air port I got in argument with one of the officer because he wants to charge me tax because of the Dubai, but long story short I did not pay full and have to pay half of the amount and when I was leaving he came and apologized to me because he was rude to me specially I told him about Afghan children. As know you when I am angry and frustrated I will cry and I did. Any way, My carry on bags were searched 2 times but they were nice as soon as I told them they are for the Afghan School and they bless us for what we are doing and also curious about our organization which was nice to talk about Rotary with them and as usual they wanted to know why I am not helping in Iran, I hope and wish one day I can do it, worst was packing every single Items again and again, such a hassle. Any way left Tehran 11.30 AM and arrived in Dubai at 1.30PM It is very hot and right now I am in my room and will be on my way to Kabul by 4.30 AM April 1st.I am going to take a nap. It is 3.30 PM and feel tired.

April 1, 2006

This is not good I woke up at 1.30 AM April 1st what a fool I am lost my last chance having a good glass of wine and a decent food , oh well it is April fool day. I am getting ready to go to air port.

Got taxi to terminal 2 and left Dubai 6.30 AM by Ariana air line. Duration of the flight was 2.1/2 hours. Every thing went well and arrived in Kabul 10.58 AM (Afghanistan time). Noorallah from Abdul Haq foundation and the driver were there and we drove 11.35AM to JAA. It is cloudy and rainy which is good because the road is the same as the road we drove before even worse because of the rain and snow, torturous and I think some how affect my back and I am a little bit stiff in my lower back, hope it will be OK by tomorrow.4.15 Pm reached JAA. The mountains and valleys in the way were breath taking, lush green and wild flowers every where and the Kabul river running through the valley really WOW.

They drove me to Spingar Hotel and had a cup of green tea together then they left and driver will come by 7.30 AM to start my day. First thing I am planning to do, go to Public Hospital. Ishaq is in Kabul. Keiko, the Japanese lady from Japan called me regarding the girl's dormitory and we talked 15 minutes, will let you know the details about our conversation by tomorrow.

April 2, 2006

I got up at 6.00 AM. 8.30 Am I was on my way to see Dr. Ajmal Pardis public health director. He was not there and waited until 9.30 AM. We talked about the Ultra sound machines that were donated to them and the reason behind why they are not utilized; he said according to one of his doctor's report some parts are missing. I requested to see the machines and we set the time for tomorrow. So I will let you know the details later. Mean while he requested if we can provide equipment catalog instruction also if some body from Kabul will come to JAA and provide one day lecture and train their doctors. He also request for 2 stabilizers for both machines because of the fluctuation in city electricity. He introduced Dr.Afandi as his next contact and we visited the midwifery and nursing hostel which they recommended I will reside. While visiting that place I met Amanda Rickman program manager of IMC and she asked me if I like to stay in their guest house which I am going to visit this afternoon. No way, I can stay in their hostel. That is all I am sure of. I visited the place we visited before, it is a dump but with a little touch of paint and fixing I can survive. I found out there is lots of assistance for the Nursing and

midwifery from Iran and IMC regarding changing their curriculums and accepting students for a 3 years program with B.S. degree.

11.30 visited Dr. Khan and Dr. Abdul Basir Mangal was with him and after visiting the Neonatal ward and explain the budget we have to spend in his hospital he gave me the list of their urgent priorities for the children ward:

1- Phototherapy tube light. This is used for treatment of Neonatal Jaundice and they have 8 machines and in need of 60 light.

2- Oxygen producing Machine which is used for diseases such as pneumonia and heart diseases.

3- Electrical Suction which is used for suction of secretions in unconscious babies and needed 2.

He gave me the information about where to purchase them and I will send the information to Mr. Shah and will find out about the cost and will let you know. But will place an order for the bulb.

Then Dr. Mngal accompanied me and we visited Dr. Khalil (Pathologist) and talked to him for few minutes and 3 of us visited the computer center. I was thrilled to see many professors were using the center and also Dr. Hamidzai employed 2 people as administrator and the lab is open from 8.00 AM to 8 and some times 9.00 PM and they are working in 2 shifts.

Most of the medical students are using the computer lab in the afternoon and evening. The 2 people are working in the lab. are Naqeeb Ul Rahman and he speak very good English because he studied in Pakistan and got his degree MCSE ( micro soft system engineering in Pakistan plus he is a medical student at the NU medical school . He is a perfect candidate for the ESL training.

The other person is Hedayetulah , he is a high school graduate his English is very weak. I went back to my Hotel for lunch which was terrible. It is good I can lose weight, by the way you can advertise about it. Any body wants to loose weight come over and do not go through a lots of pain and money in US instead they buy one ticket and loose a lot.....ha

4.00 Pm I visited IMC and had a meeting with Amanda and I think they charge \$25.00 per day if I will stay in their guest house. They gave me some paper to fill out and sign and return it to them by tomorrow and move in. I ask her regarding the accommodation that Dr. Pardis offered and I will send you tomorrow the detail regarding our conversation because it is a long and interesting.

Then went to Education collage and met Habib there (RI) and the computer lab are working but they have done nothing about our school or students. I am going to meet with the person in charge and her name is Roofa and also their Relief international local manager who is new. He is from Phillipine and his name is Narciso. I will meet with them and let you know about our meeting and the school.

I am sending this report from Medical Lab and tomorrow I am going to Nangarhar University (NU) and will meet with Professor Doost at 9.30 AM and the chancellor at 11.00 AM

In the collage of Education There is a new center for teaching English and computer which I met one of their teacher and ask them if I will go to their classes and observe their teaching method and get more information regarding their teacher qualification.

This institute is belonging to Haji Zaher the head of border police and nephew of past governor Haji Dean Mohammad.

They have no objection. It is 7.10 PM and it is hot and I am very dirty and need a nice cold beer which I can not have but I can dream about it.

April 3, 2006

What a day? I woke up at 6.00 Am packed my things and got ready to go to IMC guest house. My driver came by 8.00 Am and after dropping my things in my room drove to NU. Suppose to meet Mr. doost 9.30 but Arrived early. Students gather around me. Most of them knew me and they were curious about what we have done about their problems when we met them on our last trip. After a while the students from English department took me to their class and they said that Hamid Kadwall is not teaching them any more and they have only 2 teachers with out any material. It is amazing that these student are in third year of collage and their level of English is so bad, even they have problem communicating with me .Their knowledge of English is less than high school students. They are aware of it and it is very hard for them. They feel very help less and they told me in a year they will be graduated but they have no Idea or hope what to do and most of them want to join military. It is very sad situation and really urgent. 11.00 Am met Dr. Hamidzai and he mentioned that the ministry of higher education will be changed and already some body else is assigned for the position and he is a MD and Hamidzai knew him and he said as soon as he is in the office he will set an appointment and both of us can go and visit him. Regarding the guest house (GH) and international learning center (ILC) he will talk to the engineering department and will let me know. The designated land is the same one in front of the computer center. Also he asked me to teach English to the students which I got the schedule and will start 3 days a week. I left NU 1.20PM and went to the collage of Education and visited English institute class rooms and talk to the students and teachers and took some video. I will go back again to get more information about this center. 3.00 PM went to RI computer center and met the girls and the new coordinator of sister school project. Her name is Roopa Hinton and her e mail is [roopa@ri.org](mailto:roopa@ri.org)

She just started and working in Kabul for 2 weeks and do not have that much information, but will provide all the information as soon as possible. My question was why our students are not involve in this project and as I said she is not informed what is going on but willing to find out and let me know and if you have any particular questions please get in touch with her directly. 3.45 Pm left for the municipality to set an appointment with the mayor and met few people that I knew from before and all were asking me what happened with the sister city projects. There are many changes to the area and lots of new buildings and after I sent my business card to him, they took me to the waiting room and I could not believe there was 2 young man in suit and tie asked me please wait and he will see me today and after few minutes one of his secretary guide me to his room which was taste fully decorated with leather furniture's. I was very impressed and people are happy with him and telling me that he is a very hard working man and he speak good English and support our projects and love to know more and familiar with what we are doing because he had conversation with Dr. Hamidzai. I presented him with the Mayor's letter and he will reply to that. I will bring back the letter. Also I informed him about the visit of Dr. Warner. He appreciates and praises us for all the assistance. I summarized him with all the projects. He sounds a sincere gentleman. 4.30 PM and I wanted to see the other English center close to Governor Palace and actually this is the center for the computer science and English and theology which Saudi government was supporting and they cut the budget and the chancellor trying to take it over and added to the NU. Met with their teachers and they said they have about 80 teachers over all and attend some of their classes and will go back to see the girls classes and take some video by tomorrow.

At the both centers I asked the students why do they are interested to learn English and interestingly all the students said English is an international language and all of them wants to know more about other part of the world and communicate with others and building friend ship

and understand other cultures and help building their countries future. Amazing children and there were few older ladies and one lady doctor was sitting in the class room. By God, it was impressing. I never seen so many girls and boys trying their best to learn English and computer and their enthusiasm and eagerness is beyond belief. I am so energized by them that I forgot to eat lunch or dinner. It was 5.00 went back to the Spin Gar hotel to meet Dr. Mangal and Dr. Safiulallh the 2 doctors who took the UCSD medical ESL. I asked them to tell me what they think about the course and the benefit and what their expectation is and do they have any suggestion or questions and here is the result of our conversation:

Dr. Mangal said he never touch computer before and he is a general surgeon and this course helped him to learn about the computer and familiarized him about America and American and because both of them are lecturers it benefited their students and also helped him to learn more English and could communicate with others better.

Dr. Safiulallh 's English is perfect because he studied in Pakistan and he was teaching English before and this course helped him to get more information to share with his students and the terminology he learned through this course he is teaching to his students. They are eager to continue and have a communication with doctors over there.

He teaches anatomy and both of them want to know more about different ways of teaching styles and why the course stopped. Eager to start again and want to know their score and are they going to receive any certificate. These young men are unbelievable and I wished we met them before. They are thirsty for more knowledge and improving their teaching method. Mangal never travel any where not even to Pakistan and Safiulallh traveled to Peshawar only. It is 7.30 PM went back to IMC guest house and ate few fruits. Ok that is enough it is 10.00 PM and it is my bed time and I have meeting with the head of education 2.30 PM and planning to go and meet director of education in the morning. Peace & love

April 4, 2006

8.00AM went to the Education department and met the director and discussed the female teachers and status of 2 shifts and the problem of electricity. He advised that, principal will go to his office with the written request for the female teachers and the rest of the problem they are facing. Also he mentioned that he already employed one more female teacher. Then 8.45 went to computer center at the medical school and already few professors were there and after down loading my e mails drove to Rotary school. Today is really hot. The principal is not there and heard that his mother is in hospital. One of the teachers took me around. To my surprise he told me they have already 4 female teachers and I met all of them. 3 of them are from local area and one of them is coming to school from town and she lives quite far. I sat with them and had a chat and find out that the 2 new ones are sisters and they are temporary and they are not receiving any salary until they will be approved from Kabul. I got their names and will go back to the director and see if he can speed up the process. Both of them speak English and knows computer. They are young and asked them if there is an opportunity to go through short time training in summer are they willing to attend the training and basically all showed willingness to do so. The no. of registered students are 2357 which 797 of them girls and 1560 of them boys. Today 1975 students were in the class rooms. In the first grade they accommodate 200 and they complain about it. Also some of the boys in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8 grade who speak English well enough complain about lack of English teachers and also why nobody teach them computer. 2.30 went to Education collage and met Mr. Farmanulallh and one of his professors who speak English very well and he is assisting Keiko ( the Japanese lady who has been helping this collage for a long time and also will partner with us in building the girls dormitory ) They speak very highly of her. We visited some the construction and facilities this lady already built and the land for the future dorm. It is in a very safe and great location and in front of the land is a little park with tall trees and with a little touch and some benches under the trees will be a great garden to study and relax. Then visited few classes which are co education and girls are sitting in one side and boys the other side. I interview few ladies and asked about the situation of their accommodation in

town and all of them said they are the lucky one who are living in town and with their family and I asked if they did not then what and they said if we do not have a safe place to stay we have to go back to our family and stay home and that is the reason they loose their education. Head of the department emphasize that this is the reality and every year the number of the girls are increasing and it is a challenge to accommodate them because there are no facilities around even for boys but at least they can rent houses but not girls.

From there I went to see the computer center that RI using for the school on line and talked to the girls and there is such a enthusiasm and hanger between young generation which is amazing and when you are among them as if some thing magical is happening . Even on our last trip I did not see that and suddenly in few months every thing is changed and in every corner of the street a class is opening and registering students for English and computer, you have to be here and feel the energy.

By the way regarding the security, it is very calm and every body is busy and in every corner of this town some thing is happening. It Looks like the mayor is working hard.

5.30 PM went to meet the new manager of the RI and actually Roopa told me that he is a Rotarian from Philippine. It was the right timing to meet with him because he is leaving for a vacation till April 27<sup>th</sup>. I asked him regarding the Micro credit and what happened to it. He said the person who supposes to come as the manager from Azerbaijan did not show up yet. I asked if the program is in place and they already gave any loan to some ladies and his respond is yes but they have not any body to collect the loan and manage that. He even mentioned that the loan they have given to the ladies in the rural area for purchase live stocks they already have off springs and some of them sold their animal and got some money. He will arrange a visit with those ladies soon.6.30 PM went back to my guest house because some body is coming to take care of my Lap top so I can send e mail from my room.

April, 5, 2006

7.30 Am on my way to Rotary school to set the computer and projector. As I was expecting the students were gathering around me and wanted to shake hand. Set the whole things and brought 10 students in the library and show a cartoon for them. You should see their reaction. The only things I need loud speaker because they can not hear the sound. I find 2 speakers but I could not figure out how they work no mater what I did. But I am sure there is a way. The principal's mother passed away and I sent my condolence to him. Few interesting rules I find out about their education system and one of this rule is they have to keep the name of the students for minimum for 3 years in their registration book even if the student will not show up in the school for a year unless they will be informed that she / he register in another school or left this city. This is status about the girls:

1 grade 277      2 grade 127      3 G 140      4G 112      5G 40      6G 35 and we are hopeful with the presence of the 3 new female teachers we will have more girls register for the higher grade for next year.

I asked 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade to come and see a film and then thought them a little bit English and they suppose to write me the entire alphabet and also the name of their body parts from neck up and we will work tomorrow. Few girls know English a little bit and they are ready to learn. Then 8 grade boys came in and saw Sherak and teachers joined them and every body enjoyed the movie and teachers are requesting if I will show them another movie not cartoon. Dr. Rabbani called me and wants to see me at 4.00PM. Left school 1.30 Pm had my lunch and then went back to Education department to talk to the director regarding the 2 new teachers then went to medical school and all computers were occupied by students . I talked to few of them and I asked them about the center and if it help them to obtain more Information. All agree but they complain about the shortage of computers and also each class have only one day a week and that is not enough for them.

April 6 2006

7.30 AM, my driver picked me up to meet Dr. Pardis in Public hospital at 8.00 AM? We visited the children ward because there is a door to the guest house which is now totally blocked and he thinks it is safer if the guest will pass through the ward and go there.

He is accompanied by a gentleman to check the building and give me an estimate how much it costs to paint, remove a wall and clean up and take care of the leakage. His guess is approximately \$ 650 to 700.00. Then I met Doctor Mohammad Nasim Gohar who is trained in Peshawar for 10 months and then passed the board exam in Kabul. He claimed that he worked with much different type of Ultrasound machines than this type. I asked them to take me there so I can see and also if they will explain what is really wrong and the reason they are not utilizing these machines. Both machines are stored in storage and not opened at all and the only things are opened and checked is the 4 boxes of probes. There are 4 probes, one is specially used for GYN and the rest can be used for children and in general. I asked them why they think there is some part is missing and they really do not have any sensible reason and they think both machines should have 4 probes and when I explained for them that from the start the intention was one of the machines will be used for OBGYN and the other one for children which they received the special probes and the only things they might need in long run extra for back up other wise they do not have any reason not to use. Then I really find out the reason behind that is, because there is no catalog and no instruction and not enough training, they are hesitant to touch these huge machines. One thing is really upset me every body dumping a bunch of these sophisticated equipments with out any catalogs or instructions. The same things PRT had given 5 medical equipment to the teaching hospital and nobody knows how to operate them and sitting in the corner and eating dust. Afghanistan becoming a dumping ground and the damage we cause to the environment and of course as long as is not in our own back yard who cares. My suggestion is from now on (which I am preaching here as well) before you buy them any thing find out if they have any professional or trained people. Any way, I said I will find out if we could arrange to send somebody from Kabul to come and trained give a lecture to these doctors here. It is more beneficial if some body can come to JAA instead of sending one person to Kabul. Also they mentioned if officially I will present them these machines with a little publicity which Dr. Pardis will arrange that.

10.00 Am and I am late for school. As soon as I arrived my girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade were ready to start their English lessons.

Worked about 45min. with them and then went to the boys 7<sup>th</sup> grade and from 55 students only 6 or 7 of them understand and can communicate a simple sentence the rest do not know even ABC's. I was there till 1.30 and took the speakers to see if some body can help me to figure out how they work. Sand, sun and wind, what a combination????????????? I experienced all in one day, how lucky I am. I called Noorulalh to go and purchase 100 dozens soap, tooth paste, tooth brush and little towel for my kids. Picked him up from Abdul Haq foundation and went to market and ordered the items and paid him the money. I feel a little tired, went back and ate lunch; boy you are going to love this only squash with tomato and bread. 4.00 Pm went back to medical Computer Lab. Past Mayor Arsali came to see me and I asked him to be a guest speaker in our school. Love all

April 7, 2006

Wow, it is Friday ( here is the week ends ) and I am planning to go to the park and have a good walk near the Kabul river and have a nice cup of coffee& breakfast or go shopping and enjoy the day.....I am just KIDDING, I am a dreamer instead here is how I spent my day:

I woke up 7.00 Am turn my music on and lie down in my bed until 8.00, just being lazy then start working with my computer and sending e mail. Made some instant coffee because that is all I can get here. I drink 3cups of coffee and one banana for breakfast. Wash my clothes and then went down stairs and talked to Tushimi, he is from Ethiopia, nice gentleman. It is hot and we do not have electricity. Sat down stairs and worked on some paper and got some books and DVD together for tomorrow, I am going to NU to teach English.

I am a little bit homesick. Miss you all very much. Noisy generator was turn on and we watched one Dragon movie (I can not believe I did even sit and watch but I did)

When Electricity was on then went to my room again. Oh, I forgot to mention that I made some food, eggs and potato, boy it was good. Our cook is off today. Enough is enough. I am having too much fun. Have a nice week end and I hope you have more fun than me. Love all

April, 8, 2006

May be because of the 3 cups of coffee I drank yesterday I did not sleep well last night. Woke up 6.00 AM and got ready for the day. 7.00 AM my driver was already waiting for me. Noorulalh came by to tell me he purchased all the things I ordered for my kids and he will bring them this afternoon. I was early because the road to NU is already paved, so I was there 7.30 and waited until the classes are opened. My first session was with first year from 8.00 – 9.20 there 2 ladies in the class. 9.30 To 11.00 2<sup>nd</sup> year and last 11.10 to 12.20 3<sup>rd</sup> years. I feel really bad for them, they do not have books nor good teachers and their English is worst than the high school kids and they will be graduated by next year, very sad situation.

Then went to see chancellor but he was not there, Left message for him and instead went to see engineer Ajmal Safi and Mr. Abdul Rahman the head of Engineering Dept.

I saw both of them were leaving but I caught them on time, I discussed and got the plan for the GH/ ILC and they promise by next week they will give all the information regarding the date and total cost and the selected construction company.

Mohammad doost and Hamid Kadwal were there as well because they invite me to lunch. We had our lunch at Spin Gar hotel at 1.55PM after lunch I went to see some of the English classes at the computer Science & Technology. Visited their classes and had a conversation with their teachers. Most of them are high school graduates from Peshawar Pakistan and they read books and then translate it to Pashto for the students. Mr. Hamduallah is their director of the collage. He has a PHD degree In Islamic study (I have no idea what is that) and head of their English Dept. Is Mr. Mir Wais and he has MA in Political Science. The next things I know they took me to meet with a Guy in Military uniform and I swear he looks like Fidel Castro's twin, he want to know who am I and what kind of help I can offer to this collage. We talked about ½ hour then went to another class room and took some video. While I was leaving a mob of young men came around and asked me if they can talk to me and they said chancellor told them to see me. Any way went upstairs to another meeting room and after introduction what can I do for them. They are students of Computer science and English and this is their third year and they suppose to be graduated by next year but due to the budget cut and no teachers their education totally stopped. I find out this collage was supported by Saudi Arabia and in the middle of the year they stopped funding the collage. All of them speak very good English and they were asking if we can connect their computers to internet and if they can study and finish their education on line with the help of one university in San Diego or if some teachers will come and help them, they have a good lab and good equipments. I wish Steve Spencer were here. I told them about Dave Warner and Brandon Mendoza and will arrange meeting with them and see what will come out of those meeting. Also I asked them to write a short bio. About their school and how many students in both dept. and we are going to have another meeting soon.

The rain starts which is great. I called Wali for Rotary meetings at 2.30 pm. Ishaq did not call or answer the phone. Sent him e mail and waiting .Also called Dr. Khan and will see him tomorrow regarding the list for the equipment he requested for the pediatrics ward. I will inform you later. Noorulalh brought all the purchased items for the school to the guest house. It is time to go. Love all

April, 10, 2006

Yesterday there was a rumor that Monday or Tuesday will be holiday because of the prophet Mohammad's birthday but no body was sure which day. After asking and confirming with every body they said it is Tuesday. So, As usual woke up 6.00AM and got ready to go to NU because I promised to work with students 3 days a week or when ever I have time with their English. But the person in the guest house told me that their Government announced that today is the holiday and all the offices are closed.

After the breakfast I called Dr. Hamidzai to be sure and he told me that no the classes are in session. Left for the NU and my first class was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and next was 3<sup>rd</sup> year but the door was locked and after waiting few min. they showed up. We worked about an hour then my next one was first year and I found out they have been told that, they can go home and today is holiday. Any way, what can I say? It is 11.00 and I have 1.00PM appointment with the chancellor but I took the chance that he will be at his office and yes he was there as well as Prof. Hamid Kadwal. We talked about the World Bank and SDSU, Internet in medical school which is very active and always busy with students and main campus computer lab which is not active. Regarding the expiration of the contract and what he is planning to do, he said he already submitted the proposal to ministry of higher education and he wants to put the cost of connectivity on bid and see if other companies will offer a better price. He is aware that April 18 is the last day. I was there till 12.45 PM then left for guest house.

Due to the lack of sleep last night I basically collapsed and went to sleep. Woke up around 4.30 PM and call Muslim at AHF to meet him tomorrow. The whole day did not have electricity and still is windy. After a cup of tea around 7.00PM generator started and then I was able to check my e mail and send few.

April 11, 2006

At 8.00 Am had appointment with Muslim at the Abdul Haq Foundation? We discussed about the second phase of the school report and also when I visited the 6 class rooms in NJ Rotary school I found out there is no ceiling electric fan for the 6 class rooms. He is going to find out and let me know. Even though the holiday was one day only on Monday looks like every body took advantage of government's confusion and give themselves 2 days holiday. I called Wali Ghafoori secretary of JAA Rotary club to confirm our tomorrow meeting at 8.30 Am on Tuesday at the National bank and Rotary at 5.00PM. Had lunch at AHF then a local NGO wanted to meet me, no idea why but I accept to go and meet with them. The name of the NGO is Muslim Association development & Rehabilitation for Afghanistan and Fazel M Shinwary is the director.

They heard about the 2 center we are building at the University and interested in getting the Job for the construction. I told them to go and join the other bidders for the building and I have nothing to do with this and it is under jurisdiction of the NU. 4.00 Pm came back and there is no electricity. Work on my computer and talked with Tishumi for a while and went to my room. Oh, I forgot to tell you this news, there was 2 incident one in Chaparhar district of Nangarahr province. Looks like 2 bombs were exploded and 5 people were dead and there is tight security in the way to our school and the other one they burned a school and hurt many young boys and the head master In Kunar province which is far from Nangarhar. Other wise every thing is fine in JAA and life is going on. Love all

April 12, 2006

8.00 AM went to the National Bank of Pakistan to open an account and I asked Walli to be my co-signer. It took us a while to finish the whole process and of course you know every where you go always you have to drink a cup of tea and chat. Mr. Noor Ul Islam is the vice president and manager of the bank. I had plan to go to school but it was too late and I had to be in NU at 11.00 Am . Dr. Pardis director of Public health and Chancellor are meeting to build up some kind of



relationship between the public hospital and the medical University Hospital and asked me to be there. The meeting went well and both agreed that it is in the benefit of medical students and people if they will cooperate and forget the past and start new. Unfortunately there was and still is animosity between the 2 departments and the 2 ministries in Kabul. Public hospital is under ministry of Health and the medical is under higher education. One of Dr. Hamidzai's plan in near future is to separate the medical hospital from medical school. Dr. Pardis was very gracious towards Dr. Hamidzai and told him whatever you suggest I will be at your service and I am young and need your guidance. Dr. Hamidzai will talk to the Dr. Shinwari dean of the medical school and hope they will resolve the differences. It is 12.50 PM and Dr. Pardis and I left NU and I went to guest house to get ready for the unofficial meeting of JAA Rotary club at 5.00PM for the next meeting and new election and their plan. It is interesting most of the streets are under construction and there is no sign "road under construction" and usually we drive the middle of the road and find out it is blocked. So today was one of those days, it took me quite a while to reach to the new office of Wali which is still under construction and noisy and dusty and I had to use my full volume voice so they can hear me.

10 people showed up and Mr. Ghafari president elect started the meeting and he will take over by June and also promised to help while their president Mohammad Ishaq is away. The other members of the board will be elected by vote next Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 PM. It was a good meeting and I am optimistic that next year will be more productive year for the JAA Rotary club. I left meeting around 6.20 PM and headed to Medical computer Lab. to check and send some email. Dr. Safiolah and Mangal were there and when I told them that, I came back from Rotary meeting they were interested to know more about Rotary and I gave them the web site and told them the story of Paul Harris and asked them to join us on next Monday meeting and they showed interest. Both of them said they would like to do something for their community and ready to be volunteer because they feel there is more they can do. Great to hear those words from them. I was in Lab. till 8.30 PM and by the way mosquitoes like me too much. I have to do something about these little ones. Oh, maybe I will wear a mosquito net and sit in that room. There are so many of them and they bite very bad, it really hurts. I am glad I am taking my Malaria pills. By the way please tell Dr. Mendoza about this. Love to all and see you soon.

April 13, 2006

7.15 AM my driver was here to pick up the items I purchased for the kids at school with the money collected by Doyle elementary school students. They raise \$1548.00 and planning to put together some basic hygiene packages for them. I purchased about 100 dozens of towel, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste. After loading as many as we could in the car left for the school. The Principal was back and after few min. chat with him went to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and taught them a little English Alphabet and Basic math. They are so cute there are more than 30 students in the class and each one of them wants to show me their writing and repeat what I wrote in the board. I had so much fun with them. When their class was over they were pulling me to stay for the next class even though their teacher was standing outside. Then spend 45 min. with 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 11.30 AM gather few boys and girls to come and help me to put the packages together and we made about 450 bags ready. Stayed a little longer and talked to principal and asked him to write an

official letter to the director of education regarding the problems they are facing and we will go together to the office by next week. I Left school at 1.20PM.  
Called Inge Fryklund at PRT and she asked me to meet her at 4.00 PM. She is the field officer. When I arrived she was waiting. Brain Bacon field program manager was there as well with 2 more member of her team. I gave them a short version of projects and what we have done and what are the future plans. I also inform them regarding the arrival of Dr. Dave Warner and Mr. Higgins in the end of April and Dr. Art Mendoza and his son on May. They offer that we are most welcome to use their facility for our doctors and lecturers in the future and they can stay with them until our guest house will be build at the NU. PRT donated very sophisticated medical equipments to the NU medical school but as usual nobody knows how to use them. So, I requested that if they can assist the doctors in the Medical University hospital with equipments training. It is 5.30 PM and they were already late for their meeting. I thanked them and picked up our dictionary that Steve sent for our school and left. Another day passed and I wonder what a different world we are living in. Today there were many soldiers around all with the tanks and machine guns. Any way after a while you get used to see things that usually you will not see in daily life over there, like this morning my driver showed me the pipe that was used to explode a bomb few days ago in the way going to our school. I Sent few e mail to Dr. Wahaaj in Kabul regarding the Ultra sound training of the doctors here but his e mail was bounced , so sent email to Traci Fox if she has another e mail address and she is very sweet sent me another one. Hope this one will be the correct one and will hear from him soon. Talked to Zamurad Shah and got some Info. regarding the generator and will go to market by Sat. April 15th to purchase it. I have a confession I miss being in my club. Love to all. Peace

April 14,2006

It is Friday, week end and believe it or not out of being board I decided to cook, yes, me cooking. My Mom would have been proud of me????????????????? Went with Tashumi and the cook to the market and bought some Vegi. And Rice. Made 3 dishes. Then Dr. Mangal called and invite me to their house which was close to the guest house. His Mother, wife and children came and met me but after few min. every body left because Dr. Safiollah arrived and they invited Tashumi as well. All the women were diapered suddenly and even when they served dinner none showed up. It was very interesting. We got back around 8.00 PM

April 15, 2006

As I did last week I went to NU from 7.30 AM to 12.30 PM teaching English. I was going to leave when the faculties of the engineering Dept. invited me to join them for lunch. Your favorite food FISH. Every body sat on the floor and we had fish and bread and this is a good one they ordered beer for me and few of them also drank with me, unbelievable, I was speech less. Then went to Rana Institute to get some copy from their director regarding the English methodology, visited Habib at Relief International Computer center regarding our school. And my last stop was Nu medical computer center to check and send some e mail.

I thought, I will go to bed early but no chance. There is a masque close by and they put 2 loud speakers and a man with the worst sound you can imagine was reciting something until 2.00 AM constantly with no interruption. I put my head phone on and listen to some music loud to cover the horrible voice of that person and then watched 3 DVD in my lap top. I was so angry, hardly could stand it. Any way he shut up at 2.00 AM and I basically collapsed.

April 16, 2006

Today is Sunday, 7.30 I went to NU teaching English from 8.00 AM to 12.20 PM .between my classes 11.00 AM I had a Short meeting with Chancellor and Engineer Safi regarding the Guest house and International learning center's plan and the day and time we are going to have a ground breaking ceremony and how we will select the construction company and related issues. After my classes Chancellor Hamidzai called to inform me that there is a lady from San Diego in his office and would like to see me. I met her, Gina Boden. She is not a Rotarian but very familiar with the Rotary and involve in Education of children and women in Ghazni (Afghanistan). She met Chancellor at the reception for him at USD. She is delightful and passionate lady. We talked for a while and I told her regarding the Rotary meeting tomorrow at 4.30 PM and she was interested to

attend. I am invited for lunch at Abdul Haq Foundation. It was nice to see Ishaq and few old friends. I left 4.30 PM and went to the market for checking the prices of Generator for our school. Went back to Guest house and called Kabul to get in touch with Dr. Wahaaj. I found out they are 2 brothers and both doctors and I have to call The other brother regarding the Ultra sound machines which was donated to public Hospital last Nov. when Steve and I were here. To my surprise both machines were not utilized and sitting in the basement of the hospital and the reason because nobody knows how to operate them and they have not taken any step to solve the problem. So, the contact in Kabul was sent by Steve through the organization who were donated the equipment. I talked to Dr. Hashim Wahaaj, wonderful gentleman and made lots of positive recommendations. He mentioned that he has an Ultra sound clinic in JAA and Dr. Jan Aqa is the director and he can assist me to asses the problems and may be be able to solve it as well, other wise he offered that in 15 days he is traveling to Peshawar and could stop by Public hospital and assist them. I thanked him and called Dr. Jan Aqa and we will meet tomorrow at 2.30 PM to discuss the issues regarding Ultra sound machines.

April 17, 2006

I am not feeling well today. Last night I woke up 4.00 AM with abdominal pain and nausea and could not sleep well and also look like I am coming up with cold. It is funny, whole winter went by with no problem health wise and here in this heat I catch cold, worst I had to wash my hair and there was not hot water, so I used cold water.

Any way, I can not afford to be sick, time is running out and lots to do. I got ready for NU from 8.00AM to 12.30 PM. After my classes got to my room and went to bed until 2.00 PM. My driver picked me up at 2.15 to see Dr. Jan Aqa. Very clean and pleasant clinic which was surprising and he took me to a tour of the clinic and told me Dr. Wahaaj is his boss and he already called and he will help me in any way possible. We talked till 3.25 PM and then decided the best way to see the machines and talk to the doctors in the public Hospital and asses the whole situation and then he will recommend what will be the next step. I left for Rotary meeting. We met in the back room of Walis office like the last time, noisy and it is a very small area. Their president Ishaq and Gina were there plus 10 more members. They talked about their future plan and what they have done to date. Also two of their members who are doctors are ready to come to our school and give a seminar to the kids and assist me in presenting the basic hygiene kit which I made with the help of students in our school. It was a good meeting and our next will be on next Monday at 4.30 PM at a restaurant and decide to meet at a permanent meeting place. After the meeting Gina invite me for a cup of Tea and we drove to Spin Gar Hotel and as much as I love to go back to my bed, I could not refuse her invitation. 7.30 PM I hardly could breathe my head and nose stuffy and I think I had fever and need to be in bed. Sorry, I have to say good night to you as well. It is 12.00 mid night. Love all

April 18, 2006

8.00 Am met Dr. Khalil pathologist at his office to discuss the visit of Dr. Art Mendoza Pathologist from San Diego and start to work on logistics such as, the subject of his seminar, publicity to the medical community, the no. of attendees, place the lecture will be presented and the capacity . I visited the hall for the lecture but it is too small and possibility we use one of the class rooms which is much larger or the lecture hall at the public hospital.

Left for the Rotary school at 9.30 AM to drop the rest of the boxes to school and also set the hygiene packages ready for the children because on Sat. I invited 2 of Rotary members who are doctors as well to come and speak to the children regarding basic health and hand out the gifts. We made 1186.00 packages and still some money left which I might need to buy more. At 11.00 Am 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls sat at the Library and watched Alice in wonder land. Some were fascinated and pay attention and some were more looking at me what am I doing and giggle. Interesting interaction I have with these kids. It is Fun to be around them.

Mohammad Ishaq from Abdul Haq foundation called me if I like to meet Professor Arsala Nangyalay senior advisor to the minister of Education and member of National advisory board of Education at 2.30PM. No doubt, I was there and met with him, he teach and live in Nether land but originally his family are from a small village of Jalalabad and at the moment he will work in Kabul for one year. I asked him if he likes to visit our school and he agreed. He is also related to Abdul Haq family. Very distinguish gentleman. Before we leave I also had the pleasure of meeting another gentleman by the name of Mr. Fazel Hanif Cisco networking Academy Manager UNDP/ ICT project (United Nation development program). He had a meeting with Chancellor regarding the communication and visited the computer lab. at NU.

I mentioned the visit of Dr. Dave Warner and he is looking forward to meet him in Kabul at the ICT conference which both of them will attend. It was a good connection. We left toward the school about 3.20PM and I showed him the school and sent some body for the Principal to come. He promised that he will inform the ministry in Kabul about our school and will try to solve the problems exist in this school such as training of the principal and the entire teacher's male and female. He will meet with local elders, teachers and students tomorrow at 10.30 AM and also he called the local director of Education to be there. He was amazed by the school and praised us for what we have done for these children. 6.45PM we left school. Peace

April 19, 2006

8.30AM I went to Public Hospital to check what is the problem with the 2 Ultra sound Machines. Dr. Jan Aqa the doctor who was referred doctor Hashim Wahaaj in Kabul will meet me at 9.00 AM. After finding Dr. Gohar who is trained as ultra sound specialist got together and 3 of us with the help of workers opened the packages and find out one of the machines is working great and the other one is not and I find out there is a problem with the wire in the back and asked for the electric engineer and thanks God I was right and both are in great condition and function well. I asked Dr. Gohar now tell me if you know how to operate these and halleluiah he said NO which is a good start because one of the biggest problem here is they do not like to confess they do not know every thing so,very delicately I told them please leave your ego at home and lets learn more for one common goal and that is the real people who need their help and some times you can learn even from children or even the people who are working in a lower rank job. I am sorry I can not stand people who are arrogant. I know that is not nice of me. Any way, I asked Dr. Gohar to gather other doctors and with the help of Dr. Jan Aqa we will have 3 days training.

Training will start on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> through Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00 AM to 10.00 AM every day. Then we visited Director and gave him brief report. He also asked the machines will be transferred to the department and tomorrow we will have a small grand opening with the presence of the media and few officials.

I am already late for the school meeting.

10.15 AM drove to Abdul Haq foundation and picked up Prof. Arsala and one principal from Kabul and were on our way to school. Most of the road is paved but there is still some part that you wish your chiropractor was with you. It is common for me, after awhile being here you start to wish a lot, like if I had a good glass of wine or a nice bowl

of soup or salad or.....it is better I stop right now. Sorry I carried away lets face the reality. All the elders and teachers were waiting in the hall, director of education joined us and we started the meeting. Most of the conversation was in Pashto and I was the photographer. By the way every body most of the time specially in the NU call me SIR so I am afraid If I start to act like a man please shoot me because I am happy as a woman, No offence gentlemen. We were there to 1.00 PM and ever body wrote their problem and presents them to Mr. Arsala.

We had lunch at AHF and suddenly I feel dizzy and excused my self to go and take rest. In the way I stopped and talked to the carpenter whom I knew from before, to go to school and measure the windows for curtain by tomorrow. 4.30 Pm I was in my bed and tried to sleep but a sharp pain in my left ear did not let me rest and nobody was around.

At 5.30 PM start to call the people I have their phone no. at PRT but nobody answered then I called a gentleman I knew from Sudan who is in charge on UNAMA Mr. Hassan and explain that I am in sever pain and need doctor , he was very kind and sent the driver and took me to UN doctor. He gave me pain killer injection and told me due to the flu my inner ear is infected plus sore throat and fever. Thanks God I had antibiotic with me. My left ear is blocked and my head hurts. What can I say; I feel 100% lousy and miserable. Sorry I have to sleep because I have to attend the opening of the Ultra sound machine Lab. by tomorrow. Wish you all total health. Love all

April 20.2006

Nothing in this world I wanted more this morning than stay in my bed and go to sleep but I can not. As I told you before I am such a wishful person. Oh well, 8.30 AM I went to Relief International to invite Mr. Devanand Londhe to the opening of the Ultra Sound Lab. He is Irrigation engineer and acting as a manager because their manager is on vacation. Even though, it was such a short notice, but graciously accepted my invitation. Relief international was a great help for delivering the 2 machines to the hospital. I also talked to him regarding the village banking and he will arrange for me to visit the women in the rural area. Then I went to the public hospital and already all the doctors and Ajmal Pardis Director and few officials were there for opening ceremony. Among them there was one distinguish guest Dr. Burhan Ullah Shinwarie one of their senator from Kabul.9.30 AM Senator and I cut the ribbon and officially opened the lab. Then Dr. Ajmal Pardis started the speech and thanked Rotary and particularly Mr. Steve Brown. Following speakers were the senator Dr. Shinwarie, Me, Dr. Gohar, Prof. Ghafoori, Dr. Jan Aqa. The ceremony ended by 10.30 and I excuse my self and thanked every body and left. Feel terrible. I forgot to mention 2 reporters were there as well. I am on my way to NU. to meet Engineer Safi and the chancellor. Today lots of constriction companies are bidding for the GH/ILC and we have to select 2 and send the information to Steve. Then Safi showed me the Land for GH and ILC. It is 6.00 PM and can not wait to go to my room. One of the doctors, Safiollah called to invite me for dinner but I apologized. I am glad tomorrow is Friday. I need to rest. Also Ishaq called to invite me for the opening of a school they built in a near by village on Friday morning which I said if I feel better I will come other wise I can not. Love all and wish you a good mental and physical health.

April 21, 2006

I was not able to go with Ishaq and rested. Nobody is in the guest house today. I made my breakfast and cooked some soup for my lunch and took rest. Lots of things to do tomorrow. See you

April 22 2006

It is very hot today, got of the guest house by 8.00 AM to our school. I called NU English department and inform them that I can not go there today. Then picked up the metal worker to

install some extra metal rods to the main gate of school because they were constantly in fear of somebody will sneak in from the gap and steal things from the school. 8.45 we were there and he starts his work. Principal and I had a chat and went to 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls and thought them English. Few of them are good. I asked one of the boys why he wants to learn English and he said, it is international language and he want to learn about the world and computer. How about that. Was there to 12.30 PM then hit the road to guest house. It is unbelievably hot today. I asked my driver to pick me up at 4.00 in hope the weather will be cooler. Called Noor ul allh to purchase the generator and after bargaining from \$ 1200.00 I agreed to give him \$ 950.00 but it did not work and at last he sold it to me for \$980.00 Put it in the car and was on my way to carpenter for the installing the curtain Rods for the multi purpose room. I love this old man with his 2 sons work very hard and his work is excellent. Tuesday he will finish the job. Also I paid to the metal worker and he did a good job and took him back to his shop. While going to medical computer Lab. suddenly our car was hit by a RICKSHAW yes a Rickshaw. It was funny, because no insurance and no police, and he said he doesn't have any money, so my driver followed him to a friend and asked friend to go with the rickshaw guy to find out where is his shop to fix his car. The least he can do for him. 6.30 Pm went to Lab and then Dr. Mangal took me to the guest house around 8.30 PM.

April 23, 2006

7.30 AM I was out of GH on the way to school, busy day ahead of me. Dr. Baryali member of JAA Rotary club is my guest speaker I invited to speak about the basic health with children. He showed up a little late but it was not a big deal. We accommodate every 15 min. 2 classes in the multi purpose hall and after the presentation each were given one package of basic health items. With the help of Principal and their teachers first we brought the girls and all the classes were finished by 15 min. to 10.00 am and we had time for 8 grader boys only because I have to rush to NU for another meeting at 10.30. The rest of the students will remain for tomorrow. Students to my surprise behave very nicely and it was well organized. I told principal Salhay to ask students if they have any question or comments. One of the 6<sup>th</sup> grader girls asked me how the children in America do knows about us and how come they are so kind to us with out knowing us closely and after my explanation another student thanked all the Doyle elementary school students and their vice principal Mr. Mosher for their gift and their friend ship. Also one of the boys in 8 grades said the same thing and thanked me and said he wished they can give me some thing to take for the children over there and wanted to give me a gift but they do not have any thing worth it. They made me cry and I told them the best gift they can give me, study hard and make their family and country proud of them. It was a very sweet moment for me.

Some thing is changing in the school and I think my return and bringing some official to school showed them that it is a serious business and it is better they will pull themselves together and start to work, which I love it. Dr. Baryali and I went to NU. He is also teaching ESL at the NU. 10.40 am I was there but the 2 ladies from Kabul did not show up. So I visited Mr. Ajmal Safi and then went to see the chancellor. The chancellor and I discuss the transportation for Dr. Warner. I gave all the details about the date of his arrival and the days he will be in Kabul and the phone No. to get in touch with him and what day they will be back to JAA. So, every thing is OK and I will start to set few appointments for him as well. Let me tell you a little bit about these 2 lovely ladies I am going to meet, they had a car problem and that was the reason for their delay which I understand, the road from Kabul is horrible. Gina is the lady I mentioned her name before and already met her at the NU. She is from San Diego not a Rotarian but trying very hard to resuscitate the Kabul Rotary club. So, she called me last night and wants me to meet the president elect of Kabul Rotary club and tell her more about the Rotary and JAA Rotary club and they have to go back to Kabul the same day as well. I could not stay and talk to them, because I called Inge at PRT and have to meet her and get a package they received from one of SDSU professors for 2 of the teachers Mr. Safi & Kadwal and she asked me to pick it up. It is already 12.30, so we set the time to see each other in Spin Gar Hotel at 2.00 PM and I left for PRT and Inge was waiting for me at their gate. We chat for few min. It is very hot and I am sweaty and hungry, so my driver drove me to guest house and I grab my food and on my way to Hotel. They

are doing lots of construction and paving most of the streets. Her name is Mrs. Sorya Ebadi, she wants to do some thing and revitalize the Kabul Rotary but need a lots of help and unfortunately do not know that much about Rotary and the rule and regulation and did not attend the PET because she did not know where to go or what to do. So we talk about an hour and gave her some suggestion and told her that the charter Rotary club in U.S. will be willing to help her and also I promise to put her in touch with Mr. Zamurud Shah who is going to be the next assistant Governor in Pakistan and he will be delighted to assist her as well. She has lots of enthusiasm and even thinking to charter a club in Ghazni and other places in the future. I promise to send her some of our DVD Rick made from our club activity and projects so she can get some Idea and also I will visit her club the day of my return to U.S. I am planning to send a separate e mail to the Governor of Pakistan and assistant Governor and request for a special training for both Presidents elect from Kabul as well as JAA. Cross my finger it works. After that, I went to see Habib at Relief International computer lab. and got the school digital camera and the keys to our school computer lab.

I tried to call Roopa but did not respond to my phone calls. I heard bad news, some body had stolen their V SAT system and that is horrible, investigation is under way. They might move another location because it is not safe here. Any way, this is very disturbing news. I talked to some girls at the class room and by the way I will try to send you a picture of me in BORKA. My God it is horrible.

I could not breathe but the girls had fun and laughed their head off the way I react. So see I can entertain and be funny. 5.30 pm went back to the guest house and sat out side . Every thing moving along good and there are lots of progress in different section. One more thing which is not related to my report but I forgot to mention it is:

I think all of you by now know Dr. Art Mendoza who is getting ready to come and visit Afghanistan (JAA) with his wonderful Son Brian. On April 20<sup>th</sup> I received e mail from him that his Gardner donated one day of his work which is \$ 120.00 to him so he can purchase books and pencils for the children in Afghanistan as soon as he heard Art is coming to Afghanistan. Wow, what about this, we have so many extraordinary people in our community and we do not hear about them, and that is the sad things. God bless America Love all

April 24, 2006

8.30 I was in the Ultra sound lab. at the public hospital. Today is the first day of 3 day work shop for 5 doctors to learn and be familiarizing with these machines. Dr. Jan Aqa will train them. Every body showed up a little bit late but at least they came that is important. It is abut one hour for 3 days 9.00 AM to 10.00 Am. The machines are working great and also I ordered 2 UPS device from Pakistan for the machines because of the fluctuation in Electricity and it might damage the system.

The reason I stay with them so they will attend the work shop and also I have to report to Dr. Ajmal Pardis director. The end of our sessions I turned to Dr's and asked if I can borrow one of them and you should see the look on their face, it was funny. Any way after my explanation why I want them to come with me to school and talk to my kids then Dr. Gohar volunteer to come. 10.15 AM we drove to school. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> graders were gather in the multi purpose room and after the presentation received their gifts. 12.30 we drop Dr. Gohar in his private clinic and went to guest house. It is extremely hot, 4.30 Pm we have Rotary meeting. Few people showed up. Ishaq did not come and also I tried to call but no respond. We discussed about the future Projects and the coming up Interviews with the 6 months ESL scholarship candidates which is donated by District 6310 Michigan Rotary club. Our next meeting will be Monday May 1. Went to the mayor office to set an appointment for Dr.Dave Warner but his secretary said I have to call him directly and I did and our meeting will be on Sunday April 30th. It is 6.30 PM went back to my room. Love all

April 25, 2006

7.30 AM went to the market to order more towel, soap, tooth brush and tooth past for the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>. graders, they have not received yet. Then I went to buy a vacuum cleaner for our computer lab at the school and few more items for cleaning. Went Back to Public hospital to be sure every body showed up and they did. I chat with doctors for few min. and left to see Dr. Afandi assistant to the director to set an appointment for Dr. Warner to see the midwifery computer center and public hospital. We will meet him at his office May 1 at 9.30 AM.

9.45 left and picked up our merchandise and vacuum cleaner and were on my way to school. It was late to arrange giving gifts to the students but with the help of 6 more students we made 348 more packages and tomorrow will be divided. Also I thought the workers in the school how to use the vacuum cleaner and the brushes. 1.30 left for the guest house. Dr. Warner called me from Kabul and he is ready to come to JAA. I called Dr. Hamidzai which he was on his way to Kabul as well to attend a work shop regarding the World Bank grant for the NU. So I gave all the information to him to get in touch with Dr. Warner and save me a trip specially I am not feeling well and did not want to send only the driver who doesn't speak a word of English. God bless him they got in touch and they will be back together on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> which is great. I am looking forward to see him and start the work and it is nice to see a friend coming from San Diego, 4.30 PM went to the market to pay off the carpenter and also purchased curtain materials for the window in the Multi purpose room. Called Dr. Khan to discuss the program for Dr. Art Mendoza and also regarding the equipments coming to JAA medical school for Pathology lab. and his lecture. Then, I called Ajmal Safi at NU regarding the plan for the guest house and ILC. And he suggests we will wait until Dr. Hamidzai is back from Kabul. Miss you all and stay healthy. Love

April 26, 2006

Today is the last day of work shop for Ultra sound; unfortunately I was not able to attend because I have to take another electrician to the school for estimate. We wanted to connect the computer lab. and Multi purpose room to the generator we purchased. Plus I am sure the doctors will come to the work shop. I talked to Dr. Jan Aqa their trainer and will meet with him later April 29 at 2.30 PM and listen to his assessment of 3 days work shop and also his recommendation for improvement and share the information with Director of public hospital. Went to school and divided more packages to the rest of the 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders whom anxiously were waiting for me and worried about why they didn't receive their gift. Only this 2 class rooms we have about 400 students, it is unbelievable. Experiment a little bit with the Rosetta stone soft ware and one of the teachers came in and used it and he got 98 out of 100 in level one which was very good. I called Inge PRT and got the phone # for Dr. Brian Webber. Called him and set an appointment for 2.30 PM. My left ear specially bother me. Also I have lunch meeting with Amanda Rickman at our guest house at 1.00 PM. She is the manager of the IMC in JAA and came back from vacation in Australia. My driver is not back because I told him to go and fix the air condition in the car. 15 min. to 1 showed up and drove me to meet Amanda, lovely lady and after lunch which I was late went to PRT. Dr. Webber told me that I have a very bad Infection in my left ear and gave me stronger antibiotic 875 mg 2 tablets a day and ear drop 4 times a day. Hope this one works. Peace& prosperity.

April 27, 2006

7.30 went to the market to get the total estimate from electrician and then on my way to NU for meeting with Dean of literature Dept. and picking up the ESL applications. But nobody did any thing in that regards and after few min. discussion I requested and explain what is going on again they promise to inform their teachers and students and hope to have some application by Sunday. Then went to market again and finalize the price with electrician and asked him to start the work by Sat. purchased few thing for the school and went there to talk and interview a gentleman by the name of Samiullah who sent his resume for teaching computer and English at the school. I was there until 12.30 working on computer and Rosetta stone software and also thought one of the workers in school how to clean and vacuum the room. In the way coming back Dr. Hamidzai called and said they are on the way to JAA and they will be in his



house by 4.30 PM. So 4.00 PM I was on my way to NU and was very happy to see Dr. Warner. We had dinner with Dr Hamidzai and his wife and left 8.00PM for the guest house. It was great and Dr. Hamidzai called again to be sure we are at the guest house safe. It was very sweet of him. Love all

April 29, 2006

It was a busy day, 7.45 Am Dave and I were in our way to NU to meet the chancellor and Mr. Safi for exploring the possibilities of extension of communication technology at the main campus. We met the chancellor about half an hour and because he had visitors from Kabul Mr. Safi gave us a tour of the campus including the computer lab and dormitory for male students. They are living in a very bad condition. In one room 12 students were living and there are no chairs or cabinets. Took some pictures and after the tour returned to have another meeting with the chancellor and gave him a brief report. Then he mentioned that he just received a letter from the ministry of higher education that he is interested to know more about the relation ship between the NU and SDSU. This is good news. Also he set an appointment with the Governor and we will meet him at 5.00 PM. We left his office 1.30 PM for a quick lunch and sending few urgent e mail to Dr. Mendoza and Steve Spencer and Fred McFarlane.

2.50 PM went to the medical school computer lab then visited the library and Dave spend some times at the lab and got more information and talked to some of medical students and gave some suggestion to the person in charge of computer lab who is also one of the students. His name is Naqeeb and very bright young man and he is working on web site for the medical school. I called Dr. Khan and met him at 4.00 PM at the teaching hospital. He showed the hospital and talked about their challenges and the problem they are facing with Dave. 10 to five left and met the chancellor close to the Governors palace. He is from Kandahar and he is a man of action. People are happy with his progress and because of him and the new mayor there are many positive activities around city. He thanked the Rotary and fully support what we are doing in JAA and mentioned if we need any help do not hesitate to let him know. Dave gave a map of JAA and a gift to the Governor. Also his priority is NU and I gave summaries of what we had done and the future plans. Then Dave briefed him regarding his mission with the help of chancellor as translator. 6.00 Pm left for guest house. It was a good day. Tomorrow we have a meeting with the Mayor and in Afternoon with PRT. Talk to you later. Love all

April 30, 2006

9.00 AM we had a meeting with Mr. Mohammad Naiem Stanazai mayor of JAA. He gave us a tour of the facility and discussed about his future plans. He emphasize the importance of the sister city relation ship and very much interested to know more about it and said he support it 100% and will try his best to strengthen the relation between the 2 cities. Particularly when Dave showed him the report that Chuck prepared after his visit to JAA, he has not seen the report and Dave will present him the digital copy of that. I asked him if they have done any thing regarding the sewer system and trash collection, unfortunately his response was negative and he said they need assistance in that regard. Then he took us to the administration offices and mention about their problems regarding the filing system and most of the deeds of lands are falling apart because all were hand written on old papers. He wishes to find a way and system to record and save them digitally. The other problem he is facing is lack of Internet connection, and communication with others to seek more information and help.

Left 10.20 AM and visit RANA Institute which is a computer and English center for all ages and at the moment they have more than 1000 students. Obaidulallah Ghaznavi is the director and he showed us around. Director of the public hospital Dr. Ajmal Pardis called me and invite us to a meeting with most of the NGO's representative and new and old team of PRT at 11.00 AM and lunch in honor of incoming and out going PRT team at 12.00 noon in Spin Gar Hotel. It was very informative and interesting meeting, varieties of issues were discussed including how and who can assist and solve the problems especially in the provinces health care facilities. Dr. Ajmal is the organizer of this meeting. Dr. Rabani advisor to the ministry of health called as well and invite

Dave & I for a short meeting and lunch at Spin Gar Hotel tomorrow. 2.30 Pm met with Inge US Aid and few members of the new US military officers in JAA at PRT. Dave talked about his mission and brought up the complain we heard and saw with taking pictures as evidence about few issues in regard to some Afghan subcontractors and their negligence to complete their projects and impact of that on PRT's reputation and the new team promise to take care of that. We left 5.30 PM and went to our guest house. Peace

May 1, 2006

8.00 AM gone to Education collage and visited the Relief international computer center and a brief conversation with one of their representative. Then dean of education Mr. Farmanulalh took us to the site of future dormitory for female and visited few of their classes on session and listened to the problems students are facing such as lack of good and safe accommodation for female students and Internet connection. 9.00Am went to Ultra sound lab and met Dr. Jan Aqa and Dr. Gohar and decided to buy one stabilizer for the machines due to the current electricity fluctuation and request that Dr. Jan Aqa will send a report about the 3 days work shop and over all of his assessment to director of hospital. 9.30 met Dr. Afandi and visited the Midwifery center and talked to the students&teachers and visited their computer Lab.

Then had a short meeting with director and inform him regarding our activities. 11.10 went to meet Mr. Maher manager of Afghan wireless to get more information about the internet providers in JAA. His Engineer was not available and due to the timing we decided to come back at 1.30 Pm again and went to see DR. Rabani at Spin Gar Hotel.

Dr. Ajmal director of public health joined us for lunch. Many issues were discussed in regard to Dave's mission and future plan with Dr. Rabani and he confirmed again his ministry's full support and also promised to arrange a meeting for me with the ministry of higher education in Kabul for this coming Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup> the day of my departure, which will be great. He said minister is one of his friends. After lunch we went to Afghan wireless and meet with Mohammad Saleem their IT engineer. By the way I knew him because he fixed internet in my room at IMC and also I told him about Dave and wanted him to have a meeting with him, such a coincident. He informs Dave about what is going on about internet connectivity around the city. We Left at 2.30 Pm for the Shirzai Institute to meet with the students of computer & Science to hear their challenges and how to help them. These are the students who were studying in this institute and Saudi Arabia funded and suddenly they cut the budget and some of these students were going to graduate in 2 and some in 4 months but now every thing stopped. This Faculty will be a part of the Nangarhar University as they informed us and fortunately their classes will start soon. I met them before and promised to bring some expert in telecommunication to listen to them. Majority of them also speak English . Their representative Mr. Badam Niazi spoke on their behalf and also few students express their concern. But one major concern of all the students no matter where we met is NO INTERNET Connection and NATURALLY NO COMMUNICATION with others. They are ready to be a part of global system and learn and grow like the rest of the world.

We left 4.15 Pm for the Rotary meeting at 4.30. Few were there and Wali Ghafoori will take over as acting president as well as 07-08 presidents because. Mr. Ishaq the current president will not be able to attend the meeting due to his busy schedule and traveling.

5.30 PM we left for the guest house. I invited Dave to be our guest speaker tomorrow at our school and talk about the global citizen ship and Wali will come as well to translate to Pashto for the students. Both of them graciously accepted my invitation. Love & Peace

**Subject:** Tuesday May 2nd 2006 & May 3rd 2006 report

7.30 Am we were on our way to pick up Wali Ghafoori President elect of JAA Rotary club to Najmul Jahad Rotary School. Dr. Dave Warner is the main speaker regarding the Global Citizen

Ship and Wali will translate to Pashto for the students. I called ahead of time and arranged it with the principal of the school Mr. Salehi. In the Multi purpose room was full with the Girls in one side and boys in the other side. Principal introduced the speaker and then after the lecture one of the female and few male students express their problems and asked questions. Then our guest speakers visited the school and hand out the dictionaries that was sent by L J G T Rotary club to 6 & 7 & 8 graders. It was a very exciting event for the students. 11.30 Am we left and after dropping Wali went to Guest house and had lunch and on our way to NU to meet Dr. Hamidzai at his office to set his satellite. We tried it in the computer Lab. at NU but it did not work. There is some thing very interesting happened to me for the first time after all these years coming to the NU and working with the students and professors and being around them constantly, one of the students whom I never met before came to me and told me that he hate me and our conversation went on like this:

I said it is OK and that is not my problem and I do not hate you because I don't know you. I asked may I know why and he said because you are not Muslim and according to my religion I do not have to talk to a woman. We had an interesting conversation and I told him that he is not a good Muslim plus very ignorant. Then other students who knew me came and send him away and basically told him to shut up and go away. Scary in a way, here is a young man in University learning to hate others especially women because of his belief system, made me sad also. I let the chancellor know about the incident. We left for guest house around 5.30 PM. We suppose to meet Haji Zaher for dinner but they called and cancel the dinner. I went to my room to think what I have to do for tomorrow. It is getting close to come home, sweet home.

Peace & freedom.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006

We have to be at RI 8.00 am and visit one of the 10 district they are active for Micro Credit. So left quarter to eight and met with a gentleman by the name of Rasim head of finance from Azerbaijan Who is just arrived in 2 weeks to JAA and doesn't speak Farsi or English but his translator speak Farsi and Russian and an Afghan lady by the name of Brishna and she is the field officer for the Micro credit for these district we are visiting. So Dave and I and Brishna went with our car because we have to be in teaching hospital by 11.30 or 12.00 noon to go to the border with Dr. Khan. The interesting things we were 2 cars and were driving along the street of JAA to go to Behsud district and Dave was taking pictures of the street and that particular day there was many American and Afghan military convoys, in front of a military base suddenly 2 military cars came from the back of our car and drove in front of us and block the road and let one of our car to pass and stopped us and more than 6 to 7 soldiers rushed out of their car and aim the gun at us and ordered to get out, what can I say Dave got out and I opened the door and basically start to argue with them, one of the American commander asked me who are you and what organization and who was taking pictures and why we were taking pictures. I was in such a shock especially I did not like them pointing Gun on us. After explaining he asked to delete some of the pictures and show the American passport, they apologized and left us. Any way, we continued our journey to the village and I visited 2 ladies. One bought a cow and now she is making cheese, milk, and yogurt and sells to the neighbors and market and earns money and she said it is a great help to their economy. The next lady is making clothes and embroidery and already contracts with the market to sell. I took some pictures and talked to the ladies through Brishna because majority of them speak Pashto only. There were 2 old ladies mother and daughter were fascinating for the reason, the mother is about 102 years old and daughter about 90 and of course no body knows their exact age and they asked me to build a house for them and they look good and healthy for their age.

I asked if the girls are going to school because I saw many girls were in the house and their answers was no there are no school close by and it is only for boys in the distance and that is the true statement in most of the rural area. They did not allow Dave or any male to come in. See there are some privileges I have to go any where I want except Masque which I never or even



there as well and we walked together to the house they were living and listen to their problem and all of them said they are like prisoner that have no place to go and there were 6 and some times 7 live in one room, no air condition no chair or desk or fridge .Very sad situation. Then went to Teaching hospital and present chancellor and Dr. Khan the medical equipment we purchased for them. 4.45 went to chancellor house to set his V sat. and return to guest house around 6.30 PM and I was awake to 1.30 AM to pack .

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>,

Left JAA at 8.00 AM and reach Kabul 1.30 PM. The road to Kabul took my last drop of energy. I had a little nap and 3.00 PM had a meeting with Marcel Wagner country director from ADRA ( Adventist Development and relief agency. Established in 2002 in Afghanistan but working from 1984 in Pakistan. Then at 6.30 had dinner with the president of the Kabul Rotary club and we discussed many issues and they have some concern which I will get more info. and promised to let them know. Love all

Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup>

8.00 AM had breakfast with few wonderful ladies from Rotary club and those they are interested to be members. Then I received a phone call from Mr. Dilawar who arranged a meeting for me with the minister of higher education at 12.00 Noon. I met Dr Dadfar and I brief him regarding our activity with NU and he is very grateful and also said he doesn't know the detail yet and will talk to the NU chancellor but with out any doubt he full support the partner ship and collaboration between the 2 universities,SDSU and NU. This meeting was arranged by Dr. Rabani and his assistant Mr. Dilawar was with me and also will take me to air port. Sorry my dear friends this is it. I am in hurry and I have to go Love and peace to all. See you soon.