

Dear Friends,

In spite of the continuous suffering of Christians in Iraq, facing impossible conditions, we find the staff of Caritas Iraq more determined and resolved to implement charity and service to others, as witnesses of Christ in expressing their faith, values and embodiment of the real meaning of sheer love to help others on one hand and work to develop their church institution on the other, drawing strength from the teachings of Christ and courage of partners and friends...

As a result of this partnership that draws us together, we would like to present you a summary of the works carried out by Caritas Iraq during the past few months.

1. Handing over the RO project in Basra.

This old new project cost Caritas Iraq a very long time and efforts and even *shook* the picture of Caritas with some partners. But Caritas Iraq was and always will be as transparent in dealing with others as ever. Caritas Iraq made a great effort to hand over the RO project to the (Water Directorate in Basrah). The Project was seriously damaged due to the late military operations in the city. Caritas Iraq succeeded in delivering the project, capacity of (500m³/day) of potable water and serves many people in need. Citizens in Al-Sangar expressed their appreciation and happiness with this project. The relevant parties thanked Caritas Iraq for this Great Humanitarian accomplishment in the current circumstances and the difficult situation in the country, especially for the Christians.

2. After the acquisition of some of the staff different trainings according to the capacity building plan introduced to the staff of Caritas Iraq, thanks to Caritas MONA and . The Trainees returned to give their experience to the rest. A three-day course was held on the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church to be as a baseline or a guideline for our work. Other courses will be held to the staff of the centres, which will be prepared and held soon. Fr. Mukhlis Shasha participated in this course as an expression of the interest of the Church of Caritas' work.

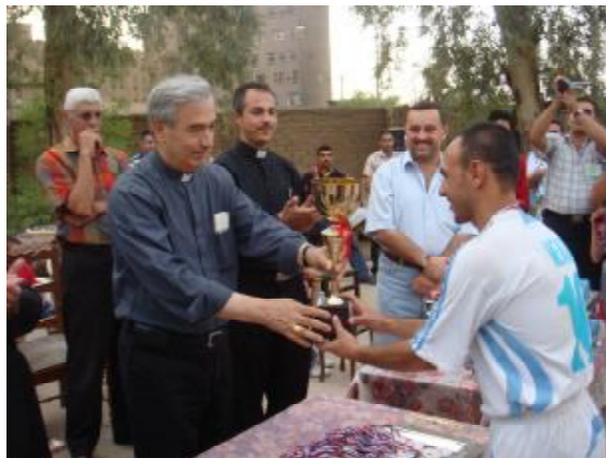




3. The Prog. Manager, of the "Integrating people with Special Needs into the Society", and her assistant, attended a training course on TOT on CBR, Training of Trainers in the programmes of Community Based rehabilitation, which was held in Cairo-Egypt by SETI Centre, Caritas Egypt. The two ladies gained a great knowledge and benefit which will surely be reflected positively on developing the prog. in the near future.



4. The Volunteers prog. achieved a very big sport activity. A football championship gathered many young men, many clergies first of all His eminence Cardinal Emmanuel III Delli, Many Bishops and priests. This activity achieved its goals in guiding and uniting the young people.



5. Caritas Iraq accomplished its first task in, according a schedule on Human resources management, preparing the org. charts which represent Caritas Iraq. The remaining task will be completed in due time.

6. Sending the quarterly Narrative and Financial reports and audits on time.
7. Immediate and rapid response to the crisis of displacing Christian families from Mosul. A delegation led by the Director of Caritas Iraq made a field visit evaluate the situation and provide the necessary support.



8. Caritas Iraq continues and will continue its efforts to return to embrace the church, where some of the bishops and priests, for the first time, presented their letters of acknowledgement for the achievements of the Caritas Iraq during present time.
9. Media and beneficiaries praised the successes achieved by Caritas Iraq. Al-Zaman daily newspaper wrote a detailed report on the achievements of Caritas Iraq especially in the area reflect the solidarity and peaceful coexistence among all.

10. The programmes held a variety of activities consistent with the needs of the present situation where the WBP held celebration on the International week of breast feeding. The celebration reflected the real moral and wonderful cohesion, among the beneficiaries of the programme.
11. Opening up to other organizations sharing common goals with us.
12. Caritas Iraq already established its library which will be soon ready. All the staff, volunteers, beneficiaries promised to enrich it with different kinds of books. The library already received two or three boxes of books on different subjects. The librarian of the Disability prog. will be responsible of books classifications, keeping and management of borrowing.
13. The Well baby programme, celebrated the week of breastfeeding in all centres and encouraging mothers to turn to this way to avoid the new born baby from many diseases that he/she might be exposed to, through using bottle feeding. Caritas Iraq envisaged in this celebration all the initiations to embrace and encourage peace building, raising the awareness by gathering all the mothers of different religions and ethnicities to make a small loving strong community.



14. Caritas Iraq launched its first issue of its magazine (The Voice of Charity) (صوت المحبة) which covered many topics and an introduction on the on going programmes of Caritas Iraq. This step aims at introducing and informing other partners, the church, etc.. of the activities of Caritas Iraq and its services to the poor and needy. This is the first step and Caritas Iraq intends to add many other things and a variety of topics to the journal. The magazine is a proof of the opening up to the society and other partners as the new policy of Caritas IRAQ.



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