



## ISLAMIC CENTER OF BRUSHY CREEK 2011 Annual Update

### Foreword by the Shura Council

*Alhamdulillah*, we have now completed 4 full years since ICBC was established and 3 years since the Masjid was re-opened. It is only by the Grace of Allah (swt) and the continued and overwhelming support of the community that we have been able to not only payoff all outstanding loans of ICBC but also launch and sustain several programs and activities at our masjid.

The services being offered could not have been possible without your *dua'a*, time, financial resources, as well as valuable ideas and feedback. The Shura Council is humbled by the trust you have placed in us. And as we strive to continuously enhance the quality of services offered at ICBC and increase attendance at our beloved masjid, we sincerely request your suggestions and feedback to enable us to take ICBC to the next level. *Jazakum Allahu Khairan*.

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: “investing in our future”



**Children's education** has been a huge focus since the establishment of ICBC. Programs such as the **Qur'an Nazira class**, **Tajweed/Hifz class**, **Weekend Islamic School**, and the **Weekly Girls-Only program** continued in 2011.

Another successful **ICBC Summer School** was conducted in July '11 with >60 students, including several teenaged girls, attending. And just as the year before, we had >15 local high school Muslim students volunteering their time and talent at ICBC. These students earned credits for community service for their volunteer work.

The Weekend Islamic School holds a **fun-filled Sunday once a month**, that includes games and lots of food! WIS & ICBC scouts also held a Eid party for students and parents in November. Blessed with highly dedicated, well-qualified teachers & volunteers, enrollment today stands at >100 students in the various ICBC educational programs. May Allah (swt) re-

ward our teachers and volunteers for their tireless service to Islam, Aameen!

### DA'WAH & OUTREACH EVENTS: “spreading the word”

ICBC Da'wah activities in 2011 entailed continued interaction with people of other faiths.

In March '11, one brother took *shahada* at our Center and another sister adopted Islam at a local masjid after attending a program held by the ICBC Da'wah team, *Alhamdulillah*.

ICBC Da'wah Committee coordinates its efforts with other masajid in the Austin area, which includes exchange of Da'wah promotional materials, hosting Open House events for non-Muslims, conducting periodic meetings, etc. We are also a member of National Dawah Program – Mercy for Mankind.

Vista Ridge High School, a local school in our neighborhood, conducted an interfaith event - World religion forum in March

'11. ICBC represented Islam at this program.

Leander ISD has launched an initiative to engage and bring closer all local faith based organizations to ensure that the kids and youth have access to all options, allowing them to exhibit their full potential at school and beyond. Currently, many churches and organizations are contributing their share of services. ICBC was also invited to participate in this effort, and *Alhamdulillah*, we made our representation. This not only provides a great platform to engage key stakeholders at the Leander ISD but also offers an opportunity to do Da'wah at the same time!

In the first meeting that was attended by about 35 people from various churches, including ICBC. During our interaction,

several Pastors and other church representatives inquired about Islam and showed interest in learning about our faith. Thereafter, one-on-one meetings were proposed; one such meeting with a Pastor of the Hill Country Bible Church took place in November '11, which went very well, *Alhamdulillah*.

For far reaching initiatives, we have added a “Learn Islam” section to the ICBC web site. The site offers basic information about Islam as well as a section on 'Frequently Asked Questions'. Those interested in visiting our Center or learning more about Islam can now make requests through our website. There is also a link to obtain free copies of the Qur'an.

## MASJID ACTIVITIES: “a retrospective..and in continuum”

The various weekly programs at ICBC during 2011 included the **Qur'an Tafseer**, **Hadeeth**, and **Sisters' Halaqa** as well as the “**Understanding the Qur'an**” class held once a week. A separate **Qur'an Tafseer class in Urdu for sisters** was held weekly. The Guest Lecture program was held once a month.

In addition, another lecture series was launched as well—Mufti Umer Ismail offered several lectures at ICBC in 2011 on a variety of contemporary topics geared towards community relations, particularly the youth.

### MONTHLY GUEST LECTURES



The **Monthly Guest Lecture** program has generated tremendous interest in the community. Below is a summary of 2011 lectures.

Feb '11: “**Family Issues in American Society**” - Dr. Main Al-Qudah, Houston

Mar '11: “**Cooperative Action in Islam**” - Sheikh Islam, Imam, NAMCC

May '11: “**Pursuing Justice where Justice is Pursued**” - Br. Abdullah Shawky, Muslim Legal Fund of America, Dallas

Jun '11: “**Leading by Example—Ensuring a brighter Future for Children**” - Br. Rodwaan Saleh, Dallas

July '11: “**All About Zakaat in the U.S.**” - Dr. Main Al-Qudah, Houston

Oct '11: “**Qur'an—A Guidance for Humanity**” - Sheikh Zia ul Haque Sheikh, Dallas

Dec '11: “**Narrowing the Generation Gap**” - Br. Rodwaan Saleh, Dallas

*Alhumdu lillah*, we have a series of lectures scheduled for 2012.

We request everyone to attend and benefit from these various programs at our masjid. We will continually work on improving the quality of the current programs and add new ones in the future, *Insha Allah*.

### VISITS BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

We had brothers in the **Tablighi Jama'at** visit ICBC this year from various cities – Chicago, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, etc, May Allah (swt) rewards our guests for their efforts, Aameen!!

### RAMADHAN AT ICBC

This was the 4th Ramadhan at ICBC, and we had a range of activities during the blessed month. *Alhumdu lillah*

We were blessed to have the services of Sheikh Abdul Samad from Pakistan who led *taraweeh* prayers at ICBC and completed recitation of the Holy Qur'an on the 27th night.

Halaqa was held after Fajr every day during the blessed month.

Ifthar/dinners were served by community members every Saturday and Sunday.

During the last 10 nights, we conducted *Qiyaam al-Layl* prayers at the masjid, followed by *suhur* meal.

A few brothers spent the last 10 days observing *I'tikaf* at ICBC.

We conducted Girls-only *Qiyaam* and Boys-only *Qiyaam* during Ramadhan. Over 70 youth participated.

May Allah (swt) accept our *Ibaadah* during Ramadhan and grant us His Paradise.



### JUMAH KHATEEB

During this year, **Jumah Khutbah** at ICBC was delivered by the following community members — Sheikh Ahmad Momoh, Akif Ali, Ayman Kabir, Azeem Ahmad, Hassan Ali, Hassan Al Sukhni, Junayd Oliver, Mohamed Bedaiwi, Momin ur Rahman, Sheikh Nur Ahmad, Owais Osmani, Shoaib Malik, Tauseef Rab, and Wael El Esawy. We were also blessed to have scholars visiting Austin give *Khutbah* at our masjid on a few occasions.

We thank these brothers for their assistance and pray that Allah (swt) reward them abundantly, Aameen!

### ICBC CONSTITUTION

After two years of diligent work and consultations with scholars and experts, ICBC Shura Council approved the ICBC Constitution and Bylaws in October 2011; the documents were released to the community as well as posted on our website, for feedback thereafter.

## FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT: “work *always* in progress”

Just in time for Ramadhan, both the interior and exterior of the Masjid underwent a transformation. The **current deck** area was completely revamped (extension, carpeting, fans installed) and assigned exclusively for the use of Men.

A **separate deck** was constructed adjacent to the Multi Purpose Hall for use exclusively by Sisters.

**New lighting** installed at the main Masjid hall just before Ramadhan has been of great benefit. Additional **lighting** was installed at our premises.

Before Ramadhan, the **Main Masjid Hall** and **Deck and Walkways** were painted; a new carpet gave a fresh look to the Main Masjid.

*Jazakum Allahu Khairan* to the community members who volunteered their time, money, and effort for these projects.

## FINANCIAL CORNER: “money matters”

**2011 donation receipts have been prepared and are ready for distribution.**

In January 2011, ICBC outstanding loan was ~\$77K. Following successful fundraisers at which the community's generosity was great, **we have paid off the outstanding loans of ICBC in Aug 2011, Alhamdulillah!** In Ramadhan 2011, we unveiled the Master Plan for ICBC. The community support was overwhelming, with ~200K raised during the holy month. *Jazakum Allahu Khairan.*

**ZAKAAT FUNDS** - We collected ~\$17,500 in zakaat funds in 2011. The money was disbursed to the needy after careful review of the applicants.

**ZAKAAT UL FITR** - ICBC received approx. \$2,600 in zakaat ul Fitr funds this year. The money was distributed as gift cards to the needy before Eid sala'at.

## OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Several organization held fundraisers at ICBC during 2011 as listed below:

May '11	Muslim Legal Fund of America
June '11	Darul Uloom Austin (Hifz School)
Aug '11	Furqaan Foundation
Aug '11	Austin Peace Academy
Sep '11	Islamic Relief
Oct '11	Rahma Foundation

*Jazakum Allahu Khairan* for your generous support for all these worthy causes.

**EAST AFRICA RELIEF** - To support those affected by the famine in East Africa, we conducted several appeals in Ramadhan and sent ~\$18,000, a significant portion of which was from the zakaat funds. The funds were disbursed through Islamic Relief organization.

## MASTER PLAN:

*“working towards a DREAM project!”*

The Shura Council has formed a committee to execute the **Master Plan for our Center**, which includes construction of a new masjid at our premises in the near future. This was presented to the community during Ramadhan, and has been posted on our website. We will keep the community informed on the progress, *Insha Allah.*

## FUTURE PLANS: “in the works”

Our focus in the coming weeks and months is the execution of the ICBC Master Plan, *Insha Allah.*

### 2011 planned projects, Insha Allah

- Introduce programs for our youth to nurture them to be future leaders and ambassadors of Islam.
- Execute the Master plan.

None of these will be possible without the blessing of Allah (swt) and continued support of the community.



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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "it's not all work"

The monthly **Community Potluck Dinner** event started in 2009 has been well received. Owing to the tremendous response, we had community dinners during the summer months in 2011. We have suspended this event during the winter season and will resume in Spring 2012, *Insha Allah*.

ICBC **Eid Carnival** held in Nov was a great success, *Alhumdu lillah*; thanks in equal measure to fine weather, excellent food, and the support and assistance of volunteers. >400 men, women and children attended and enjoyed the event. The candy and ice-cone machines as well as henna table operated mostly by our youth were big hits!!



## ICBC Youth Committee: "*Tarbiya for our youth*"

Throughout the year, there were several programs for the youth at ICBC. Led by Br Hasan Ali of MAS Austin-chapter, we had a series of programs for boys, middle-school aged and higher. Between Jan-Mar, we held a six-week **Tarbiyya** camp that provided the youth with glimpses into the lives of those who were part of the greatest generations of Islam. The course was very well attended with over 30 youth participating. A second 8-week camp was held between April-May titled "**Learn to live the life of the Sahaba**". Included within this course was a training to stay fit thru kick-



boxing.

ICBC also participated in the **MAS regional camp** at the T-Bar M ranch in Bastrop, during the Spring Break Weekend. Over 100 youth (both boys and girls) from Texas participated. And in summer, ICBC and MAS organized a **weekend camp** for our youth at the Black Rock State on Lake LBJ. This was also very well attended with about 25 youth from Austin, Houston and San Antonio participating.



Again during summer, ICBC conducted a Qiyaam program for the youth. On different days, a program was held for both boys and girls. Youth (both boys and girls) from all over Austin participated. This program was also held during Ramadhan.

## ICBC TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT: a fun event for all ages"



ICBC held an exciting Ping Pong tournament in December!  
People from all over Austin participated!!  
Lots of Fun and Entertainment!!!