

Newsletter of the Shimshal Trust, February 2017

The 2016 scholarship round is now complete, and the Shimshal Trust has awarded 15 scholarships. We had 31 applications, more than ever before, and it is only thanks to some very generous donors that we are able to continue awarding scholarships in this number. Some of the students we are supporting this year have now received multiple scholarships from us. This is because we don't want to leave them unable to continue to study when they are doing well. We want to congratulate the students awarded scholarships for their hard work and great success in their studies.

Here they are:

Aima Shah

Bibi Numa

Bibi Safia

Farhat Jabeen

Farzana Najeeb

Fehmida Farman

Khalida Begum

Maliha Sultana

Nadia Farman

Nahida Yasmin

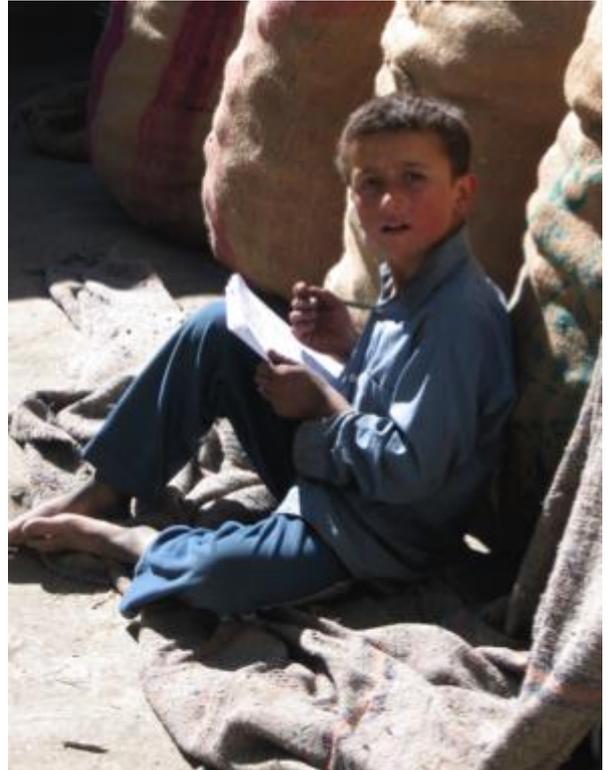
Neloufa Ali

Saida Ibadat

Shah Nazar (pictured in 2006)

Sher Karim

Talha Rasheed



Only 8 applicants were male, which explains why there are not many scholarships awarded to young men this time.

We were asked to give special consideration to funding Ambreen Karim, whose father died in a climbing accident, and we were able to contact a friend of the family who agreed to help Ambreen.

Thanks to the people who responded to our last newsletter so that we could award 15 scholarships to young people from Shimshal.

2. I'm going to Shimshal again in September this year. Would anyone like to come along? Please let me know soon so we can book early. I plan to stay about one month in Pakistan. This length of stay usually costs about \$5000 NZ including \$1000 spending money and about \$2000 return airfare. There are wonderful craft works to buy. I usually employ a trekking company which organises all transport and accommodation. In September Shimshal is starting to get cool, a bit like Autumn here.

My plan is to do some research for a book, but anyone who is keen (and fit) can do a trek in the local mountains with a guide and a porter or two.

Shimshal is 3000 metres above sea level, so reasonable fitness is required just to walk about the village! You also need strong nerves for the jeep ride in. I try to sleep!!



Shimshal in autumn.



Best wishes, Pam