

ICEV Update

April 25, 2009

- **Progress/Fund Raising Meeting:** A dinner meeting was organized on April 19th at the HTC Community Hall. The dinner was attended by various members of the community. A progress report was provided about the recent activities on the Masjid project. Appeals were made to the community members to support the newly developed idea of completing the construction in two phases. Alhamdulillah, a very good response was received from the community members. A total of 24 community members pledged \$206,000 for beginning the Phase 1 of the remaining portion of the Masjid project. We have received \$9,000 in checks, \$137,000 in cash pledges, and \$60,000 in loan pledges. Based on this enormous response from the community, the board announced that they will issue a notice to proceed to the contractor for beginning work on May 1, 2008.
- **Construction:** Construction of the balcony is completed. The steel work was completed some time ago according the requirements of the City of Chandler. The final concrete pouring for the balcony was done this morning.
- **Contracting:** ICEV retained the services of MARS Inc., as the general contractor for the completion of the remaining construction of the Masjid Building. MARS (represented by brother Jalil Ahmad) proposed to complete the construction in two phases. The first phase requiring \$500,00, will complete the visible (from property line) portion of the building and will also complete a part of the inside for obtaining temporary occupancy permit. The general contractor and the project architect has already received acceptance of this idea from the City of Chandler. MARS estimate that the completion of the first phase will require four months. The second phase, requiring another \$500,000 will complete the remainder of the construction work. The ICEV Board is also evaluating a proposal to retain the services of a professional construction manager to ensure smooth construction phase activities.
- **Sunday School Update:** The Fall 2007 semester for the Sunday School is progressing as scheduled. The school is scheduled to end before the Memorial Day weekend.