

tells me that this project was ZOO's first introduction to Afghanistan which turned in a 7 or 8 year stint in doing small projects for the Kabul Zoo and has become a relationship. ZOO relatively recently (December 2009) provided training in India for three Kabul Zoo officials (Dr. Azizgul, Dr. Qadeir, and N. Nazary) at Madras Crocodile Bank, Coimbatore VOC Park Zoo, Mysore Zoo, Bhannerghatta Zoo, SOS Wildlife, and Arignar Anna Zoo with assistance from the "Kabul Zoo Email Group" (funds devolved from the small remains of N.C. Zoo's Emergency Fund for Kabul Zoo). Sally visited Kabul Zoo in July for the first time and in November 5 officers from the zoo, Mayor's office and Dept. of Culture will attend the SAZARC 10th Anniversary Conference in Nepal.

Though not directly involved in active support of ZOO's activities since 2005, I continue to stay in contact with the organization as a Life Member of ZOO and with Sally personally. I also get reports from time to time from my former office. It is refreshing to know that ZOO continues to rely on its vibrant and experienced cadre to constantly come up with new ideas and proposals to connect their various constituents with the zoos, wildlife and environment around us.

Dave Ferguson, September 2010

Insider Perspective

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I do not know any kind of work till I join in ZOO. I joined ZOO in 2001 as a screen-printing (SP) assistant. Six years I was working in SP unit, I used to help with T-shirt printing, educational packet printing, collating, packing and sending out for workshops and events such as Wildlife Week, Animal Welfare Fortnightly etc. I used to go with our Screen Printing colleagues Veni & Ravi to Tirupur for purchasing and printing T-shirts and when I am about to learn something I had to resign the job due to personal reasons. I suffered a lot when I was at home and I had re-joined twice. It is my luck that Latha and Ravi helped me to re-join second time even though Madam and Sanjay was uncertain as I quit without any information. I thank Latha and Ravi for the faith they had on me.

I continued my work in SP unit and after some years I became an office assistant, and my new position involved outside works such as postal, banking works, purchasing, etc. I also started working in computers during my leisure time. Latha and Ravi taught me MS office and my ex-colleagues Jothi & Sudha taught me to work on the Intercom (daily phone entries) etc. Currently my nature of jobs are printing, scanning, maintaining stocks, and coordinating with Latha for educational printing and distribution. I have learned confident to try any kind of job from ZOO particularly due to the encouragement I get from Sally Madam, Sanjay, and Latha.

I never had a chance to thank Sally Madam for her continued support to all my work due to my language. I take this opportunity to thank her from my heart. Sanjay always ask me to learn new things and he would say as a young boy I can learn stuff easily. My sincere thanks to all the staff Latha, Geetha, Radhika, Daniel, Marimuthu, Pravin, Ravichandran, Sarojamma and last but not least

Mr. Raveendran who is sharing my work. Sometimes my behaviour might have hurt some of the staff, I take this opportunity to ask apology to them. I would like to continue my work more efficiently and effectively in future. I would not have come to this stage without the help & support from Latha and Ravi, they are my well wishers and I thank them once again. More than me my parents like my job as they always say that I am behaving well and self-disciplined when I am with ZOO. I love to ride bikes and I got my first bike after joining in ZOO using my own salary.

My wish is that I have to work with ZOO, when it celebrates Golden Jubilee.

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