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*Friendship is  
a Universal  
Language*

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Roselle (Italy),  
Sebastian (Columbia), Gilbert (Zimbabwe), Kumar (Nepal).  
APV with participants from 13 countries at Ekta Parishad, India.  
September 2014.



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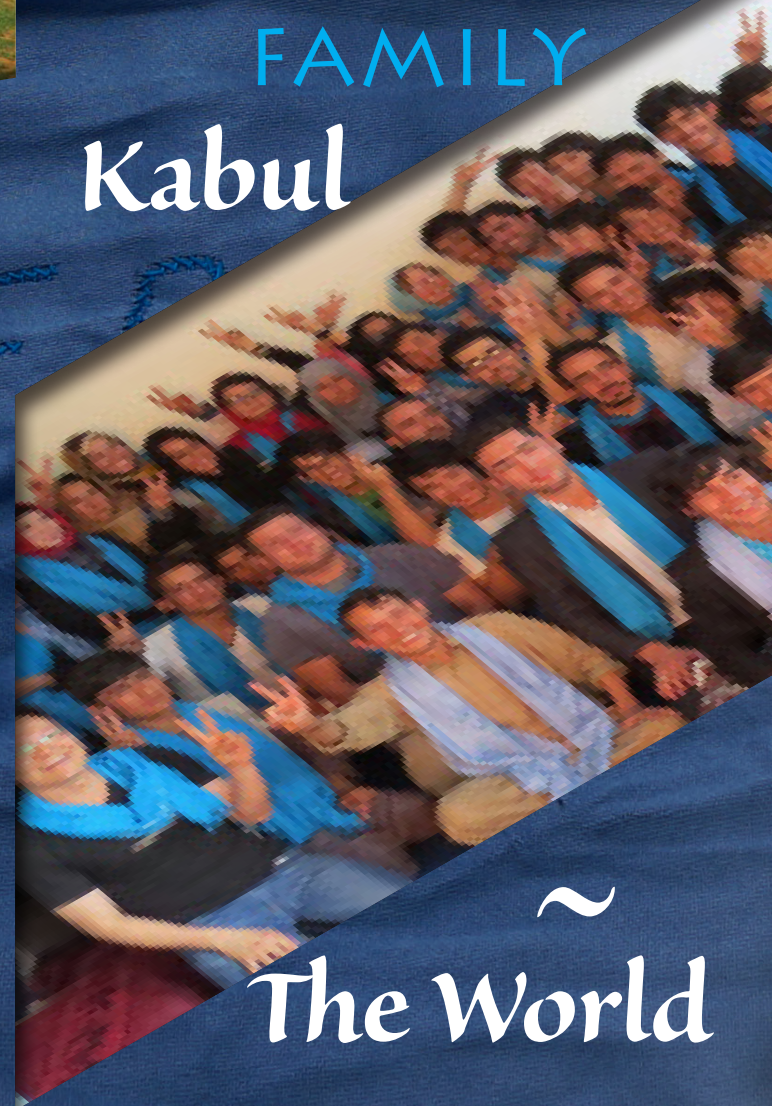
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[www.vcnv.org](http://www.vcnv.org)

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FAMILY

**Kabul**



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# A BORDER-CROSSING PROJECT FOR PEACE

Ewa Jasiewicz, *New Internationalist*, February 3, 2014



The Opening of APV's Library

SOME WERE herding sheep on the hillsides of Bamiyan before they came to the big smokes of Kabul. Now they run literacy classes for 23 street kids, help co-ordinate a duvet-making and distribution project with fellow APV women volunteers, cope with crowds clamouring for duvets in bi-monthly week-long distributions and organize budgets for all in-goings, outgoings, wages and expenses. On top of regular planning meetings, skype calls with peace groups overseas.

A BORDERFREE Afghanistan, a border-free world, will need to be made through a million mutinies; millions of questions; millions of attempts to go beyond the places we've been put in, detained in, and denied in. The co-creation of the conditions for a society of equals, in gender, ethnicity, class and views, and beyond, is a border-crossing project and it has to be. The APV are working on it.



***We realize that to address global warming, we need to address socio-economic inequalities, and to address socio-economic inequalities, we need to address militarism and wars. People across all borders are awakening to the reality that their daily struggles over seemingly 'separate' issues have common root causes.***

Teck Young, Wee, Dr Hakim ("teacher" in Dari)



IN THE WINTER OF 2013, 60 Afghan seamstresses - 20 from each ethnic group - saw over 3,000 warm duvets for Kabul's poor families. By this growing project, the women gets an income and food on the table for the family.

## DONATE to the Duvet Project -

ORDER Your Borderfree Scarf and become a member of our Borderfree International Community! The seamstresses of APV make thousands of Blue scarves with the words "BORDERFREE" and "bedun-e-marz" (in Dari). Blue as a symbol for the same blue sky above us all. Borderfree, a response to Prof Noam Chomsky's speech at (Beirut, Lebanon on June 14, 2013): "For decent human survival in a world that has no borders."



***With 50 million refugees, there ought to at least be 50 million of us working together to divest and boycott, to stop military mobilization and conscription, to take the guilty elite to court, to participate in non-violent direct actions and protests and to provide all kinds of humanitarian assistance.***

Dr Hakim

## Afghan Peace Volunteers

### HISTORY:

In 2008, 50 university students participated in a 3-month Peace Workshop at Bamiyan University in Bamiyan Province, facilitated by a Singaporean medical doctor and humanitarian worker Dr Hakim ( Dr Teck Young, Wee ). 16 of the students from six different ethnic groups agreed to live together for a semester to demonstrate the possibility of ethnic unity. Youth from other villages gathered to raise their voice of peace. Their first actions was a tent vigil at Bamiyan Peace Park, which they established. The U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan promised to deliver their message to President Obama.

Soon Afghan Peace Volunteers came in contact with international peacemakers, especially Voices for Creative Nonviolence in the US and UK, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

In 2011 APV moved to Kabul, and officially registered themselves with the Afghan Ministry of Justice as a civil society group.

Members of APV have visited Australia and India at invitations from different NGO's. They have also been nominated to the Nobel Peace Prize.