

# Happy Holidays from MEPO and The House of Flowers

December 2015

## The Year In Review

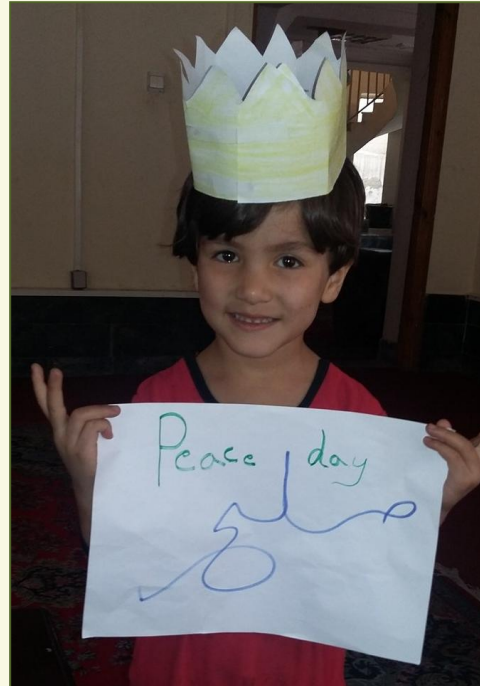
2015 was a very full year for MEPO and the House of Flowers. After a traumatic robbery at the House in April, by July everything had stabilized and now all is well. We are now entering our 14<sup>th</sup> year of operation, and the program just keeps getting better and better.

**Razia Is Back as a Teacher!** After completing her two years at university, we hired Razia back at HoF! She is the perfect teacher, having grown up in the Montessori environment. She also teaches the children art, something she was always so good at. Everyone at the House is happy to have her back.

**Moving Again** In August, the staff moved the children to a new house for lower rent. This new house is bigger, has better facilities, and is in a more developed part of town. Unfortunately, the security situation has been deteriorating. A recent bomb attack was only 500 yards from the House, and shattered their windows. But everyone is ok, and the staff continues to protect the children as much as they can.

**The Children** There are currently 30 children living in the House. In December they completed their exams, with quite high marks. The teachers express their gratitude for being able to use Montessori techniques to teach the children, since it WORKS!

**Where are they now?** The teachers recently completed a set of records of the 120 HoF children over the years. This list has been posted to the website, and gives brief information about their lives.



**MEPO in Nepal** This summer, MEPO raised money to help with the earthquake recovery in Nepal. In 2 months, MEPO staff saw 500 patients in health camps, helped fund a toilet-rebuilding project, gave cash and food to displaced villagers, and more. The Nepal report is on our website.



**We all wish you peaceful holidays.**

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## Special Thanks This Year

This has been quite a challenging year in many ways due to security, finances, and natural disasters. The existence of the House of Flowers in jeopardy, and at the same time, Nepal was hit by a devastating earthquake and MEPO felt called to return to help there as well.

We would like to extend a special thanks to all donors of 2015 who rallied to the cause and made it possible to continue the work of serving the children in the House of Flowers, as well as expand support to those in need in Nepal. (The complete list of donors is on the Acknowledgments page of our website.)

The commitment of all donors to the children and people of Afghanistan and Nepal keeps us inspired, and keeps the work going.

**And most of all, we wish to thank Amanullah Nasrat and the entire staff of the House of Flowers in Kabul, for all that they do every day.**



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