

Nazz News

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Dear friends of Nazz Rest Home,

We are thrilled and proud to announce the launch of the Nazz Rest Home website. The website, which is under construction, is in Hindi and English, and you can visit it at nazzresthome.com



One of the nine pages on this website is dedicated to news about activities at Nazz, and this newsletter has been designed to achieve that goal by serving as a link between Nazz Rest Home and the outside world. As you may know, many beautiful souls worldwide have followed the efforts invested in bringing the dream of a shelter for our dear elders to reality.

Construction News

We are happy that the first phase of building the Nazz Rest Home is almost complete, and the structure's two bedrooms are finished; next the doors and windows will be installed and painted sky blue and the building will get a coat of cement on its walls and be painted white.

Construction and Monsoon Rains

Unfortunately, the rains have hampered the work of finishing the remaining work. The monsoon is at its end, and hopefully, work will resume soon. It will be ready by October, allowing Lesley and me to travel there and stay for a few months to serve the community.

Purchase of a Weed Eater

With acres of land and many trees planted, watering and maintaining the grass is a huge task. To make the job easier, we've set up an irrigation system and purchased a weed eater.





Plan for planting more fruit trees

Soon, we will plant more fruit trees and replace the bougainvillea that have died on the boundary fence. The purchase and planting had to be postponed due to the lack of road access caused by the rains.

A water reservoir that works as a pond

During the construction to reinforce the boundaries, we needed soil, so a big area about 15 feet deep was dug at the end of the property, which works as a water reservoir and also as a pond to attract the migrating birds.





The road has been washed away by rain

Nazz Rest Home is situated on farmland, which lacks a proper road. The temporary road, a dusty and rough surface, has been washed away by the first heavy rain and will reopen once the soil dries. The government has approved a road for Nazz, but surveyors have been unable to determine the exact location and direction of the road due to the rain. Once the surveyor marks the land designated for the road, we will start planning for the construction of a permanent road.





There is no electricity at Nazz Rest Home

Sita Ramji made a complaint to the electricity department, and a new replacement was approved. However, it cannot be replaced yet because the road has been washed out.





Sad news of the passing of the father-in-law of Ramji Lalji

We must have mentioned that from the beginning, when we got the land for Nazz Rest Home from Mr. Bajrang, he and his entire family have been the most ardent supporters and have taken care of most of the work, whether administrative or physical.

Naturally, they have become our family, and they have accepted Lesley and me as their family members. That is why when the father-in-law of Ramji Lalji (Son of Bajrangji) passed away, it saddened us. On the left is a picture of the departed soul, and on the right is a picture of Bajrangji and his wife with some of his extended family.





The plan for creating solar energy in Nazz Rest Home

Sita Ramji informed us that the government of Rajasthan offers numerous incentives for those who opt for solar energy, and he will investigate this and complete the necessary paperwork. The first step in harnessing solar energy for Nazz involves installing sufficient solar panels to ensure the water pump can operate during periods of unreliable power supply.

Sharing a few pictures of Nazz Rest Home













Note:

For those who missed the first issue of Nazz News, below are the highlights of goals and dreams for Nazz Rest Home, as well as challenges ahead.

Phase One

In this stage, the work that needs to be done includes:

Purchasing about 7 acres (7 Bhigas) of land (done)

Fencing and its reinforcement(done),

Planting hundreds of trees (done, more than 400 planted)

Digging a deep well and a water pump (done)

Improving the road to the land. (partially done)

Finally, a two-bedroom residence with a kitchen and bathroom for staying, holding meetings, and other activities (done)

Then, we will take the time to research all aspects of the project. Meanwhile, the trees will grow, and landscaping will also be improved.

Phase Two

We hope to have about 25 rooms, depending on many factors that can complicate matters (and eventually up to 100 rooms) for residents and other facilities such as a kitchen, dining hall, entertainment room, physio room, storage, etc.

We need to research many aspects of running and providing a service to protect and integrate the elderly into the community. We must follow the path of sustainability, including solar panels, filtration systems, sewage systems, electricity, and water supply. Additionally, we must consider human resources, such as doctors, physiotherapists, and other related services.

We need to establish strong relations with the villagers and the local school. The fruit gleaned from the trees is for the village. All the people are partners in the project.

We are excited and nervous, and pray that the Creator guides us through the challenges ahead.

For now, we have built a room to get electricity with a limited space for a short stay, and we may use it to stay, do some gardening, and engage in social activities.

We must consult with the authorities about various rules and regulations and navigate through some bureaucratic processes. All these challenges may take a while, and hopefully, by then, the fruit trees will have matured, and the landscape will have become beautiful.

We also need to focus on the financial side of running the place sustainably, protecting the environment, and finding ways to contribute to the betterment of the village of Chabrana, where Nazz Rest Home is situated.

There are so many things that can change, and sometimes we feel overwhelmed, but then we remember how He opened all the doors that had been closed to us.

Here are the goals or dreams we hope to achieve with the help of stakeholders and partners who desperately will need Divine Assistance:

Hopes and Dreams

- To create a process for selecting eligible candidates
- Envisioning processes of integration with different generations in the community
- To plan and execute recreational programs in the Nazz Rest Home and the community
- Consultation with experts in nutrition and other fields of healthcare
- The beautification of Nazz Rest Home Gardens to attract visitors to be part of the integration process (perhaps tours)
- Cutting-edge technology for security, monitoring and sustainability (wastewater filtration for gardens, solar panels, methods of saving water, etc.)
- Budgeting and plans for financial functioning and sustainability
- A system of transportation for the residents and staff
- To create means of communication and the use of mass media
- The use of various methods of healing, such as traditional, modern and alternative medicine
- Creating a garden of medicinal plants
- Emphasis on creating an atmosphere of spirituality for the residents
- Individualized planning and flexibility to meet the needs of the residents
- Inviting professionals and experts as guests from India and abroad who have volunteered to provide a service
- Education and training of the local people to work at Nazz Rest Home
- Maintenance of a healthy relationship with local authorities and governmental departments
- To contribute to the quality of life in the village through empowerment programs, with the goal of ownership by the locals
- Introduction of the beauty and simple life of Chabrana to the outside world through the mass media
- To plan for distributing fruits and vegetables growing in Nazz Rest Home to charitable organizations, the local school, and village residents.
- Involving the locals in maintaining and developing the gardens and buildings.

- Consult with architects to design a cutting-edge plan for a sustainable and comfortable building that meets the needs of residents and visitors.
- To strive to make Nazz Rest Home a place for holding children's classes, Junior Youth Groups, conferences and Summer or Winter Schools.

- Explore the possibility of establishing a trust fund for donations and contributions to ensure the long-term financial security and sustainability of Nazz Rest Home's operations.
- Having proper financial accounting methods and scrutinizing payments to vendors, recipients, and salaries.
- To consult with all the institutions of the Faith for guidance and spiritual support to serve the goals of the Faith.
- To set aside a few rooms for visitors from abroad who have expressed their desire to volunteer and stay for a limited period, offering their services in exchange for their stay.

May the Creator help us bring this dream to reality.

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