



Church World Service-Pakistan/Afghanistan

FEAR & MYSTERY IN INNOCENT LITTLE EYES

NAME : FARIZA RUBBANI
LOCATION : CWS/NCA TENT
VILLAGE SHOHAL NAJAF



Mysterious Eyes, CWS/ACT Tent Village,
Shohal Najaf

Walking through the lanes within the CWS/ACT tent village in Shohal Najaf, one of the CWS/NCA female members came across a beautiful girl who was busy washing dishes. Her eyes were deep and she looked very mysterious. She wasn't feeling comfortable at all and didn't communicate a single word with the CWS/NCA team member. Walking away from that girl the team member bumped into another girl, Fariza Rubbani, who was carrying her school bag and was returning to her tent, her temporary home.



CWS/NCA in collaboration with UNICEF has also initiated a school within the tent village where children are provided with school bags and books.

Fariza seemed very happy and willingly to talk to the new comer and quickly asked; How are you? Where are you from? This was the perfect time to talk to Fariza. Upon being asked she told the CWS/NCA member that she had been living in the tent along with 8 family members for more than a month. Her home was way back in Jaril in the beautiful Kaghan Valley.

Fariza's father had gone further up to the Gilgit Agency in search of livelihood. After the earthquake, he came back to search for his family only to discover his second wife, a son and a daughter had lost their lives in the overwhelming earthquake. He brought the rest of his family down to the tent village via a helicopter and when he was satisfied with the facilities provided there, he went back to his work in the Gilgit Agency.

Turning towards her beautiful little sister, Fariza said that she doesn't talk very much any more. The younger sibling was extremely attached with the sister who had lost her life and she was not being able to recover from the trauma. She didn't go to school either and simply stayed at home to do house hold chores.

Fariza seemed to adjust much better than her sibling. She said that she regularly goes to school and is in the 3rd grade. She loves the teachers and the children who are in the school. She has made many new friends. The only thing that scares Fariza is that she might have to move again and start a new process once their home is rebuilt.

This may be just one story of two little girls, but there are many more similar stories that are hidden from the world. Some of these innocent children may never be able to recover from the trauma caused by the devastation that they have witnessed. However, there are others that brace the future with a lot more hope. CWS/NCA is putting in all efforts needed to preserve their innocence and help them in recovering from the trauma that they have survived through.