



## Dar Elders address Toronto Baraza



Sitting L - R. Shabbir Jeraj, President Toronto Jamaat, Gulam Sajan, Past President Toronto Jamaat, Gulam Najafi, President NASIMCO, Asghar Bharwani, Past President Dar es Salaam Jamaat, Mohamed Dhirani, Past President Dar es Salaam Jamaat, Razak Damani, Past President Toronto Jamaat, Nazir Gulamhussein, Past President Toronto Jamaat. Front Row L - R Kassim Moledina, Shenny Dungersi (Baraza Organizer) Asaf Nasser, Yusuf Siwjee, Sikander Noormohamed, Abdalla Kermalli, Gulam Jiwan, Mohamed Sumar, Murad Hassanali, Back Row L-R Kassam Bharwani, Asghar Dhirani, Ali Amirali, Baker Mehdi, Ebrahim Suleman, Mehboob Siwjee (Mukhi Toronto Jamaat), Bashir Alidina, Pyarali Somani, Shenny Khalfan, Hassan R. Jaffer, Mohamed Kermalli.

The Baraza Group in Toronto hosted four elders from Tanzania on Friday 22nd November, 2013 at the Crescent Village Community Centre. The four guests were, Alhaj Mohamed Dhirani, Past President of Dar es Salaam Jamaat and Past Chairman of the Africa Federation, Alhaj Asghar Bharwani, Past President of Dar es Salaam Jamaat, Alhaj Mohamed Sumar and the Editor of Federation Samachar, Alhaj Munir Daya.

The Session was well attended and included the current Chairman of NASIMCO, Alhaj Ghulam Najafi, current President of Toronto Jamaat, Shabbir Jeraj, the current Mukhi of Toronto Jamaat, Mehboob Siwjee, past Presidents of Toronto Jamaat, the Executive Committee of the Baraza Group and other members and guests.

Mohamedbhai spoke on the history of the community in Africa providing details of the past that many were not aware of. He also talked about how the jamaats in Africa have developed over the years under the umbrella of the Africa Federation. He further addressed a few issues which he considered to be of benefit to Toronto and other North American Jamaats.

Asgharbhai related the history of the Al Muntazir School going back to the days when the community purchased the Korean Cultural Centre in Dar es



Members of the Dar es Salaam Elders Group invited to the Baraza Gathering. L to R: Mohamed Sumar, Mohamed Dhirani, Asghar Bharwani and Munir Daya.

Salaam. The Al Muntazir School was initiated at this Centre and has since spread to more locations in Dar es Salaam.

The President of Toronto Jamaat, Shabbir Jeraj spoke briefly about the Jamaat and said that despite having come from Africa he had not heard much of the history related by Mohamedbhai and Asgharbhai.

The Toronto Baraza was started by Marhum Muhammad Hussein Samji in the summer of 2000. It has been traditional for the group to invite community dignitaries from overseas as guests in order to share thoughts and know more about community developments worldwide. The Africa Federation Chairman, Alhaj Anwarali Dharamsi and the Africa Federation Hon. Secretary, Alhaj Aunali Khalfan have also been guests of the Toronto Baraza.