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Making the Connection between Freedom and Prosperity.

A big thank you to our partners for their hard innovative work making the case for freedom and the prosperity it brings.

Also a huge thank you to our donors without whom none of this would be possible.

Through outreach events for students, seminars for intellectuals, the distribution of mini libraries of classical liberal texts in 8 languages, translations and book publishing and student essay and other contests your joint work and support have made it possible for many to learn, often for the first time, about the power of freedom to provide the opportunities which they deserve.

And all this work is done in countries where freedom is so urgently needed and so little understood including Afghanistan, Armenia, Bosnia, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Malawi, Namibia, Pakistan, Senegal, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Turkey and throughout the Mena region.

From the examples below you can see something of the dedication of our partners and we hope you will be encouraged by the huge interest in and enthusiasm for a better understanding of freedom in areas and languages where this has previously been inaccessible.

Pakistan

Pakistan is an important country in the battle for freedom and the range and strength of our partners is ever more impressive. <u>PRIME</u> and the <u>ASI</u> run student outreaches, an annual week long liberty camp, shorter seminars and workshops and produce papers on

policy. Below 18 young intellectuals are discussing private property, privatisation and ownership rights. Read more....



And just this week Syed Ali a libertarian friend from Pakistan sent us this <u>link</u> to a brilliant audio tape he has made of 'A Beginers Guide to Liberty' published by the Adam Smith Institute and edited by Richard Welling which he found on our CD 'Ideas for a Free Society'.

It really is worth listening to even if you only have time for the Introduction.

The MENA Region

We have collaborated with the <u>Arab Centre</u> in Morocco since they were launched in 2014. Their growth and energy is phenomenal reaching out to individuals and groups throughout the region in many ways.

Here a group is discussing the foundations of liberal thought using texts of Ralph Raico, Ludwig Von Mises and Mario Vargas Llosa.Later it was the power of the state and the third session was Public Choice using texts of Pierre Lemieux and Eamonn Butler. Other sessions included Economic Freedom and development with the help of Milton Friedman and Wolfgang Kasper, crony capitalism with readings from Tom Palmer and Ayn Rand and property Rights using texts from Nigel Ashford and Karol Boudreaux.



Cote D'Ivoire

'Freedom is the Solution for Poverty' is the tag line of the <u>Audace Institut Afrique</u> in Cote D'Ivoire and they took that message to Mali in December 2015. <u>Here</u> they are in a park in Bamako helping a newly formed group strengthen their understanding of the philosophy of freedom and how to promote it. Security in Mali is fragile and brutality and repression all too common. With life expectancy of 51 years compared to a world average of over 80 they are desperately in need of the individual freedom and limited government that would enable them to lift themselves from poverty.



Armenia

'Freeing Minds for a prosperous future' was the title of the liberty camp and essay contest run by the Wide Opportunities Youth Organisation in Tsaghkadozor, Armenia recently. The purpose was to increase the current very limited access students there have to the philosophy of liberty and below are some of the books and Russian and English editions of the mini-libraries on CDs that were available for the participants. Read more....



Burundi

Students at the University of Bujumbura Light, campus Kinindo. with their French mini-libraries on CD. January 2016.



Burundi, like Mali is struggling to emerge from civil war. It is one of the poorest countries on earth and people are desperate for a better life. Students for Liberty is offering them new solutions but there are literally no texts in the country that explain what individual freedom and limited government could offer them and internet is too slow and/or expensive for them to use. Eventually we managed to get them some of the mini-library of classical liberal texts on CDs in French although their government made every effort to keep them out.

These covered only the students who came to their meeting at the first university and they are desperate for 1000+ more for another ten universities. Read more....

Once again a **huge** thank you to our **wonderful donors**, our **inspirational partners** and other friends for all they have done during 2015 to increase understanding of the power of freedom in places where it is so much needed.

Please support this important work in 2016 - there are still millions of people who have no idea that there is a solution to the misery and poverty in which they live and no way to find out unless we can help our partners reach them.

If you believe in the creative power of freedom and want many more people to benefit from it, in the future, we hope you will be inspired by this work and support it in 2015. With a simple click, you can <u>donate</u>, and/or <u>forward to a friend</u>. (You can also <u>unsubscribe from this list</u> if you prefer not to receive these updates.)

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