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Lamond Afghanistan

A Smile for the Camera

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6 First Quarter	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Full Moon	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Jr Day	19	20 Third Quarter	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 New Moon	29	30

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Khodaidad Afghanistan

Khodaidad Library

FEBRUARY

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 
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Lamond School Boys

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11 Isra and Mi'raj	12	13 
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring Equinox
21  Novruz Holiday	22 Novruz Holiday	23	24	25	26	27
28  Passover Begins	29	30	31		Passover (first day)	

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Koshta Afghanistan

Koshta Primary School

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4  Passover Ends Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 	13 Awal Ramadan	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 	28 Victory Day	29	30	

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Doabi Afghanistan

Making Hay!

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Labour Day
2	3 	4	5	6	7	8 Laylat al-Qadr
9 Mother's Day	10	11 	12	13 Eid al-Fitr	14 Eid al-Fitr	15 Eid al-Fitr
16	17	18	19 	20	21	22
23	24 Memorial Day	25	26 	27	28	29
30	31					

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Salaam!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 	19
20 Summer Solstice Father's Day	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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My Travel Companions

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20 Eid al-Adha	21 Eid al-Adha	22 Eid al-Adha	23	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

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Nawur Afghanistan

Fields of Gold

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10 Muharram	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18 Ashura	19 Independence Day	20	21
22  Raksha Bandhan	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Janmashtami	30 	31				

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Khosta Afghanistan

Many Hands Make Light Work

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Rosh Hashana	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Yom Kippur	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25
26	27 Last Day of Sukkot	28	29	30		

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Lamond Afghanistan

We Have Many Schools to Build

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13 	14	15	16
17	18 Mawleed al-Nabi	19	20 	21	22	23
24 Halloween 31	25	26	27	28 	29	30

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Kondiley Afghanistan

We Will Do This Until We Grow too Old

NOVEMBER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 Election Day	3	4 	5	6
7 Daylight Savings ends	8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 
28	29 First Day of Hanukkah	30				

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Lohkak Afghanistan

Hanging With The Boyz

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 
5	6 Last Day of Hanukkah	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27 	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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Navar Lava Domes, Doabi Afghanistan

2020 Cover Photo

Hey Folks:

Covid Curveball aside, the 2020 trip to Afghanistan to check on my projects was a smooth and successful journey and one that I am glad I made. It was only after some careful deliberation, patience and several logistical challenges that the trip came together. This year's trip was a short and sweet one, 21 days door to door. Due to the Pandemic, schools were not in session. This cut down on possible transmission as well as photographs of the students we serve. I had one unexpected session with the boys and girls from Lamond where we started our 50th school. They provided 3 photos for the calendar but that left 9 more months to fill.

Traveling in August versus May showed me a different time of the year and was in all honesty an eye opener. The small green shoots in the spring were now Fields of Gold all over the landscape. Wheat fields for home and market abound. So instead of a few more photos of the children in school it became obvious that we should celebrate the harvest that was going on everywhere we traveled. I reserve the month of July for a photo of the men who travel with us. I chose this photo in part because a number of these men have traveled with me for 19 trips. I sleep in their homes, eat their food and have watched their children grow old enough to accompany us on the road.

The December photo happens more often than the photos of me with a group of schoolchildren in the schoolyard. Not because of the repairs being made to my vehicle that created this opportunity, but because wherever we stop there are children and the children immediately gravitate to me wondering who this odd looking fellow is. The pharmacist in this rundown bazaar informed the children that I was the one who built their school. Ah, Mr. Jon, Salaam.

"We have many schools to build" and "We will do this until we grow too old" are mantras that Mr. Qasimi uses to remind both of us that our work is not finished. It is only because of the financial support from those who receive this calendar that I am able to continue this work. I thank you for your trust and support over the years. None of these schools would have been built without you.

I will be heading back to Afghanistan again in 2021; it will be my 20th year of building schools and visiting villages that have been overlooked by larger NGO's. Enjoy the photos and imagine the untold stories that go along with them.

Peace,
Jonathan



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JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER