



Ahmad Tamim Sahel's life today compared to 18 months ago - nothing short of Astounding



Sahel, he goes by his last name, was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. He received his college degrees in Business Administration and Journalism in Kabul. Kabul is the capital city of Afghanistan located in a narrow valley in the eastern section of the country between the Hindu Kush Mountains. The elevation of Kabul is 5,873 feet with a population of nearly 5 million people. The city is said to be over 3,500 years old.

Sahel worked as a Deputy Accounting Manager for State Corps, an Afghanistan company that did subcontract work for the US Corps of Engineering. He also owned his own studio, Afghan UB Video Production Company, where he shot and edited Music Videos and TV commercials.

Working on behalf of the United States in Afghanistan is risky business - the Taliban consider anybody cooperating with the US as a traitor. After getting several strange visits and phone calls Sahel felt his and his family's lives were in danger, so he decided they would leave the country. Because of his contacts at the US Corps of Engineers he was able to get a special immigration visa Green Card which would allow him to come to the United States and eventually gain permanent residence.

The only people Sahel knew that lived in the US were his three cousins living in Des Moines. They spoke very highly of the city and told Sahel there would be more opportunity for him here than in the larger US cities. He was convinced. On October 6, 2017 Sahel, his wife, Arzoo and his one year old daughter, Diwa arrived in Des Moines.



Sahel said, “Living in a new country I needed to be stronger” and he has lived up to that commitment. Twenty-two days after arriving here he got his Social Security number and driver’s license, bought a car and got a job at Wal-Mart – where he was given a promotion after just 3 months.

The three cousins that convinced Sahel to move here all work in Feed Energy’s Des Moines plant - Maylar Merraj is a Shift Leader, Faisal Tarakai is an Operator and Elyas Mangal is a driver. They like the company, so when there was an opening in the plant they encouraged Sahel to apply. He did and he was hired. After working in the plant a short time Sahel saw a need to help manage the information work flow. Working on his own he developed an excel spreadsheet that tract the basic reports and metrics the plant managers look at every day. John Janiga, Sahel’s manager at the time, said it was a very impressive technical program.

John shared Sahel’s program with management and spoke highly of his computer skills. As a result, when there was an opening in the Accounting Department at corporate they asked Sahel if he was interested. He was, so after two months at the plant Sahel moved to the corporate office as Accounting Specialist.

Sahel reports to Nicole Oberembt, Operations Controller, who had nothing but nice things to say about him. “We are very excited to have Sahel in the Accounting Department,” she said. “He has been a great addition to our team and is exceling in his role.”

Sahel said he is grateful to the people at Feed Energy for the opportunity they have given him. He said it has been a dream come true and he has accomplished goals beyond his expectations.

Sahel said the war in Afghanistan has been going on for 35 years. His father is a veteran and lost his left leg in the war. He feels it is being driven by Taliban terrorists from Pakistan who are trying to create a civil war between the two major tribes - Pashtuns and Tajiks. He said that the terrorist say they are trying to save Islam, but in reality everything they are doing is anti-Muslim. He added that Afghanistan is very rich in minerals with lots of mines which makes it also attractive to the terrorist community.

All of us at Feed Energy are proud to have Sahel as part of our family. When you think of how far he has come in 18 months, both in distance and accomplishments, it’s truly **Astounding**.



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