

Teaching the Divine Principle with a Sandali in Afghanistan

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An Afghan family sitting around a sandali

In the winter they put a pan of coals under a table and cover it with a large blanket. Then everyone sits on the floor cushions in a circle around the coals ("sandali") and cover themselves up with the community blanket.

When I first heard about it, I thought, "ho-hum, how quaint." But in using them, I found such a magical happy feeling of brotherhood persists when all are gathered face to face around a warm "hearth" with time only for talking about God and the world's problems and how to solve them. Even though our house has central heating, I bring in the sandali and teach this way. It's wonderful.