

Beyond Survival

Education as a Pathway to Healing,
Resilience and Community Recovery
after the 2014 Yazidi Genocide

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Yezidies Before 3rd, Aug. 2014

- A peace-loving community native to Iraq and middle east for millennia.
- Education as the path for rebuilding the community.



3rd, August 2014

- ISIS attacked Sinjar.
- Hundreds of thousands fled.
- The town of Shariya like all other places in the region transformed overnight into a refuge for thousands of people.
- Schools and community centers became shelters and teachers became emergency responders.





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What Trauma Looked Like

- Community Trauma
- Children Behavior challenges
- Parents struggled to help while carrying their own trauma.

Survivors of ISIS captivity

“When I first escaped, I was doing better.” Noreen said. “But now I am just thinking about my abduction all the time.”



The Birth of Panaga

- Bringing hope
- Pave the way for kids and families to be able to move forward
- Panaga emerged from teachers and volunteers determined to rebuild hope through education and psychosocial support.





Programs

- Safe Spaces
- Art & Play Therapy
- Character Building
- Pop-up Schools
- Family Visits
- Psychoeducation
- Youth Skills Development
- Emergency Response
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Healing begins
with
human
connections.



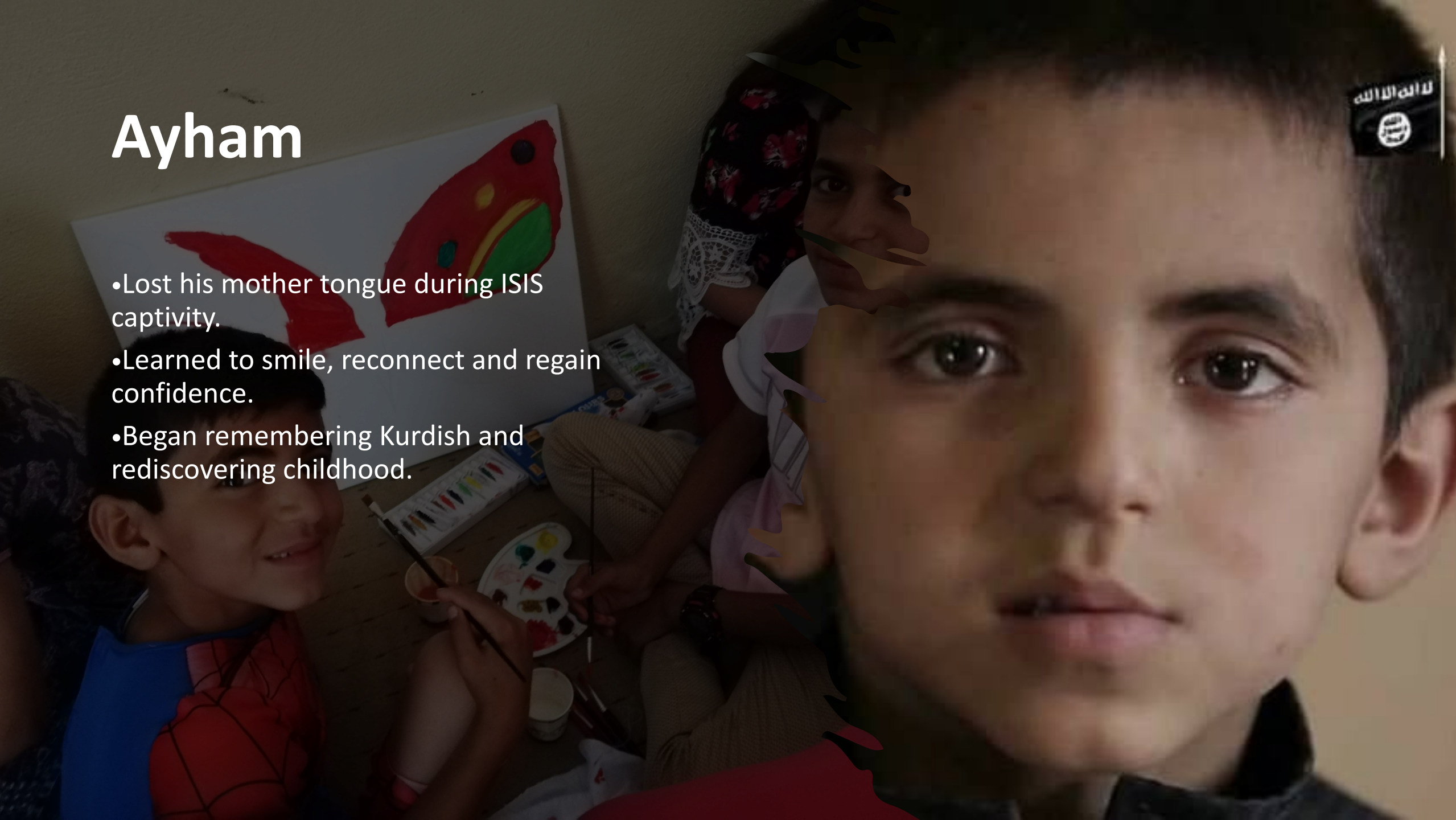
Learn, Make and Feel

"A teacher is like a candle; it consumes itself to light the way for others."



Ayham

- Lost his mother tongue during ISIS captivity.
- Learned to smile, reconnect and regain confidence.
- Began remembering Kurdish and rediscovering childhood.



Zhiyan

- survived from ISIS attacks.
- Our pop-up school comes to her village with the mission to rebuilt trust, friendships, and hope.
- She was around 8 years old has yet never been to any educational programs.





Lessons Learned

- Children heal in relationships.
- Teachers can become healers.
- Families heal together.
- Culture and identity are protective.
- Hope can be intentionally nurtured.

