

FRIENDS OF THE LAZARUS HOME FOR GIRLS

Newsletter Christmas 2006

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Friends and Supporters,

May I take this opportunity to say once again 'THANK YOU' for your prayers and support for our charity.

We have now managed to sort out the difficulties we were having over transfer of funds to the local bank in East Jerusalem and I am pleased to tell you that once again we are able to transfer monies within the legal framework required of us.

The big news is of course that we have given instructions to begin the preliminary work on the new building! This work is mainly about site preparation. It has been a long and, at times, difficult journey but, Praise the Lord, we're off! It is now more than ever before that we need your continuing support.

Meanwhile the work at the Home continues and God's love is being out poured to those children in need. Please hold Samar, her staff and all the children in your prayers at this Christmas time.

On behalf of the Trustees and Committee, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every Blessing for the coming year.

Kevin Dunne

Treasurers report

After a long and arduous task of transferring funds out to the home via international payment, I can now confirm that this has been successfully undertaken with the assistance of our bank manager and the expertise of Ron Joyce of Sadler Joyce, the charity's appointed accountants. Due to the current restrictions and movements of funds out to Bethany, it has taken several weeks of producing information to comply with the current laws that operate in the UK.

I can now confirm that we do comply and back dated sponsorship funds together with Christmas Gift funds have now been forwarded to the Lazarus Home for Girls account in Jerusalem.

I can also confirm that the funds for the first three phases have also been forwarded out to the architect out in Jerusalem.

Fundraising events are still continuing and we held a successful Dinner Dance to boost the building fund, as funds for this event are still being accumulated I will announce the figure in the next newsletter.

We still ask you for your support via the gift aid scheme, sponsorship scheme and the isolated building fund.

Supporters have asked me to confirm what the isolated building fund entails.

The isolated fund means that the trustees have no powers to use these funds. These are funds specifically raised or donated for the building project and are isolated solely for this purpose.

So if you make a donation and you want your donation to go the building project please confirm in you letter otherwise I will place your donation into the general funds.

Once again I thank you all for your constant support; please hold us in your prayers.

Love in Jesus,
Shirley Anderson, Hon. Treasurer

Prayers from Revd David

Prayers for the homes and for peace in the Holy Land. They can be used as biddings in Church Services, for expansion into extemporary prayer, and as themes for meditation.

Mondays For the Jeel Al Amal boy's' Home; for the helpers and teachers at the school; for the safety of the boys and their hopes of a better future.

Tuesdays For the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany; for Samar and the house mothers; for the safety of the girls and their hopes of a better future; for those girls and staff who have been rejected by their families; for getting funds through from the Friends.

Wednesdays For the future of the Lazarus Home; for the new buildings, their funding and for Phase 1 work on the Site; for the order of Sisters to which Samar belongs, that it may take responsibility for the Home and the welfare of the girls.

Thursdays For the peace witness of Alice and Samar and their Jewish women friends; for the wider reconciliation of Jews, Christians and Moslems in the Holy Land.

Fridays For lasting peace and justice in Israel, the Gaza strip, the Palestinian Territories and the Lebanon.

Saturdays For the protection of Israel from suicide bombers; for the overcoming of problems caused by the wall; for the problems and opportunities caused by Hamas as part of the Palestinian government.

Vice-Chairman's Report

Following the last AGM meeting held on the 22nd October 2006, I am delighted to inform you all that I now hold the position of Vice Chair, and project co-ordinator. I will liaise with the appointed architect in Jerusalem. We can now confirm that the contract has been signed for the first (3) phases and the funds as in the treasurers report have been forwarded out to Jerusalem.

Our architect will now apply for a building licence from the municipality for the construction of the new home and it is hoped that work will now commence early 2007.

Once the first three phases have been constructed, the main building will then be constructed on the availability of funds.

As Jesus gave new life to his dear friend Lazarus, help to give a new chance in life to the Lazarus girls and staff by helping us to raise this home in the name of Christ.

Alan Anderson, vice chair