

**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** Give thanks for the Jeel Al Amal Boys' Home, for its excellent education of the boys.

**Tuesdays** Pray for the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany; give thanks for the fantastic prayer support of the Home's Friends and for their fundraising.

**Wednesdays** Give thanks for continued progress in the construction of a new Home; for completion of the en suite bedrooms and the corridor on the first floor.

**Thursdays** We give thanks for all our supporters, old and new; for further fundraising through partnership with the

UK charity Interpal; and for the successful relocation of the girls in their new home.

**Fridays** Pray for the long term future of the Home, owned and now run by the Friends in the UK. We pray also for successful talks with the Ministry of Health on the subject of the proposed Lazarus clinic.

**Saturdays** For the peace witness of the Homes; for the wider reconciliation of Jews, Christians and Moslems in Palestine, in this country and in the US; for lasting peace and justice in Israel, the Gaza strip, the Palestinian Territories, Syria and the Lebanon.

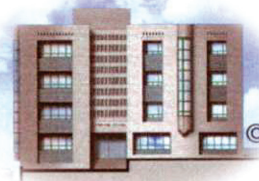
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Home for Girls

# Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany™

Charity's Working Name: Lazarus Home For Girls™ Registered Charty N0-1075024

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2013 WISHING YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

### A letter from the Chair of Trustees

*The Lord watches over all who love Him:  
(Psalm 145 v 20)*

Once again Advent is fast approaching us. We are all preparing our minds and hearts for the true meaning of Christmas which is **Jesus Christ**. I want to reflect on and share with all our supporters the walk in faith we have all taken together and the deliverance of the **Lord's** blessings which the charity has received in fulfilling **His** work for **His** children out in **His** Holy land.

Since the Easter newsletter I am delighted to report the charity's significant and positive progress reached in the fitting out of the new home ready for relocation of the Lazarus girls.

In early 2014 members of the board of trustees will be jointly visiting the project, its representative and financial partners and of course the girls. This will be to coordinate the infrastructure of the new home including the qualified staffing profiles, the further development of the clinic and the self generating project of the kindergarten **"Prayers Please"**

The board of trustees continue to be overwhelmed by your continual prayers and your fantastic financial support and our profound gratitude is extended to all as we all make this final push to relocate the girls.

May you all be filled with the grace that allows us to know **Him** and walk in the blessings of a glorious life.

**In Christ**  
**Alan Anderson**  
**Chair of Trustees**



### Construction Report

*'Unless The Lord Builds The House Its Labourers Build In Vain.'*

You may recall in our Easter newsletter work was progressing on the first and second en-suite bedrooms. Thanks to our supporters generosity and procurement of a grant we have now completed en-suite bedrooms, corridors and common area's to the first floor. This also includes the completion of all floor and wall tiling, electrical, hot and cold water supplies including pressure testing of pipe work, sanitary ware, doors and frames including aluminium window shutters, guard rails and internal decoration. The rooms have been cleaned and made ready for occupation. It is intended to procure further funding for first floor kitchen area and administration offices and entrance lobby area. This would allow accommodation for the present girls and new staff.



Once the girls have been relocated it is our charity's mission to complete the second and third floor which would then allow for the accommodation of 76 girls and staff.

Following a meeting on the charity's behalf our representative Ibrahim A Younan, the Mayor of Bethany, members of the council and a representative from the Ministry of Health and a visit to the new home dialogue has now been opened for potential funding for the clinics and kindergarten. This will be followed up with the forthcoming Trustees visit early 2014.



We are children of the promise we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward till the race is finished and our work is done we walk in faith and not by sight

## Sponsorship News

Our representative has made a visit to the girls, where they were all found to be well and attending school. The one question they asked was "When are we going home?" As you have read in the chairs reports with your fantastic financial support we are endeavouring to make this a reality as soon as humanly possible.



## EVENTS

### Snow Runners

The severe weather warning of snow winds and travel disruption was being forecast as we set off from Newcastle on our journey to Winslow Manchester to compete in the Winslow half marathon in aid of the Lazarus building projects.



The charity's chair Alan Anderson was the dedicated driver who was given the responsibility of getting us all safely to Manchester. Blocked roads, partially closed motorways and snow drifts were the order of the day but some 5 hours later we safely arrived at our destination - **Praise the Lord**. Good hot food with a well earned night's sleep was well deserved by us all. An early breakfast of hot porridge set us up for the daunting task of running the 13.1 miles in snow and ice.

In -5 temperatures and deep snow Nicki Scott and Debra Baker were on the start line with woolly hat and mittens and I pods of spiritual music the girls set off on this mammoth challenge of 13.1 mile run. The atmosphere was electric as they started off with hundreds of other runners racing to help others in need. A record run of 2hrs was the order of the day their best time ever both Nicki and Debbie felt exuberating as they were being carried along by the power of the Holy Spirit. The next challenge was to return safely home and thanks to Alan's vast driving experience and his knowledge we are returned safely tired but very grateful for a most spiritual and rewarding event which raised in excess of £2,500 +gift aided donations to be claimed.



We all say a big thank you and ask our Lord to richly bless you for answering His call to Help His children.

### Green Fingers Raise Funds For The Lazarus Building Fund



The trustees extend their profound gratitude to Syliva Austin, her family and her team of supporters in her quest to raise funds from her coffee morning and plant sale. What a wonderful way to fund raise whilst enjoying coffee/tea and homemade cakes with friends and fellow supporters while selecting perennial and annual plants to enhance gardens in the area.

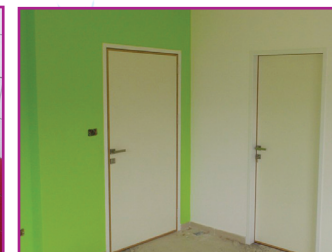
**"Well Done" to everyone who assisted in raising this large amount of funds.**

*If you would like to be included into our newsletter and website please forward a short story with a photograph of your event to the registered office.*

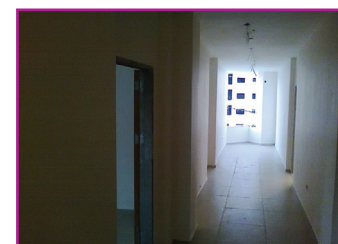
### Financial report: New Partnership Forged



Following a funding application to Interpal a UK Registered charity we received confirmation of our charity's success in the procurement of a £25,00.00 funding award. In order for the funds to be released it was agreed that representatives from the "friends" would travel to London to sign a funding partnership/ contract in order for the funds to be released.



Lazarus chair Alan Anderson, Shirley Anderson in her role as treasurer and Ibrahim A Younan Palestinian representative attended the meeting in July 2013. As you can see from the above photograph, this visit was very successful with the outcome of a new partnership being forged to benefit Palestinian children.



On behalf of all the board of trustees we all extend to the chair and board of trustees at Interpal our profound gratitude for their support and financial assistance in further developing the Lazarus building project.

## Special Birthday Greetings

Please join us in sending our belated birthday greetings to our fellow supporter **Betty Wright (90)**

## Role of Honour

**Sylvia Austin**

**Open Doors Nazarene Church Cramlington**

**St Nicholas Church Cramlington**

**St Mary's Marlborough**

**Mr & Mrs Michael Willis**

**Revd Dorothy Hankey**

**Helen Lockhart**

**Carolyn Clarke**

**The trustees would also extend to all those who sponsor through our sponsorship scheme and to those supporters who give so generously but wish to remain anonymous a very big thank you for your loyal and continuous financial support.**

**Website:** [www.friendsoflazarushomeforgirls.org.uk](http://www.friendsoflazarushomeforgirls.org.uk)  
I am able to post all the latest news; you can also donate via Just Giving, where you can submit a donation via payment or by text.

**Talks:** if your church or group would like a talk (no charge) on the Lazarus project please contact the registered office where we would be delighted to include you into our 2014 diary.