

**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.**

**Sundays** In all our work for children in the Holy Land, we give thanks for the blessings received on our spiritual journey when we walk by faith and not by sight; and that the doors may be opened to forge new links to further God's Kingdom.

**Mondays** Give thanks for the Jeel Al Amal Boys' Home and School; we also pray for its excellent education of the boys and give thanks for this work.

**Tuesdays** Pray for the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany; for the safety and welfare of the present girls; we pray for guidance in securing suitably qualified and vetted staff to be responsible for their welfare.

**Wednesdays** We pray for the relocation of the present girls; and for the necessary preparatory building work.

**Thursdays** We give thanks for all our supporters, old and new, and for their continued prayers and encouragement; for further fundraising through

the UK charity Interpal; and for our chair's and treasurers visit to Interpal's 20th anniversary symposium on the challenges faced by humanitarian and development agencies working in difficult and dangerous environments and the potential way forward for Palestine, with prominent speakers and guests from the United Nations, NGOs, Parliament, academia and the media.

**Fridays** Pray for the long term future of the Home, owned and now run by the Friends in the UK; and we give thanks for the dedication and faithfulness of Ibrahim, our architect and local representative; and we pray for him in all he does for us.

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

**Revd David Attfield**



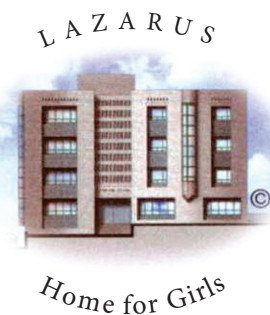
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# Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany™

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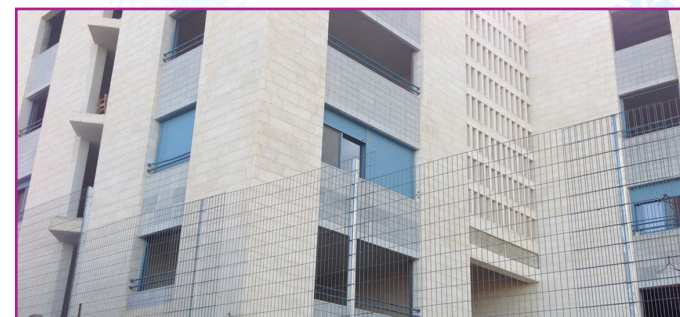
## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014 WISHING YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

### A letter from the Chair of Trustees

*For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude. Timothy 4:4*

Reflecting on my Christmas letter I recall the above bible verse which tells us that God will intervene and help us by giving us His undivided attention to our immediate needs!

Since our journey began this has been demonstrated over and over again. Our spiritual journey as we have all walked in faith and not by sight has taken the charity to nearing its goal of relocating the girls into their new home.



With the blessings of your continued prayers and fantastic financial support the work has gathered pace as you will read in the construction report.

As I speak on behalf of all the Lazarus trustees I can only reiterate their overwhelming gratitude for walking this journey with us in reaching those who need the most and yet have the least the "Lazarus 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**

### Construction Report

*Build on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Ephesians 2.20*

A new goal has now been reached in our quest to complete the first floor accommodation areas. Tiling and finishes to the kitchen preparation and large dining room areas including electrical work, heating services and decoration have now been achieved.

The welfare and security of the Lazarus girls and staff is a major priority of the "Friends" and the Palestinian Social Services.

Thanks to your fantastic fundraising, donations, sponsorship and further grants this has now allowed the charity to embark on the protection of the new home by the commencement of installing security double doors to the basement, ground floor main entrance area and all fire escape routes to all floors and roof area.

Instructions have been forwarded out to our architect to commence the installation of security window guards to the ground floor windows and the completion of the external perimeter security fencing to the rear and sides of the building including flood lighting.

Costings are now being prepared for our next phase to partly complete the ground floor administration area and external landscaping including the erecting of the stone wall to the front entrance area complete with wrought iron security gates and CCTV to both the internal and external of the building. Once these costing have been received and funding has been secured work will commence and the charity will update our website and newsletter.



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, the promise of God.



*'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.'*

As a church flower team member, it was my privilege and honour to dedicate my recent Flower Festival floral window arrangements to our late sisters and brother in Christ; Joan, Gordon, Mary, and Doreen. Just as Jesus gave new life to Lazarus, they were willing to answer the Lords call to give the Lazarus girls a new start in life. Their dedication through supportive prayers, sponsorship, and fundraising were immeasurable. Their memories will live on in the new home as they have all been such an instrumental part of the project in providing a home for the Lazarus girls. Many girls' lives will be changed through education and a safe and loving home where they will be allowed to be children.

As Jesus promised us they will now be receiving all the treasures they stored in heaven from the One who is worthy of all our praise, our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Until we meet in heaven may we all leave you in the Love of Jesus.

## Treasurer's report

As you will have read in the construction report the charity has been awarded two further grants of £25,000 and £15,000 from our partnership with Interpal. **Praise the Lord.** These grants, together with your fantastic fundraising donations and sponsorship, have moved the charity nearer to relocating the girls. The trustees would also like to

extend their gratitude to those who are supporting the charity in memory of a loved one. The new home will provide a memory book which will be on permanent display in a propioate place and available to all visitors to the home.

The charity has been informed by one of the executors of our dear sister in Christ Joan of a bequeathed legacy left for the Lazarus project. This may not be finalised until possibly early 2015. Of course we will keep all our supporters up to date with the generous legacy and other grants that may be available. Your prayers would be appreciated.

## Soponsorship News

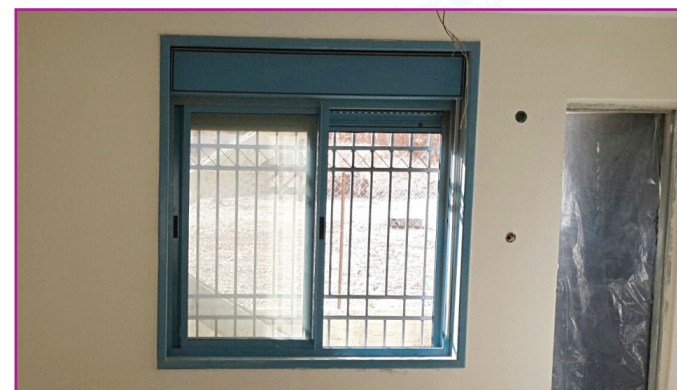
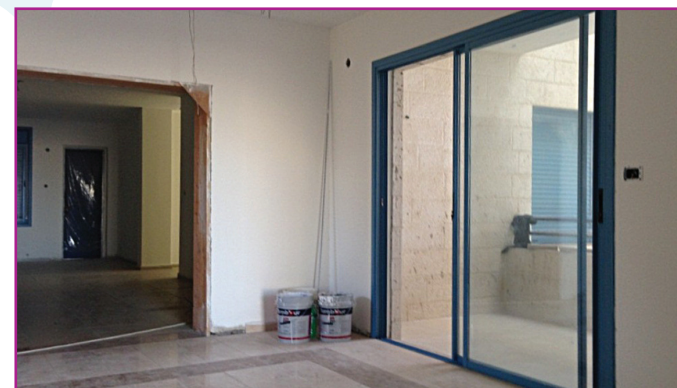


As you may recall the trustees visit was delayed due to our vice chair Michael; needy knee replacement surgery. I am delighted to report that Michael has now made a full recovery and visit plans were re-arranged, unfortunately due to the conflict we were advised that it was not advisable to travel at this time. The trustees are now the process of making new arrangements. In the meanwhile our representative Ibrahim A. Younan is on the charity's behalf supporting the girls and the links with the Palestinian Social Services Department. The girls all weigh heavy on our hearts and the trustees are continually working to make their relocation home as soon as humanly possible.

**Love in Jesus**  
**Shirley Anderson**

## 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 in our 2015 diary.



## Role of Honour

- Sylvia Austin
- Michael Fisher
- Ox Close Church
- Rita Grieves
- Washington & Houghton Trefoil Guild
- Holy Sepulchre Ashington
- St Marys Christian Works Trust
- Revd D Hankey
- Mrs N Allen
- The Bolton & Rochdale District Women's Net Work

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

