

**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 praise our Heavenly Father, when we walk in faith to fulfil His wishes to provide a home, clinic and kindergarten.

**Mondays** Pray for Ibrahim Younan our Jerusalem trustee for his continued dialog on the "Friends" behalf with the Palestinian local authority in our endeavours for the home to become operational.

**Tuesdays** We give thanks for bishop Younan our patron and our future spiritual connection.

**Wednesdays** We hold up all the girls and staff who will be the Lazarus Home.

**Thursdays** We Praise the Lord for all His blessings and the continued work of all our supporters and sponsors who serve Christ in serving the home.

**Fridays** We pray the clinic will become a place of healing and learning for the girls and local community and the contribution they make to peace in Israel and the West Bank.

**Saturdays** We pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of all the new staff required to apply for qualified positions to run the new home.



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## **Christmas Newsletter 2017**

**May you all rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas  
Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year**

### **A letter from the Chair of Trustees**

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3.12)*

As we are fast approaching the season of Advent, which is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, the trustees would like to reflect on the many blessings the Lord has provided since you received your Easter newsletter.

As you will read further on in the construction and financial reports we have further progressed in the charity's aims of providing a much need home clinic and kindergarten.

This can only be made possible by your prayers, most generous and ongoing fund raising and financial giving.

The trustee's extend to you all a very big Thank YOU. Whatever you do, work, at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Col 3 23-25)

This Christmas tide you all will be filled with the love of the one who is worthy of our praise, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ

*Alan Anderson - Chair of Trustees*



### **Construction Report**

*Unless the Lord builds the House its Labourers build in Vain. Psalm 127.1 niv*

As the Easter newsletter reported the local Palestinian Authority has indicated to our Jerusalem Trustee Ibrahim Younan and our new local board they wished to see the fitting out of the remainder of the ground floor by the construction of the new clinic and kindergarten for the local community whilst providing essential humanitarian requirements for the local children and community. Home:

### **Home**

Just to refresh the first floor is fully completed including the administration area to the ground floor. Our local board will continue to liaise with the Palestinian Authorities to achieve the operational occupancy.

As part of the boards remit, they will endeavour to procure local project funding for running costs, salaries and educational projects. The clinic and kindergarten will be self generating projects.

### **Clinic Update: Phase (2)**



Work has now commenced of the formation of the clinic area. The works includes; block and concrete works to form the walls and ceilings. Plastering to walls and ceilings, insulation, wall tiling including aluminium frames which covers approx 40% of the much needed clinic.

We now need to raise funds for the completion of the mechanical and electrical works with a separate costing for specialist medical equipment.

As previously discussed the board has been advised that a doctor and nurse could be made available to run the clinics once it becomes operational.



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.

# Triumphant In Christ Witness to the Lords Blessings

## Financial Report

### CIO Update

I can confirm the Charity Commission is in receipt of the final paperwork for the closure of the old charity The Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls in Bethany Registered Charity NO-1075024. All assets were transferred over to the new charity The Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls Reg NO-1163342 bank accounts with the previous bank accounts being closed.

This transfer does not modify any of the aims of the organisation which was simply completed to bring the charity up to date with appropriate governance so as to protect and support the charity in the future and in the work it has set out to achieve. This will not affect any of the work of the organisation and we will still undertake to update our supporters on all matters affecting the charity. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated and helps us immeasurably in achieving a safe place for the girls who will be in our care to live, learn and develop as you people who are at present times of great need.

With the assistance of our accountant the new charity will register with HMRC to comply to procure the gift aid donations and financial benefits these gifts give the "Friends".

Our trustees extend to Ron Joyce ACCA Accountant and his staff our profound gratitude for their assistance.

## Grant Award

I am delighted to confirm the £20,000.00 grant award from Interpal was received and forwarded out in an International payment transaction towards the clinic and ongoing outstanding construction work.

We have been blessed with financial support from Interpal in our quest to provide humanitarian aid to the local children and community through our projects.

The board of trustees extend to Interpal their profound gratitude for their ongoing partnership and support.

I have also, in my role as treasurer, successfully forwarded out a further International payment from the "Friends" to further assist the ongoing construction work. This is due to our supporter's generosity and financial giving.

## Barclay Sort Code changes

To align with the new banking legislation, Barclays will be changing the sort code and International Bank Account (IBAN) on the charity's account this will transpire during the weekend 11th and 12th November 2017. The bank has also confirmed a time scale of usage of the old numbers of up to 12 months so in theory we can still make and receive payments during this timescale.

Details will be posted when we receive confirmation of transfer.

## Barclay online Account

Barclay online account has now been closed although you can still give through our link with Just giving or forward directly to the charity donation.

## Trustee's annual visit

I am delighted to confirm Alan is making fantastic progress since last summer's major cancer operation Praise the Lord, unfortunately this has further delayed our visit to the project.

We are in contact with Ibrahim and the board where we are kept fully up to date with the progress being

made. Photographic and financial evidence is also forwarded on a regular basis to the UK board of trustees with regular conference call.

## We Are Moving on 24th November 2017

The charity's registered office will be moving to:

70 Ambridge Way  
Wheatfield's  
Seaton Deleval  
Northumberland  
NE25 0PY

A redirection of post will be in place from 24th November 2017. Once the move has been completed the trustees will then discuss the printing of our charity's new brochure, and amend all the letter headed paper and documents.

## Roll of Honour

- St James Church Alnwick
- Revd D Hankey
- Mr J Cooper
- Miss M Woodsford
- Jean Mayhew
- Mrs J Berrisford
- Helen Lockhart
- Langley Church Wives
- Revd Attfield

The trustees also extend their profound gratitude to all those who donated so generously but wish to remain anonymous. Thank you for your loyal and continuous payers and support without which we could not undertake this humanitarian work set before us.

## 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.

## Talks

If your church or group would like to receive a presentation of the Lazarus project (no cost involved), then please make contact with the registered office where we will include you into our 2018 programme.

