

MWA PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR MAY 2013

FOLLOWING IN CHRIST'S FOOTPRINTS

Dear Sisters

What a wonderful time we had in Birmingham on the 12th and 13th April! Thank you so much to the Sisters and Brothers of Sparkhill UC and Hall Green Methodist who welcomed us so warmly. Thank you also to Sr Kathryn Woolford who led our Communion Service.

Our speaker at the morning session was Rev Victoria Bravette a local Methodist Minister who spoke inspiringly and entertainingly on our theme. She urged us all to be salt in our society. During her address she referred to the many charities MWA was giving financial assistance to. The following projects will receive money from us in the next few weeks, given from MWA reserve funds: £1000 to the Bishop Kisanji Girl's Secondary School in Tanzania and to assist with medical bills of Sr Ruth Pem (Leh), £700 to the Ebenezer Home, Mandeville, Jamaica. £500 to the following: Mission for Seafarers, Hounds for Heroes, Hannah House (Leeds), Mary's Meals (Malawi), Textbooks for the Lusangi Moravian Junior Seminary (Sikonge), International Kindergarten in Kathmandu and a seminar in administration for Church Leaders in Lake Tanganyika. £300 was given to Evan McIlwaine towards a youth project in Morocco and £250 to MPIKA relief Fund and Africa Greater Life Mission.

Our projects for 2013-2014 are as follows: £1000 to OSCAR (sickle cell anaemia), £1000 to PIPS a Northern Irish organisation raising awareness of suicide and self harm, £1000 to training teachers in Assam (this is our third and final payment), £500 to Summer Camp and £1500 towards the building of a Girl's Dormitory at Bishop Kisanji Girl's Secondary School (Tanzania). It is impossible in this letter to describe these projects fully, hopefully your District Leader will be able to give you more information when she delivers the report.

Sr Norma Maynard was re-elected as Vice-president and Sr Glenys Marshall as Quarterly Secretary. Sr Hilary Smith agreed to continue as Treasurer for one year and Sr Diane Thornton was elected as our new Devotional Secretary. Our theme for next year will be "With a Little Help from My Friends."

Unfortunately, we did not receive any firm offers for MWA Day next year. If your Circle could host either the MWA Day or Central Committee Meetings or both, please contact me as soon as possible.

The total for the project money as I write is £7443.19 with a little more to come in. This is a fantastic amount of money which I am sure will do a lot of good in people's lives.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper

