

PRESIDENT'S LETTER MAY 2016

MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

Dear Sisters

I am writing this the morning after the night before, so to speak! What a lovely day we had in Birmingham. Thank you so much to the sisters and brothers of Hall Green who provided such a warm welcome – all your hard work paid off! Our speaker, Linda Ramdharry provided us with an inspiring address about recognising what unites rather than divides us – especially appropriate with the current world situation we find ourselves in.

We received £6410 project money on the day. £500 will be given to Summer Camp, £1500 will be given to the Camphill Village Trust and a further £1500 will be given to complete the interior of the Girl's dormitory at the Bishop Kisange School in Tanzania.

At the Central Committee the day before we were able to allocate money to the following projects from our reserve fund. £750 each to the ACE Centre, Oldham (IT equipment to aid communication), Medical Detection Dogs (research into examining if dogs can accurately detect prostate cancer), Glass Door (work with the homeless in W. London) and Winston's Wish (provision of bereavement support for children). £1000 will be donated to help Albania complete building work on its youth camp and finally £1000 will be given to the Khokona congregation, Nepal to help purchase land for a new church. You received some information about this in April. Central Committee also decided that the offertory donated at the MWA Day service would also be given to this project and I am pleased to say that £583.45 was received. We think that with Gift Aid this will amount to approximately £650 in total. So, thank you for your generosity. We were able to be so generous with our funds because a decision was taken to transfer some money (£2500) from the General Fund to the Project Fund as the balance in this fund was more than enough to run the organisation. In addition, £2,500 was also taken from the General Fund to set up an emergency project fund. This will enable the executive committee to be able to respond to any emergencies or disasters which may occur in the next twelve months – for example flooding in this country or famine abroad. Our projects for next year are as follows: £750 for Summer Camp, £1500 for the Elim Home and £1500 for refugees – the charity is yet to be decided. The suggestion of refugees came from a number of circles so we felt it was something that was close to the heart of MWA members.

Our theme for next year will be "Come Journey With Me" and as Sr Diane Thornton was re-elected as Devotional Secretary she will continue to provide us with our papers. Unfortunately, we were unable to appoint a new Vice-president or Quarterly Secretary. I will write more next month on this matter.

MWA Day 2017 will be held at Harlesden on 29th April, so put it in your diaries!!

Yours in Christ, Sr Janet Cooper