



Whitefield Christian Trust

Working to provide housing for long serving Christian workers

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News of the Whitefield Christian Trust – December 2006

The work of WCT continues. We want to give you information about our activities and also to thank you for giving to support this work. We also give thanks to our God our Heavenly Father for all that has been achieved in his name and strength.

At the beginning of 2005 we produced an updated brochure outlining the work of WCT and informing readers as to how to give to help the Trust. This was distributed as widely as possible mainly through inserts in GO magazine courtesy of Interserve offices in England and Wales, in Scotland and in Ireland. The result of this has been an increase in donations. Since the brochure's publication we have received almost £30,000 in total. This is wonderful! We are grateful to those who have committed to regular giving through standing orders giving us regular income. Every gift whether large or small is so much appreciated, enabling us to help more applicants. We would like to thank all our donors and encouragers.

We have a good supply of the brochures and if you could use some please let us know. We would also be grateful for ideas to allow for a wider distribution.

As our WCT brochure was distributed and more people became aware of the Trust, we have had more interest in our work. This has in turn led to an increase in applications for help. In the past 20 months we have received over 20 new applications indicating the need for the sort of help we try to offer. When an application is received we ask for information and references so that we can look at each situation and the different needs. As well as seeking to help financially we may be able to give advice which is very helpful especially in planning ahead. We have to prioritise because we do not have the capital to help in every case. Our preferred method is to assist applicants to buy a home with a contribution from WCT as an equity in the purchase price. Wherever possible we try to encourage supporting churches or friends to partner with us in helping to achieve a successful outcome.

The resources of each applicant will vary so every situation is different.

Applications are now coming from mission workers from many different mission organisations and we accept these if they fit our criteria. We hope also that we shall be able to become more widely known as the result of this change. The need is evident but we require more financial support to meet the need.

We have been able to assist 2 ladies in the past year and they are very relieved to be in their own homes without

the anxiety of homelessness. One is **Angela**, pictured right, who worked for many years with Africa Inland Mission both in Africa and in this country. She is now in her own home in Nottingham, the place of her choice, and she is very delighted that this has been possible. Another lady **Elizabeth**, who has worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators for many years and continues in ministry in this country, has been able to renegotiate the finances of her home with the help of WCT taking a weight off her mind.



Work with other applicants is ongoing and at the same time we help some of our previously assisted mission partners when there are property problems or maintenance issues. So plenty to keep us busy! We have welcomed a new Trustee recently. She is Mrs Dawn Weston who worked with her husband and family in Pakistan for some years with Interserve. She is now living in England and continues to work in helping children from mission families (Third Culture Kids).



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Recently while on holiday in Scotland, I was able to visit **Maggie**, pictured right, who lives in Kirkintilloch on the outskirts of Glasgow. Maggie had worked for many years in Pakistan and Cyprus and is now working in the Interserve office in Scotland as Personnel Director. It was a great joy to visit her home which she was able to buy in 2003 with the help of WCT. Her home is ideally situated and in a good location for her work. She even enjoys some wonderful views across Scotland.



We have just completed work on setting up a website in the expectation that this also will bring our work to the attention of more people. So please see for yourself as you click www.whitefieldchristiantrust.co.uk This will be updated regularly. It will allow for on line donations. We trust this initiative will attract more donors.

Please pray for the work of the Whitefield Christian Trust and continue to support us in our work – we cannot help others without your support. ■