



Whitefield Christian Trust

Working to provide housing for long serving Christian workers

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## News of the Whitefield Christian Trust – May 2009

Thank you once more for your support for the ministry of the **Whitefield Christian Trust**. It is so good to know of many friends who continue to express their concern for those who have been long term mission workers. I speak for the **Trustees** as I express our gratitude for your support in prayer and in your giving.

We have had to accept with regret the decision of one of our trustees to resign during the past year. **Dawn Weston** had expected to continue to work with us in WCT but because of increased commitments and also preparation to return overseas for further mission service with her husband, she had to offer her resignation. We want to thank you Dawn for your contribution while you were able to help the Trust. We are glad to announce that from July 2009 Janet Dain has agreed to become a trustee and we are looking forward to her involvement in the work of the Trust.

**Moonyeen Littleton** was one of the first to be helped to find a home through WCT and you may remember her photo in the brochure. Moonyeen continued to enjoy her home in Witney until her death in January 2009. She had suffered with health problems for many years but was always cheerful and positive. We miss Moonyeen but give thanks to God for her life and witness.

We have had a number of applications for help in the past year and are continuing in our efforts to help as many as is possible. It has been a busy year for the Trust with many enquiries and also work in home maintenance. We have helped in the provision of two homes since I last wrote to you. We are glad to report that **Clive and Kathie** are already benefiting from their home, pictured top right, in **Bury St Edmunds**. They wrote recently about their home and what it means to them.

*"We left the UK in our early twenties (back in the early 1980's). We served on the mission field for 25 years, primarily in printing and publishing, (19.5*



*years in Zambia and then 5.5 in Kenya). We knew we would have to return to the UK one day. We returned in the summer of 2006 with two of our four children, (the two older children were already living here, one in London and one in Suffolk).*

*We had no home of our own, so on our return we rented a small bungalow in Bury St Edmunds. Owning a home has always been a prayer, and as we got older was a source of concern too. We had seen God's provision in so many ways in the years overseas, how would this prayer be answered? Imagine Kathie's joy when going through some old files in her new job with SIM / mission agency, she found an article about WCT. We made enquires and we now have a home of our own on a shared equity basis with WCT.*

*Our home is now in a village about 6 miles outside Bury St Edmunds. When we moved in it needed a lot of work doing to it, some of which has been done, and the rest is on the 'to do' list. The children all helped with the initial decorating before we moved in. The garden was extremely overgrown, and that's gradually being brought under control. There are however still 5 plum trees in the front garden! At times, we are amazed that this is now our "own home", and we are truly grateful to God for His provision through WCT. It has not been easy re-adjusting to UK life, but having a home we*



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*can call our own, has greatly helped our family re-integrate into UK life.*

*When we moved in, we had three of our children with us, we are now down to one. The eldest is now serving for two years with OM on the Logos Hope. Our other daughter started university a month after we moved in, and the youngest (still at home) hopes to go to University later this year. Kathie is working for SIM in Projects & Donor Relations, and Clive is working for Scripture Union as their Production Manager. Indeed we can say God is good and that He is a God who provides wherever you are!*

I hope you are encouraged by their story. We have also helped **Pamela** find a home and to settle happily in her new residence after a long period of uncertainty. She writes to describe how this happened as follows:

*I had been given notice that the old almshouse where I was living would close on 31st January 2009 but with just under a year left I had still nowhere to go. It was then in February 2008 that WCT Chairman Margaret Gould got in touch with me to say that they would be able to help me. This was a wonderful answer to prayer.*

*Searching for a suitable house took a while. I was the very last person to leave the almshouses at the end of January and then I spent 3 weeks with my sister and brother in law while final negotiations were worked out. Then on February 21st I moved into a beautiful 2 bedroomed spacious bungalow on the edge of the small market town of **Ross on Wye**, some 16 miles from my former home and nearer to my sister.*

*I am almost overwhelmed by the Lord's provision of this lovely home and of his loving faithful care through the kindness, concern and vision of WCT. The bungalow is far beyond anything I would have considered, being so spacious that friends can stay (something which wasn't possible before and which I very much missed). The conservatory is an extra joy also the garden. So it has really warmed my heart to see the Lord's provision for me through his people and I am so very grateful. My family and friends have been delighted to see this lovely place*

*, unbelievers really touched and others thanking the Lord with me for such a bountiful provision. I pray that I might fulfil the Lord's purpose for my life here.*

I should add that Pamela worked with **WEC in Africa for 30 years** before returning to England. It is a great joy to see her and others like her enjoying these retirement years in their own homes. We have many messages of appreciation.

We are currently working on applications for help from a number of other people facing the same problem and hope we can assist them whether by advice or by making funds available to buy a property on a shared equity basis. None of this would be possible without your help. Pray that we will make wise decisions.

**Margaret Gould Chairman WCT**