

The McCabe Educational Trust

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We are grateful to all the supporters of McCabe who helped us distribute £130,000 to very worthwhile ventures in the last year.

A special **Thank You** to McCabe pilgrims who helped us raise **£15,095** during February - a total of **£45,550** so far this year!

With your help, we will continue helping those in need we encounter on our travels.

The boys at Jeel al Amal support Portsmouth FC !



Barbara Shrubsole, a pilgrim from Bath, recently visited Jeel al Amal Boys Home in Bethany on a McCabe pilgrimage. As a long-time supporter of Portsmouth FC, she was 'upset' to hear the boys talking mainly about Manchester United and Chelsea and thought she would address this problem!

She wrote to Portsmouth FC on her return and the boys were absolutely delighted to receive a gift box full of shirts, notebooks and other Portsmouth memorabilia. The McCabe Educational Trust arranged delivery and our picture shows the delight on the boys faces as they opened the package. Suddenly 'Portsmouth' is the team everyone supports at Jeel! Thank-you to Portsmouth Football Club and to Barbara for her initiative!

... and the girls at Lazarus are not missing out !

The Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls, a charity based in the north east, have sent us these photographs and tell us that construction is now under way at the new home they are funding. The process of purchasing the land and gaining the necessary permissions is thankfully at an end and the girls are looking forward to moving out of their current very cramped accommodation. The funding to complete is not yet in place but work is proceeding in faith. We are working closely with the Friends and have assured Samar and her team of our continuing interest in their wonderful work in Bethany – sometimes in the most trying of circumstances. We will keep you informed of this developing project.



Our partners in Bethlehem

The Trust has two principal partners in Bethlehem: The Al Shurooq school for the Blind and the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation. Overleaf, we have printed a profile of the work at BASR which we would ask you to remember in your thoughts and prayers.



A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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