

# The McCabe Educational Trust

## DIARY OF THE YEAR 2007



### SEPTEMBER

**We are grateful to all the supporters of McCabe who helped us distribute £66,000 to very worthwhile ventures in the last year.**

A special **Thank You** to McCabe pilgrims who helped us raise **£8,641.72** during September, and a total of **£91,539.58** so far this year.

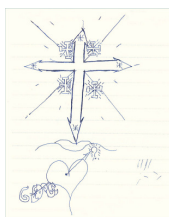
With your help, we will continue helping those in need we encounter on our travels.

#### News from Dr George Duerr, Principal of the Talitha Kumi School, Bethlehem



During the summer we were able to organise school excursions for all of our classes under the supervision of their teachers. These excursions took us away from the tense atmosphere in the West Bank to a relaxed one in the green North of Israel. There was a feeling of great joy and delight among our students, but sadly some of the teachers were unable to participate as they were not granted the necessary permission to enter Israel.

Dr Duerr reports that access tunnels previously used by pupils coming from Jerusalem and outlying Palestinian villages are now closed making it almost impossible for pupils living outside the separation wall to attend school. A constant concern is the great poverty surrounding the school and the desperate conditions in which many of the parents live.



**The community at Talitha Kumi rely on the support of friends and sponsors and we at the McCabe Educational Trust are proud to be associated with the school through our sponsorship of George & Jihan.**



*Jihan writes that her year has been full of interesting activities including a Mother's Day celebration and a fun Open Day at the school but the highlight was the school trip to the Galilee!*

#### also from Bethlehem .... Helen Shehadeh writes to us from Al-Shurooq

For our annual excursion, we decided to visit Emmaus, the village in which our six year-old Mohammed Al-Fakih lives. His grandparents run a public swimming pool, and as we were offered free entrance, we took the chance. Only a few years ago, it took us at the most fifteen minutes to go from Jerusalem to Emmaus; yet, today, it took us two and a half hours each way. We had to go first to Ramallah, and then traveled west through several isolated villages on rough and narrow roads. Once there, the children spent all day in the pool having a marvelous time. This trip made us appreciate the trouble and expense encountered whenever parents bring a child to and from our school. For Palestinians living in the country, life is made more difficult day after day, with the apartheid wall encircling round every area. Sadly, no one is encouraged to visit Bethlehem any more, despite its beauty and its Christian history.

**Please read overleaf the exciting development NOW happening at Al Shurooq and how you can help!**

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## A NEW BUILDING FOR AL SHUROOQ

Helen Shehadeh's work in the Beit Jala district of Bethlehem goes from strength to strength. At present 25 visually impaired children stay on the premises under the care of housemothers. Lessons are given in Arabic and English, and children who can cope with it are sent to main-stream education, where they continue to be supported. **Exciting times!** A new school and home is under construction and is being purpose built. Currently it is at first floor level. £150,000 has been raised through donations and a further £200,000 is being provided from a United Nations Fund. The work is on schedule to be completed by Easter next year.

Helen has just launched an initiative to raise funds to pay for the interior fitting of the building. Below is an example of how you or your church could sponsor the furnishing of a classroom or a bedroom or a computer room. This is a picture of one of the classrooms that you or your church could provide funds for. There are 32 rooms in total. You can view the idea in detail on the Al Shurooq website: [www.nsfvh.org](http://www.nsfvh.org)

**TO HELP** send your cheque or credit card donation to the McCabe Educational Trust. *Giftaid it* and we will add the tax rebate and forward the total funds to Helen. Together we can help make Helen's dream a reality!



<b>You could furnish a Class room</b>		<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
This is the cost for each classroom				
Chairs	Unit	11	£30	£330
Wooden Table(120*55) cm, covered with oak veneer and solid wooden edges, with steel legs.	Unit	6	£120	£720
Vertical Shutters	M2	5	£3.75	£18.75
Wooden Cabinet 120*40*200 cm, covered with oak veneer and solid wood edges.	Unit	1	£325	£325
<b>Total</b>				<b>£1,393.75</b>