

# The McCabe Educational Trust

## DIARY OF THE YEAR 2007



## JUNE

**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 **£4,655** during June, and to a total of **£72,573** so far this year. With your help, we will continue helping those in need we encounter on our travels.

### NEWS FROM DADUWA

Twelve years ago McCabe Pilgrimages and the McCabe Educational Trust combined to provide the funds for a school to be built in a remote region of Nepal. Our money and a willing volunteer workforce from the area brought this project to completion, creating the only school for miles. Today children from Daduwa and the surrounding villages are reaping the benefit. The Revd Andrew McCabe visited the school this month and sends this report:



My trip to Daduwa was exhausting but it was well worth the effort. The village elders had pulled out all the stops to give me a Royal Welcome. We went up the mountain by jeep on a very rough road and at the entrance to the village the musicians took over and led me to the top of the hill to the school. On the way, I was smothered with garlands of flowers. There are four hundred children attending the school and it seemed every child had a garland of flowers to offer to me!



After the Headmaster made his speech I was given the opportunity to express my appreciation for the wonderful welcome they had given to me and to say a word of encouragement to the children. I conveyed greetings from McCabe Pilgrimages and presented the school with volleyballs, a volleyball net and a pump to inflate the balls. I also had the opportunity to meet the children in their classrooms. The school needs to be upgraded to a High School and we should consider trying to provide the money required to do this.

There is a marble plaque on the front wall of the school expressing the appreciation of the people of Daduwa to McCabe Pilgrimages for providing this school for their children and those of the surrounding villages. Before leaving the village I shared a meal with the village elders. On leaving, I thought to myself "Where in the world would one go to experience the kind of welcome we received today and such expressions of love?" I felt humbled and honoured.

**Let the McCabe Educational Trust be a channel for your charitable giving**  
Send a general purpose donation OR send a specific donation  
Remember The McCabe Educational Trust in your will  
Become a regular donor to the McCabe Educational Trust with a standing order

**All administration costs of the McCabe Educational Trust are met in full by McCabe Pilgrimages.**

## **BASR** **Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation**

McCabe pilgrim groups are often hosted to lunch at BASR where they meet the Director, Edmund Shehadeh and see first hand a remarkable work of comprehensive care in a Bethlehem now sadly isolated behind the separation Wall. The McCabe Educational Trust and the McCabe pilgrims who visit are helping maintain this work which survives *entirely* on voluntary donations.



**The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation (BASR)** began as a Cheshire Home in an old house in Bethlehem, providing care for a few physically disabled children. After it was handed over to the Bethlehem Arab society in 1975, the work grew and, in 1990, the society's dream came true when land on Beit Jala hill, on the outskirts of Bethlehem, was bought and a new, purpose-built, centre erected. Care has been taken with the architecture to ensure that the residents do not feel shut in and there are big windows with lovely views over Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, lots of plants and bright colours everywhere.



**The society helps badly disabled young children** and is able to give intensive treatment, including surgery, usually over a three to six month period, after which they return to their families. The centre concentrates on early intervention (which often prevents more serious disability) and as the children are very young, the mothers spend a lot of time at the Centre where they learn how to care for their children when they return home. Many staff are themselves disabled and a witness to the children and mothers that disability need not mean a lifetime of dependence.

As well as good medical care BASR provides school lessons to the children during their time at the Centre and there is a busy outpatients department, a hydrotherapy pool and Orthopaedic workshop.

### **A Success Story**

From Belper in Derbyshire a heart-warming story of individual donations, raffles, teachers and parents from a local school, a carol service and a toy fair. The result was £1,750 and the prospect of a completely different life for one Palestinian girl.

Suha Thawabteh is a four year old girl living near Bethlehem with developmental delay and club feet. She also has vision problems. On pilgrimage last November, this party from Belper saw the need and decided to do something about it. Gifts such as this are life changing and central to the ethos of the McCabe Educational Trust as we seek to help those in need we encounter on our travels.



When the new building opened in 1990 BASR was able to expand its brief to include work with older children and adults providing medical treatment and rehabilitation services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. Vocational training was also introduced together with a workshop and hostel for young people. In the wider community BASR operates day-care centres completing its comprehensive caring brief in the Bethlehem area.

For more information visit the BASR website: [www.basr.org](http://www.basr.org)

**It is a sobering thought that without the help of Christian partners overseas the work of BASR and other organisations like it simply would not exist.**