

The McCabe Educational Trust

DIARY OF THE YEAR 2006

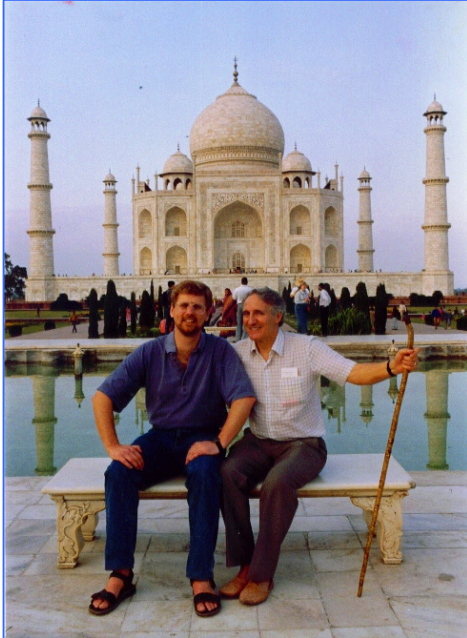


OCTOBER

We are grateful to all the supporters of McCabe who helped us distribute £42,000 to very worthwhile causes last year.

A special **Thank You** to McCabe pilgrims who helped us raise **£2,792** during October and **£49,958** so far this year.

With your help, we will continue assisting those in need that we meet on our travels.



Rev Moses Donaldson

We sadly record the death of “our” Moses, one of the founding fathers of McCabe Pilgrimages and a great supporter of the work of the trust. The picture here is of Moses and Alistair in India with a party en route to Dr Graham’s Homes where we still support two boys through their education.

Moses faithfully led many parties to the Holy Land, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt and Oberammergau, as well as to India and Nepal, over a period of twenty five years. He conducted the wedding of Lynne and Alistair and each Sunday preached in the robes he inherited from Alistair’s father, George. We have lost a real cornerstone of our life and work at McCabe. Moses funeral was conducted with church and overflow hall full to capacity and many happy stories told of his rich and varied ministry.

We have received a cheque for £1,447 from friends and family attending the funeral. Mary Donaldson writes: “Moses and I have visited the boys and girls schools in Bethany and Moses always said he would love to do something for them. Sad it is that it should be his death that brought this about” We are forwarding this money to Bethany where it will be shared between the Jeel al Amal boys home and the Lazarus home for girls. This money comes at a time when both schools are in dire need with insufficient funds even to pay monthly food bills.

We are so grateful for the life of Moses, for his warmth and laughter and total commitment to Christian service. Moses will live on in our continuing support of the boys and girls in Bethany, a cause dear to both his and our hearts.

Dr Graham’s Homes in Kalimpong

As a trust we are supporting two boys through their education in this wonderful school in the foothills of the Himalayas. We also know that as a direct result of McCabe visits, many other children are sponsored directly by supporters throughout the country. This month, two more children began school as a result of the direct sponsorship of regular McCabe travellers. We and they are very grateful ! Read all about the school and how you can help on www.drgrahamshomes.co.uk

Grants Delivered October marks the end of our financial year and is the time when we ensure that all monies sent to us during the year have been safely delivered. We were able to send further grants totaling £20,000 to the boys and girls homes in Bethany, the Al Shuruq blind school and Rehabilitation Centre, both in Bethlehem and also a donation to our friends at the Sunshine School in Jerusalem.

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Andy Webster visits: JEEL AL AMAL BOYS HOME IN BETHANY

I recently travelled to Jerusalem and from there made the (once) short journey over the Mount of Olives to the village of Bethany and the Jeel al-Amal Boys Home.



Life is difficult and trying in Bethany with many restrictions on what we would consider a ‘normal’ way of living. Once a short hop from the Old City, my coach takes a lengthy detour around the new Israeli security wall. The staff at Jeel are concerned that when the wall is finished they may no longer have access to Jerusalem. **Will pilgrims still be able to visit them?** Already it is a longer journey and we are grateful to all those groups from McCabes who continue to make the trip.

The school continues to work its magic. There are 72 boys living in the Home and an additional 100 (mostly boys) attend the day school.

NEW is the Lazarus Girls Home where 30 girls live. The girls attend the local Russian school, where fees are payable for an excellent education.

NEW on the scene is Charlie’s Bakery. Staffed by two former Jeel boys, the bakery sells bread commercially in Bethany and raises funds for the school.

When I first met the twins four-year old **Rami and Ramzi and their brother Ahmed**, they were nervous and shy to the point of being withdrawn and tearful. Five years later, they were among the first to greet me and the confidence and happiness they project is immediately apparent.

The authorities were reluctant to allow Abdullah to attend Jeel at all because of the nature and severity of his disabilities. The Abdullah I met on this visit has become a boisterous handful of a boy who fits in easily with his schoolmates.

These boys are a great tribute to the care and work of Alice, her daughter Samar, and all the staff at Jeel and the special atmosphere of love and security they create.

Sadly, the needs are particularly great at the moment as the homes struggle to meet monthly food bills and staff wages. Much outside aid has been reduced or stopped, partly due to concerns over the new Palestinian government and partly due to the recent conflict in the Lebanon which has resulted in a drop in visitor numbers.

The Jeel al Amal Boys Home and the Lazarus Home for Girls rely totally on voluntary donations. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. Your contributions ARE appreciated and are enormously beneficial.

Please make cheques payable to “The McCabe Educational Trust”. The FULL amount of your donation will be speedily forwarded to Jeel and Lazarus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION look up the supporters website: www.friendsoflazarushomeforgirls.org.uk or buy the book: **In Which Language Does a Child Cry ?** - the life of Alice Sahhar and the history of Jeel al Amal – author David Hughes. Price £5.99 + £1.50 pp available from The McCabe Educational Trust.



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