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# **Charity Donations**

Thank you to all the friends of Jah-Jireh and others who give us their continuing financial support. You may be interested to know, that your donations mean that we are currently able to provide charitably funded care for 6 brothers and sisters who are unable to fund themselves, and who have been refused funding by local government.

### **A New Range Of Leaflets**

Further to the announcements in our last newsletter, we have produced a new range of leaflets to help show how we would like to go forward at Jah-Jireh. For example, we would really love to have a friend of Jah-Jireh in every congregation, so that they can act as a point of contact, and inform congregation members about Jah-Jireh as needed for example, letting them know about the availability of respite care, or passing information about how to work at Jah-Jireh for those who would like to, and are in a position to provide hands on care for our elderly ones. These leaflets, entitled as shown below, available by post or e-mail, or can be downloaded www.jah-jireh.org/download.shtml (the information downloads page on our website). As new leaflets & downloads are produced, we will make these available too.

Donating to Jah-Jireh Becoming a Friend of Jah-Jireh Pre-Bookable Respite Care

Supporting a New Home in Medway Charity Funded Care

#### **About Our Trustees**

Jah-Jireh Homes is a charity, and as such has trustees. Who are they? You can see just who they are by taking a look at the Charity Commission website, but perhaps more importantly, what qualifications do they have? First and foremost they are spiritual people who are interested in the welfare of elderly brothers and sisters. Some have spent years caring for elderly ones personally. Others have come into contact with elderly ones in the course of their spiritual activities. A number of them are elderly themselves, and understand the problems of growing old in this system of things and still keeping spiritually active, so can positively identify with those who need caring for, and want to help in supplying that care. Some have been in the truth for 50 and more years, and still continue to serve their brothers & sisters faithfully. Others, too young to have spent that amount of time serving Jehovah are nevertheless shepherds and teachers. Many of them carry out lots of other spiritual duties alongside their activities as trustees - working with HLC's, RBC's, circuit and district convention arrangements. None of them have any personal financial interest in the charity or it's assets, but work selflessly in the interests of our residents.

#### **More Friends of Jah-Jireh**

We would love to have at least one friend of Jah-Jireh in every congregation in the country, in addition to friends in other countries. Can you help us to do this? We have included some copies of our leaflet entitled "Becoming a Friend of Jah-Jireh". If you know of any brothers or sisters who would like to join our "friends", please give them a leaflet, or tell them they can download it from our website. Ideally we would like to contact everyone by e-mail, so if they can include an e-mail address that would be very helpful. If you would like us to contact you by e-mail, please send us an e-mail, to friends@jah-jireh.org, giving your name, address and e-mail address. We will then update our records. Thank you very much for your help.

## **Life Story: Doris Broom**



Sister Doris Broom came in contact with the truth in 1946 when a sister placed the green "Let God Be True" book with her. In 1949 a pioneer sister called, and after a few visits, a study was started in 1950. Her husband was not at all pleased with this.

Prior to the pioneer sister's call, Doris had been praying to God with lots of questions. Now Doris was getting the answers from God's Word. Like Jeremiah, she just had to tell others about the "Good News". Doris had many blessings in the ministry whilst in Oxford. She had some wonderful studies with university students who were Japanese, Chinese, Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, Portuguese, and many others language groups.

Sadly her husband died in 1971, but Jehovah gave her the strength to cope. Although her husband didn't show any interest in the truth, he did allow for both the evening book study to be held in their home and meetings for field service. Doris then had to care for her mother and father for a number of years until their death. Again Jehovah helped her to endure by providing her with three Bible studies, two of whom came along into the truth.

Over the years Doris has been a regular pioneer and has auxiliary pioneered many times. She has always been grateful for Jehovah's help and blessings, particularly in the ministry.

In 2009 Doris moved into a Jah-Jireh Home because of ongoing health needs. Although over 90 years of age, Doris quickly became involved in the ministry and the meetings and always enjoyed the preparation of the Watchtower study at the Home with her brothers and sisters. Doris still keeps in touch with old friends using email. She never misses a meeting at the Kingdom Hall and participates well. Every day, weather permitting, Doris walks around the block and engages in the ministry. She conducts two Bible studies which are held in the Home, with one lady travelling some distance to have her study.

After all the years serving Jehovah and caring for others, Doris is now well cared for in the Home and by all the brothers and sisters in the local congregation.

#### **About Our Residents**

What can we learn from our residents? Certainly how to be happy despite changes in circumstance. Many would love to be able to care for themselves still, but can't. But this doesn't stop their spirituality and their Christian unity from shining through. Many have spent years serving Jehovah, some in special aspects of theocratic service, others in local congregations like the majority of us. They don't let age and infirmity stop them from attending meetings when they can, or viewing/listening in if they are physically not able to attend. They still share in preaching when they can, perhaps talking to people on the street outside the Home where they are living. Others are still able to share in the ministry with members of the local congregation.

They too face challenges. Being dependent on others is a big change, perhaps living with many others when used to being alone or with just one or two others in a home. Christian love has to be put to the fore when living with others who have had to face changed circumstances, and maybe are limited as to what they are able to do for themselves and how they can treat others.