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## Newsletter

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We thought we would let the pictures from a recent garden party held in Leyland speak for themselves. The weather was lovely with a variety of entertainment and games outside on the lawn including singing, performances, quizzes and an owl and hawk display from a local bird of prey sanctuary. Many visitors came to spend time and support either their family or friends at Jah-Jireh. Many other volunteers came along to support the staff and a traditional high tea was served in the dining room for all the guests. Such a lot of preparation goes into these summer events, the only thing that cannot be prepared for is the weather. However, our home in Blackpool still held a very successful garden party that was enjoyed by everyone, despite the inclement weather!









#### **Charitable Funded Care**



We would like to remind you of our charitable funding arrangement open to elderly brothers and sisters who are in need of care, but the local authority, social worker or council have refused funding.

Although your funding has been refused, this does not mean you cannot access our care provisions. Our charitable funding arrangement may help and in this way we feel the arm of Jehovah is not cut short towards those who need care.

#### How does Jah-Jireh provide this?

The board of Trustees have approved holding 15 places for charitable funding and we currently have 10 places still available. This is paid for by kind, regular donations.

### On what basis have the Trustees approved this?

Jah-Jireh is a registered charity established to care for elderly Jehovah's Witnesses in need, therefore the Trustees feel that this provision should not be determined by a persons' finances. The Trustees have given special consideration to our income and charitable donations and feel very strongly that a persons' needs should be met even if funding is not available from an external source. It is

presumed by us that the individual has no access to funding from any other source.

#### What is the process in place to access this provision?

The body of elders along with the person concerned should consider the circumstances of the individual and decide whether to recommend them for such care. The elders can then write to our Admissions Department at our head office. The application will then be negotiated with the person or through a chosen relative or friend who will act as contact person.

#### What is the source of our confidence?

Jehovah our God is the great Carer. On this basis the Trustees have full confidence that the finances for charitable funding will continue and "Jehovah will see to it" (Jah-Jireh) This confidence is gained from texts such as: Isaiah 46:4; James 1:27; Proverbs 3:26-28.

# SOUTH EAST PROJECT The Medway Towns

On 28 August 2014, the three brothers who make up our Building Committee, along with our appointed architects, attended a meeting with the local councillors of The Medway Towns to make an architectural presentation of our proposed project and explain the ethos behind it.

The planning officers responded very well and commended the architects for their explanation of the amendments and design process.

We were greatly encouraged by their enthusiasm as to how soon we could present our final application to them, so these are very positive developments.

However, there are still hurdles to overcome, but as James 5:16 says: "a righteous man's supplication has a powerful effect". We are confident that with your sincere prayers and a blessing on the final part of our finances, this project will be a success.

#### **DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES**

We would like to thank the staff at all of our homes for their support during the recent international conventions Britain. As all the conventions were held on the same weekend, apart from Coventry, presented a challenge that took a lot of forethought and planning in order to have enough carers on duty to look after those unable to attend a convention.

Our staff however, were amazing and were willing to attend conventions in other countries or

attend a week later in Coventry so that they could help us. Their continued support and personal sacrifices to look after our faithful elderly ones in their time of need is really appreciated. Thank you.

