

## MORE THAN 20 YEARS WITH JAH-JIREH!

**Happily married for 76 years this year, George & Phyllis Reed moved into Jah-Jireh in 1995. In fact they featured in one of the very early issues of our newsletter\*.**

**They came into the Truth in 1942 and have served in a number of congregations in the South of England. Their daughter, Rosemary, serves in the Japan Bethel with her husband. Since being mentioned in the newsletter and from word of mouth, old friends from former congregations have been able to reconnect with George and Phyl.**

“We were living in Greenwich and George’s health became poor. We heard that there was a Jah-Jireh planned for Croydon, so we asked to go there but then we found out that Croydon was not going to happen at that time. We felt to be with Jehovah’s Witnesses was the natural place to choose so when we were asked if we would like to try Jah-Jireh in Leyland, we thought we could always move to the South later. We moved in and after 10 days we knew we would be happy to stay.

“We found it easy to adapt to living in a care home because this is our 23rd home since being married! We have pioneered all our lives and are used to staying with brothers and sisters. As special pioneers we got used to change and spending time with different people. There are meetings for the ministry twice a



week and we managed to carry on regular pioneering at first, and the brothers helped us to get to the meetings.

“We read the days text together in the morning and we are able to spend time throughout the day studying the Bible together as a family. Even though George is ill, he prays from the heart to Jehovah and all our married life he has said a bedtime prayer for us and that is very special.

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“In our time here I can tell that additional training has been given to all the staff as they are so well trained I cannot find fault. I am particularly touched by the young ones who work here as they are so caring. Since George has been ill, I get so many extra hugs and kisses throughout the day from different members of staff. They are always asking how I am and if George needs anything. They are very loving and warm.

“I would also like to thank the staff regarding the love and care they show to Rosemary, our daughter, when she visits. They are always so kind and welcoming.”

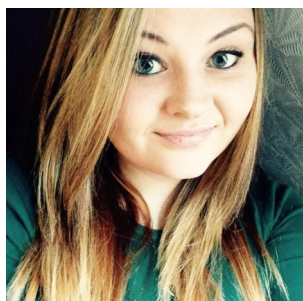


\* Issue 4, 2004 (available soon on our website) Subscribe to the newsletter to get regular updates

## Blackpool

- ⇒ Currently focusing on dementia care and all staff are now trained by Blackpool Council's Dementia Lead.
- ⇒ The first "Dementia Café" was held on 19th March for residents' families and a presentation given by the Alzheimer's Dementia Champion. This workshop focuses on living with dementia and how to support the person to have as full a life as possible. More details in our next newsletter.
- ⇒ Recently a "Reminiscence Trainer" recommended by Blackpool Council visited the home for an afternoon. The visit was designed to give staff an overall understanding of reminiscence and where and how it can be used to support and empower the residents. To do this he brought various artifacts circa 1930-1960 to encourage the residents to talk about their life and even used various smells, such as chimney smoke, to trigger responses.

## Merthyr



Kimberly, the Activities Coordinator, has really been busy! She is producing an inhouse monthly newsletter for the residents and apart from setting up the ideas below, is currently managing a project for life stories of

our residents which will create an excellent profile for the carers to focus on person centred care.

- Ipad beginners workshops for the residents
- Wii games console including exercise activities and games and quizzes
- Pen Pal project with the other Jah-Jireh homes

We are sure you will all agree, aside from spiritual activities, innovations and ideas like this do much for the residents happiness and contentment and as Kimberly says to the residents in the newsletter:

“ *I consider my main job to brighten your day, I aim to make a difference.* ”

Thanks for your hard work Kimberly!

## Leyland

As you will be aware from our letters to you, we have been asking for anyone interested in working with us to get in touch and thanks to those letters our management needs at Leyland have now been filled.

Our new Business Manager Len Gough has a background in civil engineering and working with local councils and a great addition to the team. Len is from the South of England and has relocated to Lancashire with his wife and daughter who are also working alongside him in the home. Len is working along with Sue our Care Manager and they were recently delighted to receive this review from the relative of a sister who came for respite care. After giving a glowing evaluation the relative commented:

“ *Exceeded our expectations in every way. On top of the excellent care, she received lots of hugs, which she really appreciated. She was very happy and wants to come again. Keep up the good work!* ”

Len told us that some of the residents have been keeping busy during March by helping to fold the memorial invitations. Everyone can have share, no matter how small.

## Wigan

There has been a change to the management team in Wigan due to retirement and we are pleased to announce that Cat Higham has been appointed as Nursing Care Manager and Julie Garrett as Dementia Care Manager.

Changes to the layout of the sitting and dining areas have greatly helped when focusing on Dementia Care and Cat and Julie have put a lot of work into this. The very morning they finished, CQC arrived for an unannounced inspection and were thrilled to see these new changes. We expect to have the results of the inspection within around 6 weeks.



# An Inside Look: Merthyr Management Team

Our home in Merthyr officially opened in July 2007. We completely refurbished the former hotel and added a two storey bedroom wing enabling us to register to care for 51 brothers and sisters. All on the management team hold NVQ Level V in Leadership & Management.



**Mark Ambler, the Business Manager looks after the finances of the home. He oversees all the maintenance including fixtures and fittings and also the utilities.**

“I have been an elder in the Aberdare congregation for 10 years and also enjoy regular pioneering along with my wife Ann and daughter, Jessica. It’s a lovely privilege to look after brothers and sisters in this stage of their life and I feel that being around these ones who have been in the Truth for decades really helps me to maintain my faith and they have some really encouraging experiences that I benefit from. I recently took two sisters out on the ministry with the cart and they stayed out for over an hour and placed 16 magazines between them.

Our biggest challenge is arranging finance with the local authorities, they are unable to provide the funding needed and this puts constraints on the care we can provide.”

**Carly Davies, the Care Manager looks after the care needs within the home. She is responsible for employing and training new staff and making sure the residents care needs are met.**

“I’ve been working at Jah-Jireh since 2007 and I enjoy my work because its lovely working with my spiritual family and not having to get involved with the distractions of the world. I am registered with the Care Council for Wales and I ensure I keep up to date with any mandatory training which ensures that we are providing the best possible care. I have been the Care Manager for just over 1 year and I’m always looking to make improvements which we can achieve by listening to feedback. With this in mind, I try and ensure I have a good working relationship with our inspector from CSSIW and I am currently focusing on making the home

more dementia friendly and training staff to support those living with dementia.”

**Margaret Mubanga (Senior Supervisor)**

“I enjoy working here as it is a Christian environment. I left my old job in the world because I was missing a lot of meetings and working here has improved my spirituality. Being a live in worker has not only helped me but my family, as it enables me to help my extended family back home in Zambia. I have been working here for 8 years now, it’s a lovely place as we are all brothers and sisters and I have improved my personal development with my training. I enjoy my new role as Senior Supervisor, especially with my nursing background as it enables me to utilise my leadership skills and being part of the management team is very rewarding.”

**Julie Davies (Senior Supervisor)**

“I have been working at Jah-Jireh for 8 years this year and I’m enjoying my role as Senior Supervisor as I’m learning more and dealing with different things. I find it very rewarding to care for brothers and sisters, especially if they have no family and they are living with dementia as this is a big challenge for them. We aim to train all the staff to have the same mind set and working together more closely.”



Left to right: Margaret, Carly, Mark, Julie

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The trustees feel an urgent need to inform brothers and sisters in Britain about the care Jah-Jireh offers. Many know of the existence of Jah-Jireh but do not know how it is organised, financed or operated.

Jehovah's organisation is well aware of what we do and our intentions, even though we are a separate, independent charity.

In order to enlarge the knowledge about Jah-Jireh, we are urgently requesting any of our readers to contact us as soon as possible if they would be willing to hold a brief "Awareness Meeting" in their area—not at the Kingdom Hall but in a private home.

A video is being prepared showing a typical awareness meeting, which can be circulated to those able to hold a meeting. It is preferable for these get-togethers to be held in private homes with a few invited friends who wish to know more about our work.

We would like to stress that the organising of these small meetings should not take place in the Kingdom Hall or at any other theocratic event.

Please contact our head office for more information:

Telephone: 01772 633380

Email: [info@jah-jireh.org](mailto:info@jah-jireh.org)

Another great way to raise awareness is to invite people to sign up to receive our newsletters. When you receive the latest newsletter by email, you are very welcome to forward it on to your friends where they can sign up for themselves.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Many of you will be aware, via the news media, of the financial demise of the care system in Britain exacerbated by the new living wage.

Jah-Jireh, as a charity, is not immune from this financial crisis. However we are confident that by means of our donation and legacy arrangements, Jehovah will continue to provide for those of his elderly and faithful servants who are in need of care. To those of you who make regular and other donations, we say, on behalf of our elderly ones, and from the bottom of our hearts:

**THANK YOU—Ruth 2:12**

## SHARE THE CARE



We are currently focusing on dementia care and activities to stimulate and encourage these ones. However, this doesn't just benefit those with dementia, all our residents benefit from upbuilding activities.

With Spring arriving, would this be a good time to visit and chat with our senior brothers and sisters? We welcome all visitors and we would like to invite you young ones too, along with your parents, to spend a little time with the elderly ones. Maybe even encourage them to have a walk around the garden or do a little work in the garden. We aim to show hospitality where possible by way of refreshments and even a meal where the opportunity presents itself.

All of us have busy lives, but how lovely it is to be refreshed by our brothers and sisters, whether through a visit, a card or even a telephone call. (Philemon 4-7)

If you would like to arrange something perhaps during the school holidays, or at anytime, please email me: [jeff.stacey@jah-jireh.org](mailto:jeff.stacey@jah-jireh.org)

Kind Regards, Jeff Stacey

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