

International Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 14th March 2017

Present :- Robert; John(H); Margaret; Wendy; Peer; John ;David; Jo; Gerald; Viv; Robin; Alan and Mary.

Apologies:- Tony and Julie.

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 21st February were read and approved.
2. Peter Warr as chairperson of Team Tanzania(TT) outlined the successful projects completed by TT and projects which are work in progress. After discussion the Committee agreed that a donation of £500 would be awarded toward the purchase of fifty beehives and all the training required to establish the project in the village of Kiwenga . It is envisaged that this will be a self-sustaining project employing both Muslims and Christians. Further information will be sought on the construction of a mushroom growing building with a view to applying for a District Grant -Jo to find out next deadline for District grants
3. Margaret updated the Committee on the Juba Project. Margaret will visit South Sudan from 26th March for approximately two weeks. This project is progressing well and monies are in place.
4. Dhaka Project: After discussion a donation of £500 was awarded to Dhaka Rotary to support them in providing hygiene kits for adolescent girls. Further information on this project at <http://www.daysforgirls.org>
5. Mary's Meals:- This Charity has now expanded into the Middle East and is working in partnership with Dorcas a Dutch charity providing daily meals to Syrian refugee children and their Lebanese classmates. Syrian and Lebanese mothers work together as volunteers to distribute the meals. The programme has recently been expanded to Bourj el Baranjeh a southern district of Beirut and the total number of children benefitting from the programme is 1430. The aim of the charity is to attract children back to the classroom where they can receive a nutritious meal and an education. Mary's Meals will receive a donation of £500.
6. Yemen :- Peer outlined the work of several charities which are now working in Yemen and after discussion and voting a donation of £500 to MSF was agreed
7. Speaking on behalf of Lend with Care Colin updated us on the lending of our original £100. This has been lent to 18 people enabling them to start up self -sustaining businesses. Colin is to remain as a joint trustee with the chairperson of the International Committee.
8. Bhutan :- The committee decided there was no basis to proceed on this project at present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11TH APRIL2017

Mary Mc Geary