

Exeter - Ethiopia Link Annual Report 2004



A health worker uses a sink in Hareto Clinic, provided and connected to the mains water supply as part of the German Embassy grant.



Villagers pump water from a deep well in the Wama Valley, near Nekemte – this well was restored with the help of a grant from the German Embassy in Ethiopia.

Report from the Chair

The Exeter-Ethiopia Link had another successful year in 2004. The AGM in March was extremely well attended and with only minor changes our Committee was confirmed as:

Chair - Peter Grainger
Vice-Chair - Alex Taylor
Treasurer - Mark Howells
Secretary - Richard King
Minutes Sec - Jill Grainger
Newsletter Editor - Bruce Hebbard
Membership Sec - Pauline Bennett, together with other members -
Fran Hamilton, Fran Jenkin, Claire Proietti and Adrian Thomas.

Once again the Committee has made my job easy, for which I am grateful. Mark, Pauline and Bruce in particular should be thanked for getting us more computerised. Also Tom Grainger who manages our website for free. In Nekemte I would like to pay tribute to the continuing hard work of our partners Qes Alemu Nega, Ato Temesgen Feyissa, Ato Keno Kidane and other staff in the Development Section (DASCC) of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus - Central Synod (EECMY-CS).

Last year I reported that we had secured a grant of £5000 from the German Embassy in Addis Ababa to improve water sources. Most of the work was carried out in the dry season months of January and February 2004 when the water table is lowest and access easiest. Mark and I visited Ethiopia at Easter to inspect the wells, springs and pumps installed and report back to the German Embassy. We were shown how refurbished pumps were being managed and a small charge levied from users to pay for maintenance. We also saw the benefit of concrete capping to protect the quality of water from surface springs. All of the funds had been well spent and we were able to report this to the Embassy. We also inspected sites in Nekemte where further spring capping is needed and agreed to investigate the best way to develop a project to do this.

During the first week of my visit, before Mark arrived, I renewed acquaintances and met new people in Addis Ababa at the British Council, British Embassy, Water Aid and New Generation University College. It was also a chance to catch up with our Devon-based VSO volunteers in Addis Ababa, Cathy and Peter Kiddle, and our sponsored university student Garedew, from Hareto. I agreed to pay his expenses for trips to Hareto during the year and for him to report back to the Link, which he later did in September, taking with him some lamps requested by the clinic for night work. Garedew will complete his degree in Business Studies in 2005 and manages extremely well on his artificial leg.

In Nekemte we were able to visit and discuss other projects supported by the Link, including the building of teachers' housing in the Didessa Valley, the provision of donkeys for women wood-carriers around Nekemte, the completion of the hospital plumbing and its ongoing maintenance, and work on a new health post at Bekumsa Biya village. We also took some new books for schools, a laptop computer for our partners' work and £3000 allocated to further projects. This funding was to continue with the provision of donkeys in the parishes around Nekemte, to replace a classroom burnt down by accident in the Didessa Valley, to provide a water pump at a well being dug at Derge School in Nekemte, to provide a water tank at Hareto High School and for further improvements at the hospital.

Another interesting development in Nekemte is the need for better eye treatment. There is a local ophthalmologist who works privately but lacks equipment. We were able to get him to a seminar later in the year in Addis Ababa as part of a WHO programme on eye health called Vision 2020. We hope to make use of the programme for further training and possibly support for a clinic in Nekemte.

At Hareto, Mark and I visited the clinic and saw its water supply functioning from the mains (part of the German grant) and also a new water tank at Hareto Elementary School. The girls toilets funded at the High School had not been built at the time, but were added later in the year. Amazingly a large satellite dish and plasma TV screens had appeared at the High School as part of a government policy, awaiting a range of new educational programmes some of which Peter Kiddle has been involved in producing.

Back in Devon, fundraising has been at an all time high with subscriptions now up to £2800 and donations another £1000, plus Richard has generously started a special fund for travel to enable trips for those who cannot manage the whole airfare. You will see from the accounts that collections at school, church and lecture events have all brought in funds, together with two coffee mornings. The sponsored walk raised almost £1500 towards its £2000 target.

The Committee and some other members got together for a day of reflection and forward planning in the middle of 2004. With the help of Nick King we produced a questionnaire on the town's water supply, which was sent to Nekemte and will form the basis of a spring capping project. We also plan to move on from the donkey project for women, to provide goats or chickens in future. We hope for an autumn visit from Exeter in 2005.

Peter Grainger

Exeter-Ethiopia Link
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Accounts for 1 January - 31 December 2004

RECEIPTS

	£
Subscriptions	2,806.00
Donations	
• Individuals	969.65
• Morchard Bishop Church	75.00
• Holsworthy School	247.21
• Our Lady of the Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School	243.92
• Isca Ladies Probus Club	25.00
• African Shop Collecting Tin	10.86
\$ Donation to set up earmarked fund to assist travel to & from Ethiopia	1000.00
Other Receipts	
Coffee Mornings	215.00
Sponsored Walk	1,468.20
Jan Greet Memorial Fund - Donkey Project	920.00
Bank Interest	10.14
Building Society Interest	42.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2004	8,033.96

Notes on Accounts:

- 1. These accounts exclude the £5000 German Embassy Water Project grant which was paid direct to EECMY.*
- 2. Expenditure on administration of £208.59 is less than 5% of the total disbursed.*
- 3. Exeter group members paid their own air fares to Ethiopia.*

PAYMENTS

£

Projects in Ethiopia

Laptop for Project	440.00
P & C Kiddle - Expenses for monitoring visit to Nekempte/Hareto	100.00
Books for Schools	310.74
Vision 2020 Workshop	33.55
Lamps for Hareto Health Centre	20.00
Well at Derge High School	529.00
Didessa Valley Classrooms	529.00
Nekemte Hospital British Embassy Acc.	44.00
Nekemte Hospital Maintenance	319.00
Hareto High School Water Tank	319.00
Donkey Project	1059.00
Garadew Derera - for monitoring visits	50.00
Transport in Ethiopia	11.00
Deposited in EECMY Account for future	140.00

Costs in UK

UKOWLA Subscription	60.00
UK Travel	95.00
Stationery/Postage/Copying	208.59
Global Centre Subscription	20.00
Standing Orders transferred to JGMF	360.00
Excess Baggage Costs	215.08

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 2004	£4,862.96
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Jan Greet Memorial Fund

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<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£
Donations & Covenants	£385.00
Building Society Interest	<u>£44.41</u>
Total Income	<u>£429.41</u>

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Sent to Ethiopia for donkey project	<u>£800.00</u>
Total Payments	<u>£800.00</u>

<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>£429.41</i>
<i>Less Total Payments</i>	<i>£800.00</i>
<i>Loss for year 2004</i>	<i>£370.59</i>

<i>Balance at 31.12.03</i>	<i>£2582.21</i>
<i>Less Loss for year</i>	<i>£370.59</i>
<i>Balance at 31.12.04</i>	<i>£2211.62</i>

<i>Balance held at 31.12.04</i>	
<i>Building Society Account</i>	<u>£2211.62</u>
<i>Portman Building Society</i>	
<i>A/C No 134-4549270-9</i>	

Richard King
12th January 2005

During 2004 a total of 30 donkeys were purchased in Nekemte and handed over to needy women fuel-wood carriers. Further funds have been sent to Ethiopia in 2005 to continue the project.

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Statement of Account

1 January 2004 - 31 December 2004

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Statement of Account 1 January to 31 December 2004

Balance at 1st January 2004	£	£
Co-operative Bank A/c	1,533.60	
Britannia Building Society A/c	<u>3,595.08</u>	<u>5,128.68</u>
Receipts for year 2004	8,033.96	
<u>Less</u> Payments for year 2004	<u>4,862.96</u>	
Surplus for 2004	<u>3,171.00</u>	<u>3,171.00</u>
Balance at 1st January 2005		<u>£8,299.68</u>

Represented by:

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>£7,299.68</i>
<i>Earmarked Funds -</i> <i>for travel to and from Ethiopia</i>	<i>£1,000.00</i>

Balance in:

<i>Co-operative Bank A/c No. 6506781300</i>	<i>£3,861.62</i>
<i>Britannia Building Soc A/c No. 59768213</i>	<i><u>£4,438.06</u></i>
	<i><u>£8,299.68</u></i>

Mark Howells - Treasurer
15th February 2005