



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

“FRIENDS – HELPING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND”

September 2014 update from the FHL

THIS MONTH'S UPDATE INCLUDES SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR 'FRIENDS' AROUND THE COUNTRY

- **Thank you, Sean**

All those who have known Sean during the last 4 years will have been sad to hear that he has decided to leave FHL. Life has to go on and personal family commitments are always a priority. Nevertheless, Sean has become so much part of our personality and profile in the eyes of so many involved in the mission of the charity that he will be greatly missed. We thank him for his good humour, enthusiasm and commitment. The many expressions of dismay from 'Friends' provide a powerful testament to the work that has been achieved around the country. Sean, we wish you well for the future and thank you for your assistance during the handover period.

- **Emergency 'Family Support' Appeal**

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the success of our Emergency Appeal, whether on-line, by cash, cheque or standing order. It remains open for your donations, please.

There has never been greater pressure on our funds. As the academic year begins, we are being asked to support the families of new students at both schools and universities. Last year we enabled 179 children to attend a faith school of their choice and 23 students to attend university. The number of Christian families seeking help to pay for essential medication and operations continues to grow.

Whilst there is currently a truce in Gaza the impact across the region both economically and psychologically has been very significant.

Please do what you can and encourage your parishes to include our Appeal in their weekly Newsletters, with the confidence that every penny goes to a named Christian family in need.

- **FHL Chairman, Jim Quinn**

Peter Rand writes that Jim has made good progress since his heart procedure. Jim thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. We congratulate Jim and Anne on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5 September and offer them our warm best wishes for the future.

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- **National Gathering 27 September 2014.**

Everyone is invited to the 4th FHL National Gathering in Kenilworth. We are very pleased to welcome as our speakers, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham and Revd Dominic Barrington, Parish Priest at the Anglican Parish of Ss Peter and Paul in Kettering. The day begins with Mass at 10.30am and teas/coffees will be available from 9.30am for everyone, especially those long distance travellers! The meeting begins at 11.30am, concluding at 4.15pm, enabling everyone hopefully to get to Kenilworth by road or rail in the day. There will be ample opportunity to learn about the work we do in the Holy Land, how we are organised over here and also to ask questions of both our speakers and members of the Management Committee. Press Ctrl +Click on this link for a Poster and Registration Form [FHL National Gathering Saturday 27 September 2014 / News / Home / Friends of the Holy Land - Friends of the Holy Land](#) There is no charge to attend but you are requested please to register in advance so we can make the necessary seating and catering arrangements.

- **FHL Christmas cards and 2015 FHL Calendar**

Christmas cards have been delivered from Bethlehem and our 2015 calendar is being printed over there. Please contact the office for an order form or Ctrl +click this link below www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Home/Resources to take you to the website/ resources where you can download a copy which includes a sample image of the Calendar – just £6 each including postage and packing. If you are attending the National Gathering, then send us your order now and it will be ready for you to collect.

- **Olive Wood Products**

We have a good supply of olive wood products so why not consider ordering a selection and running a stall at your church, perhaps in Advent with FHL Christmas cards and calendars.

- **Oliver Doyle**

Oliver is with us for another 2 weeks and is doing a valuable job, supporting the introduction of our new CRM system and also researching new charitable trusts to which FHL will be bidding for funds.

- **Holy Land Visit**

Vice Chairman, Peter Rand, has a full itinerary of meetings for his next visit to the Holy Land from 7th – 10th September. I shall report back at the National Gathering on 27th September and in the October Update.

- **Thanks to our FHL Groups**

As always we are very grateful to all those Groups and individuals who have sent us donations this month. Every penny counts!! God bless You All.

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