

Global and Local Outreach Team - Report for 2009.

During 2009 the Global and Local Outreach team (GLO) has continued to support our links both at home and abroad.

In 2009 we were able to support many of our links financially through allocations made from our budget of 10% of the Church's unrestricted funds for the previous year. The 2009 budget was £21, 800

Alongside this support the Church has a number of additional links which we support prayerfully, practically and via fund raising. This list of additional links continues to expand as members of our congregation introduce us to opportunities that God has called them to be involved with. It has been exciting this year to see how members of our congregation responded to the need of getting 6,000 shoe boxes full of toys sent out to Belarus by Samaritans Purse and hearing from Rachel Butterfield how these were received by the children. Helen Gilbert has introduced us to Compassion and many are now supporting needy children throughout the world via this organisation.

At Christmas time, we again supported the work of The Children's Society through the giving of Children's toys and clothes and gave financial assistance the Glebe Centre to help provide hot meals to the homeless.

Gavin completed a marathon run on behalf of Betel Birmingham and is grateful for the support and encouragement he received. Betel continues to value our financial support and the Supermarket bag packing undertaken so cheerfully by our fantastic YF members.

In January this year a massive Earthquake hit Haiti and our congregation responded to the plight of that poor and needy Country by giving generously over £3,000 to Tearfund's work in Haiti. Thank you.

It is wonderful to see how the prayer and financial support we give here in Aldridge radiates out to bring God's love to many places at home and abroad. Please continue to pray for the needs highlighted by those we support. We especially remember Simone Lockyer undergoing cancer surgery on April 20th, the Hothouse working on the Redhouse Estate here in Aldridge, the needs of the persecuted Church in Nigeria and the continuing needs of Paul and Cathy Middleton, Hilary and Reza, Operation South America and the planned visit to Bulgaria through Krasif Aid.

On behalf of all our GLO links the Team thanks all members of our congregation for their generosity via regular giving, "one off" collections and practical giving throughout the year. But above all we thank you for your continued prayer support for all our GLO links working at home and abroad without this they could not continue with the work God has called them to do. Thank you.

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