

TWINNAGE COMMITTEE

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SUDAN APPEAL: Following the success of the Tsunami Orphans appeal we have established a Sudan Appeal to seek to get much needed regular income to support the work of the Society in Sudan. The Society in Sudan is in desperate need of money just to continue their vital work at the present level let alone address the problems they see everyday.



Information about the appeal is enclosed (and attached by e-mail if possible). Further copies are available from David Wiles on request. It would be ideal if Reps could send a copy of the flyer and application form to ALL parishes in their fiefdom.

The primary aim of the appeal is to seek funding from individual members and benefactors. To reduce the workload on Twinnage Reps all completed forms and cheques should be sent to David Wiles via national office and the only input we are asking for at CC level is promotion the scheme, of course we are most happy for Reps to take a more active part in the appeal should they so wish. In all cases please deal directly with David Wiles.

Our eventual aim is to have a part time funded employee or volunteer working on the administration of this scheme, probably based at National Office.

Where conferences and councils do take on a sponsorship we would ask that these sums are banked in the normal way and recorded on yellow sheets using the twinnage reference number.

Of course we will not turn away sponsorships from within the SVP but our primary aim is to raise money from outside the Society's funds. You will be hearing more from Ian and David in due course.

WESTMINSTER MASS: The 29th April re-dedication mass and exhibition was exceptionally well attended with the Cathedral bursting at the seams. I believe that there will be follow up meetings and masses around the country and I would encourage all those able to attend.

DISASTER FUND: Uganda – a grant of £7000 has been made to the Society in Uganda to assist with their continuing work with Sudanese refugees in the North of their country.

The money will mainly be used to purchase seeds and agricultural implements.

Palestine – a grant of \$5000 has been sent to support the work of the SVP conference in Ramallah. Fr Ibrahim wrote: *“Warm thanks and prayers for you and for all your SVP members for funding our project in Ramallah which is very useful for our community: youth, children, christian families and our christian old citizens.*

We had hard time, after the elections, in Ramallah: on the late evening of 9th February a class room of our parish school had been burned with 4 molotov bottles. the palestinian plice and autority did nothing for us, just speech. on the 4th of March the sport room of our school had been burned with two molotov bottles during night. we talk directy to Mr ABBAS(the president). but till now nothing is done. on the 15th of February the BIBLE ASSOCIATION Library in Birzeit (near Ramallah) had been burned also with molotov bottles. It seem we are going through hard situation.

Our SVP is doing its best. but it is in difficulties for fund because all what we have are \$250 and 320 nis. we have to look for help for the needy families on the occasion of Easter”

*Fr. ibrahim hijazin
SVP Ramallah*

TWINNAGE EXPENSES: To assist the funding of National Council the Twinnage Committee have agreed to meet all Twinnage expenses for the coming year. Costs will be met from the General Reserve Fund and from income received from Gift Aid. Any support or ideas for sponsorship would be most welcome.

GIFT AID: If any tax paying benefactors who have not already done so are willing to sign a Gift Aid Declaration we can claim an extra 28% of their donations from the Inland Revenue. Please bear this in mind.

FRIENDS OF ST VINCENT: Please encourage friends, family members and benefactors to support this initiative. Twinnage cannot be divorced from the National Society and we need to work in a healthy financial situation to grow and develop our work for those in need.