

# MISSION 2011



## National and international

The Home Missions Board and the International Missions Board are again co-operating this year in publicising Mission work at home and abroad. Between them the two Boards are responsible for the vast majority of the Free Church's budget as they pay ministers and missionaries. However, they are also tasked to fundraise for specific projects, 6 of which are highlighted in this leaflet.

Your support in prayer and financial donations is greatly appreciated. You can use the enclosed envelope to make a donation directly to these projects or to mission work in general.

# Teach Your Children Well

a major focus of Christian Witness to Israel's ministry in Israel is the nurturing of children in the faith



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CWI is currently producing a programme of Sabbath school material for children aged between 2 and 14. The goal is a two-year curriculum for five age groups (Toddlers, Preschool, Elementary, Middle Elementary and Older Elementary) and it is hoped that some of the material will become part of the curriculum of proposed Christian schools in Israel.

Originally produced by Great Commission Publications, the publishing arm of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in America, the material covers the entire Bible, revealing God's covenant plan

and how the children fit into it; why everyone needs a Saviour and how Jesus fulfils that role; the place of God's Word in the life of the believer, and New Testament guidelines for living in God's kingdom. Additional original material, relevant to believers in Israel, will also be included.

Funding is required to cover all stages of the project from translation to final proof-reading. The project will also provide much-needed employment and income for the translator Zoya Sladek, a widow and the mother of seven children.

# Lakhnadon Christian Hospital



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LCH is a busy 30 bed hospital run by the Emmanuel Hospital Association. All Free Church missionaries left in 1988. The Medical Superintendent is Dr Heman Prasad, a general surgeon, who, along with his wife, Dr Jewel, a paediatrician, and their little daughter joined the hospital last year. The hospital specialises in surgery, ophthalmology, child health and dentistry. There is a clinic in Chhapara, 17 miles away, and SPANDANA, a community health and development project, covers 200 villages.

The area is dry and the agricultural land marginal and afforested. The population, about half of tribal origin, is scattered in small villages. The main diseases are those associated with poverty—malnutrition,

infectious diseases, malaria and TB. Recently there has been a marked increase in HIV/AIDS, because Lakhnadon is at the junction of two major roads running north-south.

All professional staff are Christians and every opportunity is taken to testify to Christ. They cooperate with the Presbyterian Free Church and Grace Ministries, who have seen many village people coming to faith and baptism in recent years.

Although charges are made for services, much free and subsidised care is also given and the Hospital still requires a grant to help cover these costs as well as any new equipment.

# Colegio San Andres

educating young people according to Biblical principles



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In 1917, a new school was founded in Lima, Peru. John A Mackay, Free Church missionary, had a dynamic vision for Christian Education and, for almost a century, Colegio San Andres has been educating young people according to Biblical principles. Today the San Andres community includes over 100 members of staff, 630 pupils and reaches more than 500 families with the Gospel. The Colegio is an exciting place to visit, to work and to study. New pupils and new members of staff create a lively environment for education, sports and extracurricular activities. The school has three

priorities: spiritual, academic and administrative, and the headmaster, Clive Bailey, makes clear that these priorities are to be in that order. Excellence in each area requires hard work, vision and lots of prayer. The staff team meets weekly for prayer and God has clearly answered their prayer. As our school approaches its centennial, it remains true to its roots while serving the needs of this present generation. However, an old school experiencing significant growth requires additional investment and upgrading. Will you support your old school prayerfully and practically?

## Youth

the Free Church recognizes the vital importance of investing in youth



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The Free Church sponsors a comprehensive programme of evangelism and teaching among our young people. This includes:

- Providing interactive Sunday School teaching materials at three different age levels. Through these, children are encouraged to study the Scriptures, complete colourful worksheets, and commit verses of the Bible and catechism answers to memory. Children are also encouraged to tackle a Bible based project at home.
- A successful camps programme which provides holidays for young people in a Christian setting. Free Church Camps have been operating for 50 years and many in the church today testify to

the part they played in their conversion to Christ and growing in the faith.

- The support of congregational youth workers in Stornoway and Aberdeen.
  - An annual subsidy for the youth conference regularly attended by upwards of 150 young people who spend a weekend listening to speakers and participating in seminars on various aspects of the Christian faith.
  - The support of an inter-church outreach work among children and young people in Fife.
- The Board would also like to be able to
- Produce information on bringing up our covenant children
  - To provide a training course for youth workers

# Asian Outreach

Glasgow is Scotland's most ethnically diverse city



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Glasgow is Scotland's most ethnically diverse city, with many thousands of people in a wide variety of ethnic minority communities. The Free Church currently supports workers who serve among a number of these people groups.

Over the years the activities have included worship services, dialogue with leaders and members of

other faiths, mother and toddlers' weekly groups and holiday clubs, teaching English, pastoral work, serving people in their physical, social and spiritual needs, producing appropriate literature, providing training, visiting and sharing life and the Gospel in countless ways.

# Road to Recovery

for those with alcohol and drug addiction problems



The Home Missions Board (HMB) supports Road to Recovery programmes in the Western Isles and in the Highlands. It ministers to those with alcohol and drug addiction problems and their families, believing in the power of Jesus Christ to restore self esteem and set people free from their sin and addictions. Road to Recovery helps with one-to-one counselling, group meetings, individual and family support and ongoing aftercare.

In the Highlands, Road to Recovery comes under the management of the Madras Street Mission, whose members are appointed by the Free North Church in Inverness.

The Road to Recovery team is led by Christians who are professionally trained in their respective fields. Some of the staff are themselves recovering addicts and this provides an added level of experience and empathy for those seeking recovery. The HMB contributes to the support of full time workers—Stan

Gowdy (Western Isles) and Iain Polworth and Kenny Robertson (Inverness Free North).

The team is assisted by volunteers who receive training and assessment to ensure compatibility and compliance with strict operational rules and confidentiality.

The Road to Recovery team maintains a professional relationship with other well-established centres of support to alcohol and drug addicts. Our team works alongside other social and community services and the Road to Recovery programme is approved and recognised by these agencies as complementary to their own recovery and support programmes.

The Home Missions Board acknowledges the support some congregations and individuals are already giving to the work of Road to Recovery and we encourage them to continue doing so.