

Honorary Secretary's Report

We desire to praise God for upholding the Gospel Advocate Relief Fund for 129 years. Many changes have taken place since Pastor A J Baxter began a fund to help needy Gospel ministers but we are encouraged Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

If you have not heard of us we invite you to visit our website www.garf.org.uk or ask myself or our treasurer for a copy of the leaflet Introducing GARF. (Contact details are on the back page).

Deputation Meetings 2006

Pastor Tony Bickley spent a week in September in Northern Ireland where he addressed several meetings. His visit was greatly appreciated by William Leonard, the Pastor at Beragh Evangelical Church. We thank him and everyone who invites us to promote the work of GARF because this gives Tony the opportunity to preach Gods Word.

Two events were held in Erith last year. The first being a deputation meeting and the second an evangelistic event aimed at reaching out to people in the community affected by drugs and alcohol. Bob Morgan and Tony pastor churches in Erith and Brighton respectively where these problems are widespread. The Lords presence was most evident; Tony was very much helped in speaking and answering some moving questions. Please pray for Bob as he seeks to continue to guide two men in particular and that others in similar circumstances may be constrained to enter Gods House and hear of the way of salvation.

Meetings arranged 2007

We are looking forward to our AGM and Thanksgiving Service at Crowborough on May 31st at 7.30p.m. Tony Bickley is engaged to preach.

A Deacon at Leighton Road Evangelical Church in Ipswich read about GARF in the Grace Magazine, subsequently the fellowship have invited us to hold a meeting on Saturday 15th September at 3p.m. This is possibly GARFs first meeting ever held in Suffolk.

May the Lord be pleased to bless these arrangements.

AGM 2006

We enjoyed fellowship with Pastor Howard Sayers Church in Hailsham last June. Stan Evers, the Pastor at Potton preached a helpful and relevant sermon about the word poor found in the Book of Proverbs 35 times. He also informed us the word poverty occurs 14 times. He related his message to The Poor Pastor and dealt with three questions:

Why are some poor?

How should we treat the poor?

What should we pray when we consider the plight of the poor?

Tapes of this sermon are available.

Editorials

We are grateful to the editors of The Gospel Magazine, English Churchman and Evangelicals Now who all published GARF items of interest in 2006.

URGENT New Committee Members

For several years we have been seeking Gods will in regard to replacing four members. We are delighted Tony Bickley was appointed Deputation Speaker three years ago and thank him for the valuable contribution he is making. However, the need for more committee members is now pressing, particularly as we have been asked to consider possibly expanding the work of GARF. Please pray about this matter and if you, or you know of anyone whom you feel could be suitable do please contact me.

Brethren, pray for us. Nehemiah 4:6. Phillipians 4:19

Thank you.

David Cottington
Honorary Secretary

Extracts from Beneficiaries Letters:

these gifts over the many years has made it possible for us to continue in the work

my family would probably not have been able to afford a holiday were it not for the generosity of GARF over the past year

without GARF I would struggle to keep my car on the road;

we are so grateful to God for the help we receive from GARF, this encourages us in my ministry at .

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Members of the Committee

as at March 2006

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Annual Report 2007

Income & Expenditure as at 31st March, 2006

	2006	2005
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions & Donations	915	1,495
Church Donations		
Pantiles Church (AGM)	115	
Old Baptist Chapel, Bradford on Avon (Dep)	100	
Providence Baptist Chapel, Bedford (Dep)	263	
Halland Chapel	250	
Providence Chapel, Brighton	1000	
Beragh Evangelical Church	200	
	1,928	441

Legacy Income	3,531	0
Interest on Investments	3,428	3,683
Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid, Investments & Subscriptions	0	72
Totals	9,802	5,691

EXPENDITURE		
Grants	18,520	15,450
Advertising & Promotion	636	849
Ministerial Fees	50	150
Totals	19,206	16,449
Surplus/Deficit	-9,404	-10,758

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2006

	2006	2005
	£	£
ASSETS		
Giro Bank Current A/c	1,973	1881
Portman Deposit A/c	72,541	82112
Cash To Be Banked / Unpresented Cheques	-1,250	-1325
Total	73,264	82668

	2006	2005
	£	£
REPRESENTED BY		
Balance at beginning of year	82,668	93426
Add Surplus / Less Deficit	-9,404	-10758
Total	73,264	82668