

SPECIAL FEATURE

Irene Marion Hewson, nee Beehl, known as 'Rene' was born 12th January 1916. Rene heard the truth from her brother Cyril and was baptised in 1939. Rene soon thereafter entered the full time ministry as a Colporteur.

During World War II Rene was imprisoned in Strangeways prison because of her stand on neutrality.

Rene cycled everywhere to spread the good news, even at night. She was asked to serve in Milton Keynes where someone kindly provided a very small, leaky caravan in a field as her home. Rene thanked Jehovah greatly for this provision and carried on her pioneer ministry. Rene was then asked to go to Stow Market where she was given just two weeks to find some accommodation. Whenever Rene knocked on a door she would ask if they had a room to rent. On the last day, someone said 'yes' and offered Rene a tiny attic room. Rene knew that Jehovah had provided and that it was his will that she serve there where only she and one other sister made up the congregation.



At the visit of the Circuit Overseer, the two sisters conducted the entire meeting. This Circuit Overseer was Arthur Hewson who was to become Rene's husband in 1954. They continued in the Circuit work together travelling all over the British Isles until ill health befell Rene in the 1970's. They then settled in Sheffield where they continued to work hard in Jehovah's service.

In 1997 both Rene and Arthur moved in to the Radcliffe home. Rene's beloved Arthur died in September 2000 in the home.

Sadly, Rene died in the home on 16th December 2005. Rene never stopped thanking Jehovah for giving her the opportunity to serve him. She felt she had been greatly blessed by him throughout all her years of service and enjoyed many, many faith strengthening experiences.



FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

We are very pleased to report that we have extended our Board of Trustees to include a brother who is a barrister and a brother who is a chartered accountant. We also have a brother representing the South Wales area and one representing the South of England area.

We now have Project Committees covering the following areas:

South/South East of England

We currently have land at Croydon and Rainham. We hope to raise funds for care facilities at these sites, the Croydon site being the first one we hope to build on.

South West England

We are hoping to set up a Project Committee to cover the South West of England shortly.

South & West Wales

Fund raising has been on-going for some time now and the local Project Committee there are actively pursuing a possible site for development.

Ireland

A Charitable Company is being formed and is actively seeking a suitable site on which to build facilities.

Update on Wigan Refurbishment

The extended development at the Wigan home has now been completed. An entirely new kitchen has been installed and the dining room refurbished. Five staff flats and a hospitality room have been provided within the Home building together with additional staff room facilities. Our special thanks go to all our brothers and sisters who have worked there during this period of upheaval.

OTHER NEWS

Canada

The home in Canada continues to provide for 30 brothers and sisters. The new passenger lift has now been installed. They also now have their own website: www.jah-jireh.on.ca

Korea

An independent care home has been set up by the brothers in Korea. The home was donated by a very kind brother and is now run by a board of trustees. The home can cater for 60 residents and there are currently 38 in residence.

Recently two Jah-Jireh trustees visited the home and found it to be an excellent facility with the brothers and sisters being very well cared for by a group of lovely brothers and sisters.

Sri Lanka

A project committee is being set up as we go to print with four brothers of long standing. It is a poor country recently hit by the Tsunami so we will see how Jehovah makes provision.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following staff for all their hard work.

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(Group Training Manager)

NVQ Level II
Vivian Vosper
(Leyland)



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