



In 1996 a large Nursing Home in Wigan was bought.



The Home now cares for 45 brothers and sisters. There are 39 single bedrooms and 3 double bedrooms. All rooms are en-suite.

Approximately half our residents need nursing care whilst the others require residential care.

Some in the Home are younger brothers and sisters who have physical disabilities. One sister is completely paralysed except for the use of one or two fingers. She gets around the Home using her motorised wheelchair.

The youngest sister in the Home is aged 33 whilst the oldest sister is 99 years of age.

Also in the Home is a mother and daughter. The mother is in her 90's and her daughter is 65. The daughter has been mentally handicapped from birth, so they have never been separated. They now share a double bedroom and the mother still cares for her daughter which she was unable to do in her own home.



Going through patients notes with the Doctor

## JAH-JIREH WIGAN

Learning never stops with old age, as one elderly sister of 84 is proving. She has recently bought a laptop computer and is learning how to use it. The sister is writing her life story.

The Metro car that was donated and adapted to take a wheelchair is much appreciated. Families are able to use this car when they visit their elderly relatives and can take them out for a meal or just a drive.

All those who can manage are taken to the meetings at the local Kingdom Hall by Mini Bus. There are also two congregation book studies held in the Home.

We mentioned in the September issue of the Newsletter that your kind donations enable us to care for a number of elderly ones who would otherwise be unable to come into the Homes. In the Wigan Home we have this very situation. You may be interested to know that 17 congregations in the South of England kindly make regular financial donations towards the care of a faithful elderly sister, who has been in full-time service and accompanied her late husband in the travelling work for many years.

Caring for all our brothers and sisters in the Home are approximately 60 brothers and sisters. These are drawn from surrounding congregations, and include a care manager, a matron and 6 nurses, one of whom is the assistant matron. There is also an administrator and of course carers, housekeepers, cooks, a gardener and a maintenance worker.

How grateful we are to all those working in the Home as they look after our elderly ones in a peaceful and spiritually safe environment.



Preparing afternoon tea

Preparing the menu

Bridget Baptiste

Doris Walsh

Centre Photograph: Kathy Soar (Matron), Pam Sharratt (Manager)

### Investor in People Award

We are very pleased that we now have Investors in People in all 5 homes including the Office.



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