

## The Beginnings of Jah-Jireh Blackpool

In 1985 Sister Ida Eccles, age 79, needed caring for. She had spent many years in the pioneer ministry and in her later years had cared for her parents and her husband until their deaths. Sister Eccles had also been riding and falling from her moped. Now was the time for others to look after this faithful sister.

To ensure that this faithful sister did not go into a worldly rest home, a local brother purchased a larger property on Reads Avenue that had been used as a Guest House. This served as a home for his family and where they cared for Sister Eccles until her death.

There were now more local elderly ones who needed care; Brother Bernard Doddemeade, Sister Doris Whittaker, and Brother Arthur Tattley. These were all cared for in the local brother's large home with local sisters coming in to give daily help.

With yet more elderly ones needing to be cared for, the brother altered his home so that he could care for six elderly ones. At this time his property was registered as a Residential Care Home.

The six elderly ones who now lived in the Home were: Sister Doris Whittaker, Brother Bernard Doddemeade, Sister Beatrice Baillie, Sister Josie Varca, Sister Ellen Croston and Brother Alan Crompton.

In 1989 a further eight rooms were added using the roof space, which meant that now twenty elderly ones could be cared for in the Blackpool Home.

In the same year a house on Hornby Road, directly behind the existing Home, was purchased for the brother and his family and Brother and Sister Barber. Due to the increase in care, legislation and training needs, an office was set up in the garage at Hornby Road.

Since 1998 this house has been used to provide staff accommodation for live-in workers.

In 1996 a detached House next door on Reads Avenue was purchased, and the properties were joined together to make one large care home to provide for 36 brothers and sisters.

There was no original intention to build up a large residential care home in Blackpool. It just happened because of the great need for the care of our elderly ones by brothers and sisters in a safe spiritual environment.



Harold & Betty Barber



Ida Eccles

Clockwise from top left: Bernard Doddemeade, Josie Varca, Doris Whittaker, Beatrice Baillie, Ellen Croston, Alan Crompton

As there were still more in need of care, the brother purchased the house next door, which could cater for a further six elderly ones. Now there were twelve being cared for and this of course required someone to run the Home with more sisters to do housework, cooking and caring duties. Brother Harold Barber and his wife Betty, both in their sixties, rose to the challenge of running the Home for three days a week, assisting the brother and his wife.

### Management & Staff

We are now urgently looking for brothers and sisters who feel they have management potential to contact us to train as care home managers. No experience is necessary as full training will be given. However, a managerial competence will be looked for on interview. Also carers to live in or out are urgently needed. Please contact us for more information.

