

# AFD Software Charity Event 2015



A very warm welcome to the AFD Group's 2015 Charity Evening here at Mountain View. Thank you so much for making the effort to join us this evening.

AFD started out in 1983 as a home-based, part-time business in a village in Scotland. We're still succeeding in the fast-moving world of Technology over thirty years later — and we believe much of our success is derived from the strong Christian principles on which the business is built, and the living faith that underpins it. Like a family, we care for each other - and for the community and world in which we live.

The business has a core objective of "generating profits, and using them creatively in the relief of suffering, the improvement of society and furtherance of the Christian gospel". This is vitally important to us, and it's why we are gathered this evening.



As a business we're in another exciting phase of growth and development here at Mountain View as we develop and improve the infrastructure of this amazing place — not only for our own future growth — but additionally as a place where other fledgling businesses might find both the physical facilities and a supporting environment in which they might flourish — delivering innovative products and services, and making significant contributions locally, nationally and internationally too.

In addition to operating Mountain View, AFD through its Software business helps organisations to use Royal Mail, Bank or Electoral Roll data to make data entry quick, efficient and accurate — essential for accurate deliveries, record-keeping or when legal or financial documents must be completed with accuracy. We own and help operate an extensive Holiday Centre in Western France to provide inspirational family holidays for guests from across Europe. Our "Friends and Heroes" and "What's in the Bible" multi-media products help children from every place and background to engage with the Bible in modern, relevant ways. This year, our investment in medical technologies are helping to save lives, improve patient outcomes, as well as save Health Services money.

This evening represents a highlight for us personally, and for our team: a time to celebrate some of the amazing work done here on the Isle of Man, across the British Isles and throughout the world by amazing people and organisations. It is a privilege to be able to partner with some of them — and as you'll read below, some of the stories behind this evening are very personal.

We hope that you enjoy our time together tonight – but also that you are inspired and challenged!



#### Alzheimer's Research UK

The UK's leading research charity aiming to defeat dementia and which carries out worldwide studies.

The donation from AFD will be used to support the Defeat Dementia Campaign.

Website: www.alzheimersresearchuk.org Nominated by Olegs Kungurovs

## Aqueduct

Aqueduct acts as a channel to direct hope and resources to poor communities in Pakistan.

AFD's donation will be used to undertake a strategic review of the growth of the charity and how best to move it forward into the future.

Website: www.aqueduct.org.uk Nominated by Neville Hilton



# Bible Reading Fellowship (Messy Church)

Messy Church is an initiative of the Bible Reading Fellowship for people of all ages and is designed primarily for those who do not already belong to another form of church. Its heart is Christ-centred, focussing on hospitality, creativity, celebration and inclusivity. There are now over 3000 Messy Churches registered and an estimated 500,000 people attending each month.

AFD's donation will help the core team to continue in their role of support, encouragement and inspiration to the local Messy Churches.

Website: www.messychurch.org.uk Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Mrs Nancy Clague

#### Bliss

This charity exists to ensure that all babies born in the UK too soon, too small or too sick, have the best possible chance of survival.

AFD's donation will be put towards ongoing provision of support for these babies and their families.

Website: www.bliss.org.uk Nominated by Peter Denton



#### CARE

Christian Action Research and Education provides research and other assistance to politicians in the parliamentary assemblies of the UK and Europe. They equip and mobilise Christians to engage in public policy matters on issues such as assisted dying, abortion, human welfare and trafficking.

CARE will target AFD's donation to help update outdated computer hardware and support CARE's new initiative 'Open', which provides training for church leaders preaching on sensitive topics.

Website: www.care.org.uk Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

# Care for the Family

Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties.

The donation from AFD will be invested in supporting 'Marriage' on the Isle of Man, specifically an 'It Takes Two' event in February focussing on what makes a marriage great!

Website: www.cff.org.uk Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Traci Lowden-Stoole



## Chapel Street Community Fund

Chapel Street schools have been established to create well-balanced, self-assured and kind individuals. They engage the young people in practical community projects throughout their school career.

The donation from AFD will be used to establish a project to give severely disadvantaged children 'quality time'.

Website: www.chapelst.org

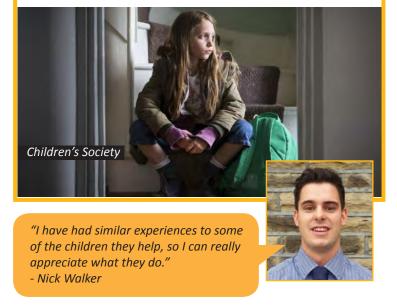
Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

## Children's Society

The Children's Society have worked with local authorities for over 20 years, helping children and young people at risk. The volunteers working for the society are vital in helping to tackle the causes of poverty and neglect that harm children's lives.

AFD's donation will be put towards the cost of providing support to children and young people in need.

Website: www.childrenssociety.org.uk Nominated by Nick Walker



#### Christian Aid

Christian Aid works globally to eradicate the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

AFD's donation will contribute towards addressing issues caused by the ongoing crisis in South Sudan, where the people could face famine at Christmas without aid.

Website: www.christian-aid.org Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Louise Whitelegg

#### The Christian Institute

This is a non-denominational charity working in the UK to uphold the truths of the Bible by providing churches with key information on strategic issues and helping Christians who face discrimination because of their faith.

AFD's donation will contribute towards ongoing projects and the development of their data and information processes that underpin their work.

Website: www.christian.org.uk Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

## Christians Against Poverty

CAP has grown from a one man operation to an organisation of 466 poverty-relieving projects around the UK, tackling debt, unemployment, addiction and household finance.

AFD's donation will be used towards one of their newest expansion plans which involves setting up CAP Job Clubs.

Website: www.capuk.org Nominated by Anne Carlos



## Church on the Rock

Church on the Rock in Ramsey strives to make a difference in the local community: with a successful Mums and Tots; youth and crafting groups. They are also connected to Faith in Action, helping vulnerable families in the area.

AFD's donation will be used to help continue the Faith in Action work within the community.

Website: www.ramseyelim.com Nominated by Matt Dolman Represented by Des Deehan

# Clatterbridge Cancer Charity

Many cancer patients from the Isle of Man are treated at Clatterbridge. The charity supports revolutionary research; provides life-changing services and high quality care for all Clatterbridge patients and their families.

The donation from AFD will be used towards their latest project for new pressure-relieving mattresses.

Website: www.clatterbridgecc.org.uk Nominated by Helen Torr



## CLIC Sargent

CLIC Sargent helps young patients and their families deal with the initial diagnosis of cancer, the impact of treatment and, in terminal cases, dealing with bereavement.

The donation from AFD will help to continue supporting these young people and their families.

Website: www.clicsargent.org.uk Nominated by Nicola Blissett

# Craig's Heartstrong Foundation

This charity was set up in memory of Craig Lunt, whose early death was due to a previously undiagnosed heart defect, and now works to provide heart screening for men and women in the Isle of Man.

The donation from AFD will help provide lifesaving defibrillator equipment around the schools and sports clubs on the Island.

Website: www. craigsheartstrongfoundation.co.uk Nominated by Ben Richards

#### Crossroads Care

Crossroads provides practical and emotional support for carers living on the Isle of Man. The service is about giving time to improve the lives of carers by letting them have a break from caring to be themselves.

AFD's donation will help with the running costs of the 'Workshop' a venture enabling young adults with learning disabilities, to develop meaningful work skills.

Website: www.crossroads.org.uk Nominated by Catherine Wells Represented by Kerry Anne Quilliam



## Cystic Fibrosis Trust (IOM Branch)

The trust raises funds to help support children and young adults on the Isle of Man suffering from this life-threatening disease, directing some funding to the UK medical research towards finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

AFD's donation will provide a further portable oxygen machine.

Website: www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk Nominated by Jackie Robinson Represented by Tina Lowe and Emma Whitley



"This charity means a lot to me: my niece was diagnosed at 11 months old with cystic fibrosis. Five years ago, at the age of 25, she could not leave the house much as she was reliant on oxygen 24/7. She was given a lung transplant later that year and within 12 months she was back at work, full time, nursing!" - Jackie Robinson





## Downs Syndrome IOM

This is a local charity supporting people with Down's syndrome, organising days out for the families and training medical professionals and parents about the many aspects of Downs Syndrome.

AFD's donation will be used to help with a trip for 25 young people and their carers to the Gaiety Theatre.

Website: www.connect2charity/downs Nominated by Oliver Lenihan Represented by Adrian Tinkler

## Drop Inn Ministries (IOM Branch)

This is a local charity working in Eastern Europe, Rwanda and Bukina Faso, spreading God's love in a practical way. Their aim is to bring HELP, HOPE and HEALING to our hurting world.

AFD's donation will help complete a new family planning clinic with 20 beds in Rwanda.

Website: www.dropinn.net Nominated by Kath Cleator We will hear a short presentation by Alison Taylor



"I admire the work done by this charity, especially as I know some of the people who are involved in the various projects." - Kath Cleator

# The Factory - Church on the Rock, Ramsey

The 'Factory' provides weekly drop in sessions, music nights for the young people in the community.

AFD's donation will help to provide resources for their games nights and more lights for their music nights.

Website: www.ramseyelim.com/#!experience/c464 Nominated by Kevin Ross Represented by Emma Nudd

## Finley's Footsteps Community Fund

This fund helps provide resources and information for people with dwarfism and their families. It also improves community awareness through educational initiatives.

AFD's donation, together with guidance from the Dwarf Sports Association, will provide sporting equipment and other adaptations to help those with restricted growth enter into sports on an equal footing.

Website: 'Finley's Footsteps' FaceBook Page Nominated by Sammy Miles Represented by Kristy Canipa



#### Firestarter

'Firestarter' is an annual youth festival that reaches out to the young people of the island, bringing them in contact with the good news about Jesus.

AFD's donation will help to subsidise those who cannot afford to pay the full price for the main festival to help make it accessible to those who really need it.

Website: www.firestarterfestival.com Nominated by Philip Dorricott Represented by Tommy Harrison



#### GAP Ministries

GAP is engaged in helping churches in South East Asia with educational and medical needs.

GAP will use the donation to help complete the church building in a village on the India/Nepal border. This will also provide a shelter and workplace for abused women, bringing them healing and self-confidence.

Contact: gapmin@btinternet.com Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

#### Graih

Based in central Douglas, Graih serves those who are homeless or in insecure accommodation in the Isle of Man, offering emergency provision and work programmes.

AFD's donation will help fund Graih's work, empowering these people to integrate into the wider community.

Website: www.graih.org.im Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott We will hear a short presentation by Michael Manning



## Hands of Hope

'Hands of Hope' seek to help the poor, needy and homeless of Romania through practical home-building projects, distribution of aid and befriending of families and disadvantaged people.

AFD's donation will help with existing projects of family support and Christian outreach.

Website: www.handsofhope.org.im Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Chris Kirk

#### Heart UK

This is the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting people with high cholesterol and other blood fats, also supporting the healthcare professionals treating these conditions. It focuses on preventing unnecessary and early deaths due to high cholesterol, by raising awareness and lobbying for better detection of those at risk.

AFD's donation will be used to support the helpline which offers expert help and advice from dieticians and nurses.

Website: www.heartuk.org.uk Nominated by Ryan Hepburn



## Hope for Justice

Hope for Justice works to end human trafficking by referring suspected cases; rescuing victims, advocating on their behalf and providing restorative care to help them rebuild their lives.

AFD's donation will directly support the investigative and rescue work in the North of England.

Website: www.hopeforjustice.org.uk Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott There will be a short presentation by Fiona Broadfoot and Ben Cooley

## Hospice Isle of Man

Hospice provides specialist palliative care, to patients facing life-threatening illness such as Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease, Heart Failure...

The donation from AFD will be used to purchase bio-tech sheets which are used to move and handle patients.

Website: www.hospice.org.im Nominated by Lee Claridge Represented by Sarah Turner

# Hyperbaric Chamber

The Isle of Man hyperbaric facility currently has two multispace hyperbaric chambers. Hyperbaric oxygen treatment has proved to be a life and limb saving treatment and is therapeutic in a variety of clinical conditions.

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The AFD donation will assist with plans for a major expansion to the Isle of Man Hyperbaric facility.

Website: www.hyperbaric.im Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Debbie Barron



"As a keen scuba diver I knew how a hyperbaric chamber could save divers' lives, but I didn't know until more recently how oxygen therapy can benefit many others by accelerating tissue recovery. I hope the new facility will allow even more to benefit from this amazing treatment." - Alison Dorricott



#### Life Reach

Life Reach applies Christian principles to give relief to the poor and needy in Bradford, Leeds, Belfast and Warsaw. It is an initiative of Life Church, Bradford.

The donation from AFD will enable development of the student ministry, outreach and feeding programs.

Website: www.lifechurchhome.com/lifereach/ Nominated by Rachel Martin

## Long Life Ministries

Long life Ministries uses prayer to bring hope, healing and compassion to those touched by illness. The ministry was set up by Sharyn Mackay, following her personal experience of beating a terminal cancer.

The donation from AFD will enable more people in need to be reached, providing monthly 'evenings of hope' at St John's Mill

Website: www.longlifeministries.org Nominated by Duncan McLeod Represented by Sharyn and William Mackay

## Manx Cancer Help

This charity provides practical, emotional and psychological support to people on the Isle of Man whose lives are touched by cancer.

AFD's donation will help towards a programme to update computer hardware.

Website: www.manxcancerhelp.org Nominated by Casey Bolton

## Manx Steam and Model Engineering Club

This Charitable organisation runs the Orchard Line miniature railway at the Curraghs Wildlife Park, giving pleasure to around 10,000 passengers a year.

AFD's donation will make it possible to add a special carriage to facilitate wheelchair access.

Contact: jbarber@mcb.net Nominated by Steve Tyler Hoping to be represented by John Barber

## Mary's Meals UK

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes. Each project ensures that at least one daily meal is provided to all children attending school. For just £12.20 to feed a child for a year, this provides nutrition, but at the same time ensures they attend school, which may help them on the ladder out of poverty.

The donation from AFD will feed at least 80 children for a year, ensuring that they gain a good education.

Website: www.marysmeals.org.uk Nominated by Julia Skillicorn

## Memralife Group

Memralife is a Chriatian organisation with a deep-rooted passion to serve the Church through creativity and the provision of services, resources and events. They do this through organising Spring Harvest events and the ICC Media Group.

The donation from AFD will help Memralife continue to provide excellent services and resources.

Website: www.memralifegroup.org Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Peter Martin



The foundation is a leader in pioneering scientific research and promotes knowledge and awareness of Meningitis, offering vital support services to families who have been affected.

AFD's donation will assist the provision of a fast and effective triage system at poorly sourced and overcrowded clinics in Malawi.

Website: www.meningitis.org Nominated by Rob Forgie

## Message Wales

Message Wales works with young people in Wales, especially the hardest to reach in urban areas, taking the Gospel into schools, youth groups and other places young people gather.

AFD's donation will assist a new Eden bus project which will provide an informal mobile youth centre, to work alongside local churches, introducing young people on the street to Jesus.

Website: www.message.org.uk/category/wales Nominated by Dave Carlos



#### MIND

This is the leading mental health charity in England and Wales, providing advice and support to empower anyone with a mental health issue. Their aim is to help everyone gain the support and respect they deserve.

AFD's donation will enable members to lobby government to improve support available for sufferers of poor mental health.

Website: mind.org.uk Nominated by Bob Gokani

## The Miscarriage Association

For most women and their partners, miscarriage is not just the loss of a baby but also loss of hopes and plans for their future family. The association provides support to these couples, good hospital care and raises public awareness of this common but often taboo subject.

AFD's donation will assist the development of the association's online platforms, enabling them to inform and support all those who seek help.

Website: www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk Nominated by Joel Miller



## Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

MAF is a UK Christian charity which uses light aircraft to transform the lives of thousands of isolated people each year. They provide vital transport links in places where there is no other option. Their vision is to see isolated people physically and spiritually transformed in the name of Jesus.

AFD's continued generous support will allow MAF to help those living in remote areas of the world.

Website: www.maf-uk.org Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Jeremy Abbott

#### Nicodemus Trust

The trust works in Guatemala to resue street children and young people, restore the care for abused girls and provide schooling for 'rubbish dump' children.

AFD's generous support will greatly help with the ongoing costs of helping these young people.

Website: www.nicodemustrust.org.uk Nominated by Brett Pitchfork



#### Northern Live at Home Scheme

This charity offers support and friendship to older people living in the North of the Isle of Man, who may be lonely or unable to get out as much as they used to.

The donation from AFD will help towards funding volunteer packs and training within the scheme.

Website: www.mha.org.uk/community-support/live-home/

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Nominated by Lisa Rodick

Represented by Kerry Palmer and Helen Wells

#### Olive Tree Media

Olive Tree Media exists to present the message of Jesus through radio, television and the web to encourage people to find or grow a personal faith or involvement in the Christian church.

The donation from AFD will support the production of a new series of programmes, 'Jesus the Game Changer'

Website: www.olivetreemedia.com.au Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

#### One World Centre

The One World Centre teaches understanding and respect for the lives and cultures of all people to help shape a just and sustainable world.

AFD's donation will be used to continue work with schools, especially, the annual One World Charity Challenge for sixth formers across the Isle of Man.

Website: www.oneworldcentreiom.org Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott



#### Operation Smile

This is a volunteer-based international medical charity providing free safe surgery for children or young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial disfigurements.

Funding from AFD will help put the smile back on these children's faces.

Website: www.operationsmile.org.uk Nominated by Paul Laudiangco



# Parkinson's Disease Society, Nottingham Branch

The society provides local facilities to improve the quality of life for patients of Parkinson's and their carers.

AFD's donation will assist in provision of a weekly exercise group in Nottingham.

Contact: parkinsonsnottingham@hotmail.com Nominated by Jonathan Stocks





#### Parkinson's UK

This is a national charity providing information and support to those affected by Parkinson's and funding research into a cure.

The donation from AFD will be used where it is most needed to help those affected by Parkinson's.

Website: www.parkinsons.org.uk Nominated by Angy Inglesfield

## Pond Park Community Scheme

This scheme works closely with local police, schools and local housing groups to reduce crime and promote community development and family investment within the reaches of the Lagan Valley Vineyard Church, Northern Ireland.

The donation from AFD will enable the training and mentoring of resident volunteers working in the Pond Park Community Scheme.

Website: www.laganvalleyvineyard.com Nominated by Judy Mills

#### Quicken Trust

The trust exercises Christian principles to address the poverty, disease and destitution faced by many of the people of Kabubbu, a village of 4,000 people in rural Uganda.

The donation from AFD will help fund the community centre and church construction, due to begin in early 2016.

Website: www.quickentrust.com Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott



## Ramsey Baptist Church

RBC is a community loving to make Jesus known.

The donation from AFD will help with the set-up of Ramsey Baptist Messy Church.

Website: www.ramseybaptist.org Nominated by Stephen Dorricott Represented by James Singleton



## Ramsey Lifeboat (RNLI)

The RNLI is a voluntary organisation, safeguarding the waters around the British Isles for all those at sea.

AFD's donation will be used towards essential maintenance in the boathouse at Ramsey.

Website: www.rnli.org.uk Nominated by Jonathan Sutherland Represented by Chris Brown and Kev Christian



## Saint Francis Hospice

This is one of the largest adult hospices in the UK (in Romford, Essex), offering palliative care, day therapy and home care, free of charge, to those in the area facing the challenge of living with a life-limiting illness.

AFD's donation will help towards nursing care in the patients' own homes.

Website: www.sfh.org.uk Nominated by Colin Russell



## Scripture Union Ministries Trust

SUMT employs a team of four full-time church, community and schools workers to reach out to schools and the young people of the Isle of Man, enabling them to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to grow in their relationship with Him.

AFD's donation will help towards the workers' employment costs, facilitating the future development of work in churches and schools on the Isle of Man.

Website: www.sumt.im

Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott Represented by Steve and Annie Curtis

## Sleeping Angel Woods

This charity offers support to families who have suffered the loss of a baby as a result of stillbirth, miscarriage or neonatal causes. The family can plant a tree in the wood in memory of their lost child.

AFD's donation will be used to support families who have suffered the loss of an infant.

Website: www.sleepingangelwood.com Nominated by Neil Thompson Represented by Tori Smithies

#### SOS Children

SOS Children work in over 100 countries around the world, helping families stay together. Building new 'foster' families for children at risk and providing quality education and healthcare in these communities.

AFD's donation will help to support the many children living in the SOS Children's Village Chipata, Zambia who are currently cared for by SOS mothers, so that they are not alone and can grow up safely.

Website: www.soschildren.org Nominated by Scott Fisher

#### St Paul's Church

St Paul's Church, Ramsey serves the local Church of England community.

The donation from AFD will help towards the major repair work being carried out to the church tower.

Website: 'StPaulsRamsey' FaceBook Page Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott



#### Tearfund

This is a Christian agency committed to following Jesus where the need is greatest, to release people from poverty.

In South Sudan, September to December is when food is very scarce and the donation from AFD will allow immediate access to sorghum, pulses, oil and salt needed to prevent malnourishment.

Website: www.tearfund.org

Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott

## Transition Project, Linden Church Trust

The 'Transition Project' was set up to help women released from Swansea prison to integrate back into society, offering practical and emotional support. It was set up by Julie, a member of Linden Church Trust.

The donation from AFD will assist in training and running costs for the support and mentoring of women in custody.

Website: www.lindenchurch.com Nominated by Ruth Heavyside

"When a friend of mine, Julie, lost the funding for her job at Swansea prison, she stepped out in faith and founded the Transition Project." -Ruth Heavyside





#### Trocaire

Trócaire works overseas to develop sustainable livelihoods, supporting those affected by climate change, those living with HIV and empowering women by promoting gender equality.

AFD's donation will be used for ongoing work responding to emergencies to prevent poverty and hunger.

Website: www.trocaire.org Nominated by Catherine Howie



# Weston Hospice Care

Weston Hospice Care, in North Somerset, provides free specialist palliative care to those with life-limiting conditions and their families.

AFD's donation will be used to support the work of a community palliative care nurse specialist.

Website: www.westonhospicecare.org.uk Nominated by Mike Solomon

# Youth of Glory - Egypt

This is an international volunteer movement in central Egypt, running discipleship training school sending medical outreach to small villages and teaching English to the youngsters.

Moheb and Kim Mina look forward to the kind donation from AFD and will use this for much needed blankets and food to help those without through this winter.

Contact: mohebkim@galacticomm.org Nominated by David and Alison Dorricott





