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John Aves Education Project (JAEP)

Dear Trustees of the Cuthbert and MacLean Foundation

Thank you very much for your incredibly generous donation to and support for the educational project that has been set up in memory of Revd Canon Dr John Aves. Your generosity will enable JAEP to fund a young person from Dheisheh Camp for the entirety of their undergraduate degree in midwifery.

It's very pleasing to report that we have currently raised over £125,000 and that the project has financially supported twenty two young people to enable them to gain an undergraduate degree. We have begun the application and interview process for the next academic year.

On 19 May ninety people, (JAEP supporters and 2017 Norwich Diocesan pilgrims) gathered at Norwich Cathedral to share in the 10th anniversary of JAEP celebrations. The pilgrimage group had visited Dheisheh in February so appropriate to share the occasion with them. Good to have an opportunity to thank all our supporters, provide updates of our achievements and plans for the future. The evening began with evensong at which Bishop Graham spoke very warmly of John, the perfect way to start.

Good too that we were able to share the exciting news that we had been successful in being awarded £15,000 of funding from Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW).

I am really looking forward to Anthony and two others from Norfolk joining me for my next trip to Dheisheh and Al Quds University from 28 October to 7 November 2017. Will be wonderful to introducing you to our young people and their families. As in November 2014 we will stay at both Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Bethlehem and Al Quds University in East Jerusalem. We will join the students in their classes, meet university tutors, and spend time with the families of the young people thereby enabling us to deepen our understanding of the situation there.

Its so encouraging how the project is developing and how the support for our work is steadily growing. Thank you very much for your part in enabling this to happen.

Best wishes

Anne Aves