

## SPECIAL FEATURE—VOLUNTEERING



***Linda (pictured above) has been running an activities class at our home in Blackpool for the past 12 years. We got together with her to find out a little bit more.***

"I did a Level 3 Activities Organiser Course at Blackpool College and once I learned more about the benefits of keeping active, I wondered if I could use this at Jah-Jireh. The folks have all put such a lot into serving Jehovah, maybe I could take the opportunity to encourage them.

"I spend 2 hours on a Monday evening, I did think that a morning or afternoon might be better, but as I was working full time, I could only manage evenings.

We have 20 minutes of little exercises, 30 minutes of Bible questions, then we have about 30 minutes playing dominoes. Sometimes we'll even have a little glass of wine. The response has been lovely, I find they are all looking forward to it, I've heard some wonderful experiences over the years and I've invited different ones from the congregation to join me and even visitors from Hong Kong.

"We do a simple Bible quiz that I used to do with



### Could you volunteer ?

Do you have any ideas that you think might encourage and upbuild the brothers and sisters in Jah-Jireh? Even just dropping in for a quick chat and a cup of tea can do wonders and be a real boost spiritually. If you live too far away to visit, how about becoming a pen-pal with one of our brothers and sisters and sending a little card of encouragement. If you have never visited Jah-Jireh and would like to arrange a visit, please contact us for more details.

my children. One sister who suffers from dementia, struggled to remember my name, but after regularly joining in with the quiz, you can see that her Bible knowledge is still there.

"In my experience, I find the folks all love to sing, so just singing the Kingdom Songs is always popular too.

"When we finish, the folks always thank me and ask me to thank my husband, Roy, for letting me come and visit them. That shows me how much they appreciate and look forward to it, so I hope to continue for as long as I can."





## 2013 District Convention—Experience



Esther Carter (pictured) works at our home in Leyland. She is currently working towards her NVQ Level III. The assessor from Runshaw College asked Esther to give a 25 minute talk on any topic and she chose to present some of her notes on the recent “God’s Word Is Truth” convention, with outstanding results.

Esther’s assessor expressed how easily she could understand the subject matter, despite usually finding the Bible difficult to understand. She was impressed how such deep and complex issues could be explained and discussed so clearly and noted that one of the residents even followed along in her Bible.

The assessor told Esther to expect a visit from her bosses and Inspector, which alarmed Esther at first, however she then explained she felt that she had never received such hospitality and friendliness as she had from Jah-Jireh and had told them all that they would have to see it to believe it!

## SOUTH EAST PROJECT



### Architect & Builder Meeting



The Jah-Jireh Trustee Operating Committee met with a firm of highly qualified architects to appoint them as the official architects for our 65 bedded care home in Rainham, North Kent. We now anticipate many months of design and architectural work. As the banks are now more cooperative, and with the support of kind donations and legacies, we face the realistic possibility that the building work will commence late spring to summer 2014.

## Awareness Meetings

During the Spring, more awareness meetings were held in the South East. These meetings are available to anyone wanting to find out more about the Jah-Jireh South East Project first-hand.

There were varying reasons of interest for those who attended. Some were interested to move in to Jah-Jireh, others were interested in working with us. Some had family who were in need and were curious to find out what provisions were available. There were ones who just wanted to hear the latest information on the progress in the South East and others attended who had never heard of Jah-Jireh.

The awareness meeting is a short, informal visit. During the summer, as everyone is busy with the conventions, these meetings have temporarily been on hold but will resume shortly. If you are interested to host one of these visits in your own home with a few of your friends, please don’t hesitate to contact us for more information.



Peacehaven, Sussex



Welling, Kent