

Cindy - SAM's tireless chairwoman has been

in no fewer than 3 countries this year: Belarus (twice), Poland (twice) and China - just once! In addition there has been another Power 2 Live concert in October and our Annual dinner in April. Praise God that with her ongoing health difficulties she has been in reasonably good health and still smiling.



It has been a difficult year in other ways also with the recession making fund-raising all the harder. Taking everything into account it has become clear that God has been opening up the future for SAM in new ways. We are not at this point able to be too specific as things are still in the melting pot, but generally speaking we believe God is guiding us towards a wider ministry.

Over recent years the work in Belarus has largely centred on humanitarian projects and we feel our ministry has been a bit unbalanced with regard to the preaching and teaching of the gospel.

In addition - it is getting harder to keep the Chernobyl needs alive the further we move away from 1986 - even though they are very much still there.

It is clearly a time for us to wait on the LORD and we ask all our supporters to pray with us as we seek God's direction. **Watch this space!**

As a cost saving exercise as well as keeping up with technology, we are cutting down on mail distribution of our SAM News with it now being available on our Web Blog as a pdf. download (we have almost 550 mailings go out).

This issue will be the last mail out. However, if you wish to still receive a copy - please let us know. **In the meantime let us say a big thank you for all the support that has been given to us - especially to those who contribute regularly.**

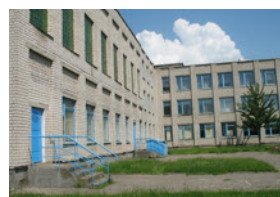
Over the 12 years that we have been assisting the people of Belarus over £1.5 million has been given and gone to a wide variety of situations and projects in Belarus and Croatia.

God bless everyone.

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Blind School, Grodno.



Ronnie Cartwright (2nd left) and the team.

For two weeks in September Ronnie Cartwright and a team of 7 completed a very worthwhile project in one of the toilet blocks in the Blind School, Grodno. This has made a great improvement, though some of the team struggled with illness whilst there.



We have received an urgent appeal to help a young man in Belarus who is 23. His name is **Andrei Nechai**. He is an orphan and has kidney and heart trouble. We have just been told if he does not have a kidney transplant in the next couple of months, he will die. The operation is free but he needs to pay for the drugs to stop kidney rejection and for rehabilitation afterwards. All together we need to raise £2,000.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANYWAY PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US. THANK YOU.



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Our Annual Christmas Trip to Belarus

has hit a snag this time around. We are dependent on transport coming from Belarus to pick us up in Warsaw and then on to Belarus. However, with the changes brought about by Shengen, our drivers have been unable to obtain visas to Poland before the end of January.

We could of course fly direct to Minsk, but that doubles the costs. In addition, in the current climate and all the costs involved in travel, visas and accommodation, we decided to abandon the trip.

However - the intended children **will still receive their gifts and party**, the only difference being that we will not be there. We managed to make arrangements for all the gifts to be purchased by our Belarusian contacts and we will re-imburse them on our next Warsaw visit.

As always, with the inevitable changes that happen in different cultural situations, we have to be adaptable. Please pray with us that the giving of the gifts will be understood by the children to have come as an expression of God's love through their friends in this country.

We still need the money for this project. £1 is sufficient for one child. If you can help personally or as a group, you will help to bring some love and joy to Belarusian children.

Marina's housing project has gone through many changes. She has been unable to sell her flat so we have decided with the money donated to do a renovation of it instead.

Mt. Sinai Fund-raising Trek.

If you would like to walk where Moses walked and raise some money for SAM's projects, please contact us ASAP. We hope to do this in mid-April 2010, provided we have a minimum of 10 reasonably fit people.

If you are interested, please let us know by the end of this year.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

From time to time supporters give to special projects, but it could be that the total given exceeds what is required. In such instances, excess funds will be used for other projects - unless the donor specifically requests otherwise.

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A BIG THANK YOU

to all who took part in the Power 2 Live concert in the Motherwell Civic in October. Around 500 attended and heard a variety of excellent Christian music and a heart warming testimony from Scottish Crime writer Alex Gray. With heavy costs for the venue and its refurbishment next year, along with current developments, we are re-assessing where and how for a Power 2 Live concert next year.

Next June, SAM is hosting a summer camp in Poland for Belarusian children - some disabled.



The Elim Christian Center in Lwuwiek is a renovated palace which is used for many different groups. The facilities are excellent and provide a much more cost effective "Kids Aloft" type trip - especially with regard to bringing children with disabilities.

It is planned that SAM will take a Scottish team to help in the running of the camp.

SAM Christmas dinner
Hilton Strathclyde, Saturday 28th November



Cindy's book: "Angel Encounters," has proved very popular. All the profits go towards SAM's projects. If you would like a copy please send £6.99 plus £1.50 p&p.

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