



Following the passing of Angela in 2012 at the age of 31, The Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust was set up in 2014 with two main aims. Firstly, to provide grants primarily for children and young people, to help them find faith or help them in developing their faith. Secondly, to assist in the development of music in worship by providing grants for access to relevant courses and events and/or the provision of musical instruments. Grants can be made to individuals or organisations to further these aims. To date, the Trust has supported those involved in overseas mission and various churches, individuals and musical projects throughout the country to the extent of grants in excess of £20,000. The following are a few of the many updates and quotes we've had from those supported by the Trust.

Echoes of Grace

Echoes of Grace is a Malawian youth choir established at the start of 2015 with the vision of using music to take the Gospel out into the villages of Malawi. They wanted to become better musicians first, and enlisted the help of music teacher, Ruth MacBean, working with Zambesi Mission.

The group of about 18 singers and 5 instrumentalists have been training together, developing their musical skills, writing their own Bible-based songs in the vernacular, studying the Bible and praying together, whilst occasionally performing in their home city of Blantyre.



The prospect of owning their own instruments and sound equipment was always going to be a challenge in this very poor country, but God has provided through individuals and most recently through the Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust, so that Echoes of Grace are now equipped to launch their mission to the villages in 2017.



Ruth MacBean
 Church Development
 Partner/Zambesi Mission



The Trust Presents
An Evening of Music
with
The Band and Guests Representing "Echoes of Grace"
on
Friday, 24th March 2017 at 7:30pm in Cupar Baptist Church

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Cello – Hillview Community Church *(Lynsey Clarke)*

"What a blessing it has been to Hillview Community Church in Aberdeen, to receive the gift of a cello for our worship team. We have a young woman who recently joined our church family who is a cellist but was unable to afford her own instrument.

Thanks to the Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust we now have a beautiful cello and this young woman's involvement has already inspired and encouraged so many in our services, not to mention the fact that she is now helping one of our children to learn after she was given a cello for Christmas! Thank you again!"

CARLUKE BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY - Amie Aitken



We are so delighted that the Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust has chosen to support our Children and Families Ministry by providing further finance for Amie, our Children and Families Worker. Amie spends much of her week serving as chaplain to four local primary schools and the local high school. She co-leads three primary school Scripture Union groups each week, helping the children to explore the Christian faith in a fun and relevant way.

In the High School she and her colleagues provide specialised support for those who are at risk of dropping out of school, engaging in one-to-one mentoring for some of the most vulnerable young people in our community. Part of the High School ministry includes Sanctuary, a group for teen girls, which has expanded beyond school and not only meets once a month but now in March 2017 will be launching the first national Sanctuary Conference. This is a one-day event for teen girls and their leaders, to help them explore how faith intersects with vital issues like mental health, social media and relationship choices.

The children and families work within the church continues to expand and Amie is working to help our church be welcoming and inclusive particularly for our fostered children and children with ASN. We are helping children from all walks of life to explore their own relationship with God in a safe and compassionate environment. We are very grateful to the Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust for enabling us to continue this vital work.

Trip to Hungary - Gillian Mackenzie



A team of nine young people aged 15-17 and three adults from Aberdeen Christian Fellowship (ACF) went to Hungary with Operation Mobilisation in October 2016. During our week we spent time in five different communities sharing in schools about our Scottish culture and also what it means to put our trust in Christ. This was through a gospel message, drama and also the sharing of our own personal testimonies. We also visited different churches and led worship and shared about how God has a purpose for each of us in our own generations. This theme was inspired through the words of Acts 13 where it talks about David serving his purpose in his own generation.

One of the days that impacted us most was when we visited a place called Battonya near the Romanian border. The population used to be 30,000 but was now only 3,000. The Church there had never had any foreign people come to visit them before. God moved many of us to tears as we discussed how God had not forgotten this place and He has plans and purposes for each one of them there. We were particularly encouraged when a woman in the church got the other ladies of the church that night to commit to starting a prayer group to seek God in their involvement in the community. Many of these churches that we visited are small and it was amazing to share with them and also be reminded of our own history. We at ACF started with very little and few people and God has blessed us and resourced us in ways we couldn't have imagined and it was great to encourage them with our story.

Thank you Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust for supporting us financially for this trip. We hope and pray that our short visit will have a lasting legacy on the communities as the churches continue to reach out to them and we hope that we can partner with some of these places for years and years to come. God has been so kind and faithful to us and we are amazed at how He can do so much more than we could ask or imagine.



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