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# NEWSLETTER

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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.

## Five years later...

The Trustees are delighted that in the past five years the support the Trust has given has gone far beyond the initial aim.

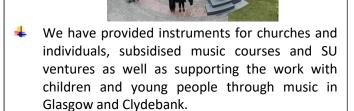
To date, we have responded positively to 37 applications with another six pending and the Trust has given or pledged in excess of £43,000.

We have provided instruments in **Malawi** used in evangelism, and instruments to help pastors lead worship.



- In **Lebanon**, we have supported Sam's House for refugee children in association with the Lebanese Baptists.
- A youth worker in **Thailand**, working alongside BMS church planters has also received financial help.

In **Scotland** churches, organisations, youth workers, and outreach initiatives have been helped.



Most recently the Trust has provided the funding for the reprint of the children's book for Trypraying.

The Trust has not been active in fundraising but we have been grateful for the individuals and churches who have wanted to be a part of this work and who have supported us financially.



Angela's Trust is now becoming established but the Trustees would welcome the opportunity to come and speak at your church or meeting. This can be a five-minute talk or we are able to provide a musical programme to suit your needs.

The aim of meeting with others is not primarily to raise funds but to promote the work of the Trust so that others may benefit.

For further information please contact Bill at billmacdonald99@btinternet.com or Telephone 07740 907210

#### A FEW QUOTES AND UPDATES FROM SOME OF THOSE SUPPORTED BY THE TRUST THIS YEAR

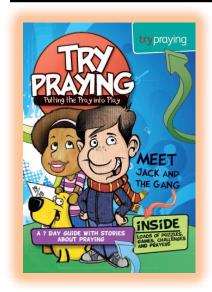
#### BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We are so grateful to the Trust for the support given to Ajarn Tah, BMS World Mission youth worker in Wang Daeng, Thailand.

Ajarn Tah has set up a guitar club and football training for young people in the village which has enabled them to develop their creativity through music and build their self-confidence and social skills. These activities have helped to steer them away from alcohol and drug addiction which affect many in Thailand.

Ajarn Tah is also leading Bible Studies and we are excited to say that several of the young people are exploring faith as a result. Thank you!





"Trypraying is a prayer guide with a difference.

It's for friends, family, neighbours, etc who are asking questions about God and faith, or struggling and searching for answers, but who would avoid stepping into church.

It's for anyone you've ever spoken to, or prayed for, and had that feeling...this person wants to know more. The pocket-sized booklet features real-life stories, words of wisdom, and prayers that anyone can pray"

The Trust has provided funding to cover printing 5,000 children's booklets.

### Tillicoultry Baptist Church Youth Development Worker (Fiona Halliday)

My Name is Fiona Halliday and I came into post as Youth Development Worker in November 2018. My role is to develop Tillicoultry Baptist, Alva Parish and Alva Baptist Church's work with young people in the communities from P6 to S6. I spent the first part of my new role getting to know and getting involved in the work that was currently going on in Tillicoultry and Alva – this included groups in the churches and community, SU Groups & weekend's away and trips to PowerPoint. All this youth work could not be done without the amazing support, skills, talent and dedication from all the youth work volunteers who have given up their time to run all these activities for the young people in this area.

We are also currently organising the **10:10 project**, which is provided by Message Scotland and Alpha Scotland, who work with local churches to provide the project. We are bringing the Eden Bus (a mobile youth space) for 6 weeks, to Tillicoultry on Tuesday nights and Friday nights to Alva and after we will be launching youth Alva from the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the bus.'

So much has already happened in both villages, and we are very excited to see what God has in store for the Youth Work in both Tillicoultry and Alva over the coming months and years. We are very grateful for the funding received from the Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust to assist us in taking forward this work.