

WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

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The Society was pleased to welcome Pastor Giuseppe Ficara, the Pastor of the Waldensian/Methodist Church in Palermo, in May 2006, as our Deputy. Giuseppe had spent a year of his theological training at New College. He was able to attend the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, on behalf of the Tavola, and preached in Churches in Edinburgh and Cockenzie, in course of his visit.

There are still available copies of the excellent book, "An Alliance Across the Alps", by Mr. R. D. Kernohan, on the links between Scotland and the Reformed Churches in Italy. Mr. Kernohan participated in the visits in recent years, by groups from the Society, to Torre Pellice and Florence, to further the research for the publication. The book can be obtained from me at £10 per copy.

There are in hand arrangements for further visit to Torre Pellice, in April 2007. The small group on this occasion comprises members of the Scottish Italian Circle (Dante Alighieri Society), Edinburgh, with other supporters of the Society.

At the beginning of the year, I was pleased to welcome the arrival of the Rev. John Bremner, as the Minister of Bathgate E. U. United Reformed Church. John Bremner had previously ministered with the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Italy, before returning first to Croydon, and to his present ministry in Bathgate. We also warmly welcome his wife Mirella, whose church origins are in the Methodist community in Cremona.

The Society records its appreciation of the support of all its members, and of the Hope Trust, which supports causes which have a specific protestant religious objective, and which have no political allegiance.

Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed most warmly. Likewise, donations for the ongoing work will be most welcome, and Gift Aid Declarations can be provided to donors who pay U.K. tax. The Society is usually able to provide a Speaker and a video or coloured slides, for presentations to any interested organisations, who may wish to know more of the work of the Waldensian and Methodist Church and Community in Italy.

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