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UPDATE - November 2020

Dear Friends,
Much has happened since our last Actios Update.

Following the Government's decision to re-open all schools from September 2020, our Schools' Worker Elaine (Thomas) has been working 50% of her hours paid by Actios but remains furloughed for the other 50% on the government scheme that has now been extended to March 2021 and she will continue on this basis until circumstances change.



This is a stressful and challenging time for our schools as they seek to make their school communities Covid safe. We remember them in our prayers, and we understand why they are presently unable to invite visitors to come into their schools, that of course includes our Schools' Worker.

Elaine has been busy exploring different ways to remotely support both teachers and students during the present restrictions and I list below some of the innovative ways in which she has sought to continue the ministry of Actios.

- A Prayer Letter in poster format was produced and circulated to the schools to reassure them of our prayers at this time. This has been well received.
- An email of support was sent to the schools on "World Teachers' Day".
- A PowerPoint Presentation for Harvest, together with a letter to the children was circulated.
- Elaine has started a new initiative of contacting one school each week asking the children what they would like us to pray about. The first school contacted resulted in a lovely list of prayer requests from the children, a summary of which can be found on our website www.actios.org.
- Elaine has attended several conferences via Zoom and has spoken about the work of Actios at a local church's Mission Partners Meeting again via Zoom.
- She is also exploring the possibility of Actios being the distribution contact between the schools and a local American Airbase, which has generously offered to supply new toys as Christmas presents to children whose families are experiencing financial difficulty at this time.
- Elaine is also exploring the distribution of Christmas literature to the local schools which would be financed by Actios

Following our recent Trustees Meeting the Trustees would like to thank you all for your continuing prayer and financial support during this challenging time. Your generosity and faithfulness not only secures the employment of our present Schools' Worker but enables us to look to the future when we can start the process of engaging a second Schools' Worker as soon as possible after the pandemic has abated and access to Schools is again possible.

May God bless you and keep you at this Advent time,

David

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