

## Some statistics from the 2011 UNAIDS Report

- ✠ AIDS-related deaths of children under 15 have dropped by 20% since 2005
- ✠ Annual new infections globally have fallen by 21% between 1997 and 2011
- ✠ Scientific research has shown that antiretroviral medication is 96% successful in preventing onward transmission of the virus

## BUT

- ✠ There are still 34 million people worldwide living with HIV
- ✠ Less than 50% of those who need HIV medication are able to access it
- ✠ Global funding for the AIDS response fell by 10% in 2010

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme is committed to supporting our partner churches overseas as they respond to the HIV pandemic in their own countries. We also support a number of projects within Scotland.

Donations may be sent to The Church of Scotland HIV Programme, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN. Contact the HIV Programme office for more information about giving by Direct Debit or Standing Order.

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This banner hangs in Lovemore Children's Home, Zimbabwe, which cares for street children, mainly boys, many of whom are living with HIV. It is one of 30 projects currently supported by the Church of Scotland HIV Programme, thanks to funds raised by congregations throughout Scotland and beyond. **THANK YOU.**



**The Galilee Society, Israel –** this organisation has become a major player in the Galilee area for delivering messages about HIV and AIDS, particularly among the Arab Israeli community. The Galilee Society is invited into schools to speak to students, and it publishes and distributes pamphlets (pictured), as well as running conferences for teachers and other people of influence.



**Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Project, Malawi –** working with orphans and vulnerable children, this project runs Community Based Child Care centres, and they involve the whole community in this work. They see this as investing in the leaders of tomorrow. Well established, the project has greatly helped to reduce the stigma around HIV. It also provides pigs and chickens, for families infected or affected by HIV.



**Church of Christ in Thailand AIDS Ministry (CAM) –** the Baan Sabay Emergency Shelter in Chiang Mai is one of very few which provides care for men, especially those who because of their HIV+ status, and the stigma attached to it, have become homeless. The Shelter gives holistic care and helps them to regain dignity and hope.

“ Christian service and ministry is not about condemnation but hope and renewal for the soul

Evangelical Presbyterian Development and Relief Agency, Ghana

“ If you judge someone, you have no time to love them

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



**Deep Griha in Pune, India** is a community-based organisation working with the slum dwellers in the city. DISHA, their HIV project, raises awareness within the community, offers voluntary counselling and testing, provides medical assistance, and gives support to people living with HIV. Last year they ran a pre-matrimonial event to which over 300 people from three states came; twelve couples subsequently became engaged, with one couple marrying on World AIDS Day.



**Body Positive Tayside** exists to empower HIV positive people (and also those with the Hep C virus) and those personally directly affected to eliminate the stigma and isolation they experience. Personal development groups and practical skills training are aimed at building up confidence, and the drop-in centre offers emotional and practical support.



**The United Church of Zambia Theological College** has been including HIV in the training of ministers and deacons for a number of years. Apart from theological consideration of how to be an 'HIV-competent church', training is given in home-based health care, awareness raised of the need to care for orphans and vulnerable children, and practical skills taught for counselling or running community-based HIV projects – all of these mean that church leaders are better equipped when they move to parishes in the community.