

WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

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The Society arranged a visit to Torre Pellice, from 16 to 23 October, 2004. The visit included worship with the Congregation of the Church in Torre Pellice, visits to the Historical Sites in Val Pellice and Val Angrogna, walks in the valleys, and a tour of Agape, the international Conference Centre. The visit was enjoyed by all, particularly I think, by those who had not had any previous experience of visits to the Waldensian Valleys.

It was with pleasure that we were able to continue links with the **Bursar** from the Waldensian Church, **Giuseppina Bagnato**, who had taken up a place at St. Colm's, in order to attend New College as her year abroad, in the course of her Pastoral Training. Giuseppina is a charming young lady, of great character, and it is hoped that in due course we may be able to attend at her Consecration as a Pastor, possibly in 2006.

Then Waldensian Cultural Centre produced, in 2001, a new **Video**, "**The Waldensians**", giving a short history of the Church and of the ongoing witness and work. The Video is available on loan to any interested parties.

The **Annual meeting** of the Committee will take place in Edinburgh on Wednesday, **8 December 2004**. A formal notice to members will be issued in due course.

*There is also in course of planning, a **visit to Casa Cares and Florence, in April 2006 (that is, in 17 months' time, not next year !)**. This is designed primarily for those who have not previously had an opportunity of visiting Casa Cares and the Waldensians in Florence. The visit is intended to include shared worship with the Florence congregation, and some days at Casa Cares, in the peaceful Tuscan countryside. Interested parties can obtain further details from the Secretary. There are other Guest Houses administered by the Waldensians, in Rome, in Venice, and in Palermo. In the event of any interested parties wishing to have information, I would be glad to supply this.*

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. For those with access to the internet, the Waldensian internet site is :- www.chiesavaldese.org, and this can provide useful links.

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