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Retirement of Ivor Guild, CBE, WS, FRSE

Ivor Guild retired as our Legal Advisor at the October Business Committee of 2013 and in his 89th Year. He managed to quietly slip out of the meeting after the Treasurer's report, as was his habit, marking the end of his 55th year of service to SECMA. How do you even begin to say "thank you" to someone who has quietly given 55 years of service to an organisation?

It is recorded that Mr Guild joined SECMA (then known as the Church Women's Mission Association) in 1958, as a Joint Honorary Treasurer along with Miss McNaught.

The minutes of those meetings do not reveal why such a busy young man found himself as the first and only gentleman in the CWMA. Mr Guild was already a busy solicitor and a partner in his firm. In the following years he gained several other prestigious appointments (Procurator Fiscal of Lyon Court 1961-94, Clerk to Abbey Court of Holyrood House and then Baillie of Abbey Court, amongst others) yet every couple of months, he found time to attend CWMA meetings and to keep the books balanced.

Mr Guild remained as a Joint Honorary Treasurer until 1984. Even then he did not stay away for very long, returning in 1990 in the new post of Legal Advisor.

He had quiet words of advice a moments when committees can wobble (such as when a review of the Constitution is due), which were often along the lines of "If it isn't broken, don't fix it!"

He is a well-known face around Episcopal Circles, being the church's longest standing trustee. He has held other important positions in the church, doing much to secure its financial future.

The Central Committee marked his 55th year of involvement with SECMA with a presentation of a box of chocolates, and we look forward to wishing him many happy returns for an important birthday in a few months time.

Hilary Blyth

...from our Convener

Human misery and suffering is not only caused by natural disaster, but by abuse of power and the failure to love. Jesus was tested in the wilderness before His public ministry began. He recognised and rejected the temptations to abuse God's power. Jesus' obedient focus on Sonship and the refusal to abuse or condemn those who come to Him, but rather to build a relationship through which a new way of living is revealed. Following our true vocation as Christ's redeemed people, enables us to become apostles, evangelists and teachers and witnesses all to Christ's Resurrection Life.

Jesus' Call to liberation and wholeness, or 'eternal life' is a Ministry of Resurrection, and the ministry of all true leaders is a reflection of this, and focuses not on the self but on God.

We thank God for the saints and role models who show us how to trust in God's power to overcome evil and lead people into eternal life by word and example; among them the missionaries, teachers, nurses and doctors who worked overseas and whose example is revered and followed today.

God's power is made perfect in weakness. Jesus has given us the gift of prayer through which we can have a living relationship with God and with each other, upholding each other in life's struggles, however they are caused. Christ has overcome all temptation, and shown us how to love and endure to the end. When we hold our palm crosses, let us remember that we are not alone with our troubles but that all evil has already been overcome by the faithful love of Jesus Christ our Lord, and let us commit again to follow in His Way of trust and obedience.

May God Bless us in our mission to work for His Kingdom with sensitivity and gentleness. May Christ's Love shine through us in our gladness at being called to be God's Beloved People, and may we praise Him in all we think, say and do.

Thank you for supporting SECMA,

In Christ's Love,
Vanessa Stark, Convener

Cover Photos by Emma Lindell from Luwero Hospital, Uganda. Top; going to hospital. Right; Occupational therapy. Main; Antenatal clinic under a tree.

My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil

A friend of the Reverend Peter Mosley put SECMA in touch with a project in Brazil that would greatly benefit from a grant. My Father's House is a home for troubled teenage boys from the small city of Olinda, just south of Recife.

My Father's House is run by the local Anglican church and overseen by the two priests, Ian and his wife, Simea. Although the home works with the full cooperation of the Brazilian Social Work department and Youth Justice system, the co-operation does not extend to funding the home in any way. The home is for boys who are sleeping rough, often as a result of sexual abuse within the family, who are using drugs or solvents or who have fallen foul of the gang culture on their home streets. If that is the case, they can risk death or injury if they return to their homes.

My Father's House offers these boys breathing space, in a spacious rented house in a safe area well away from the back streets and the gang culture. The experienced staff give round-the-clock care, giving boys a chance for them to stay away from drugs, improve relationships with families and resume an abandoned education. Some boys can return home quite quickly, others need to stay for much longer.

Increasingly, the boys needed computers and internet access to keep up with school work. SECMA was delighted to be able to provide three computers, along with a printer and three small screens, which were purchased in Brazil with a grant of £1,000.



"My Father's House": the boys and their computers

The local church, Aqua Viva (Living Water), keeps an eye on at least another thirty boys, to try to prevent them from falling into the same difficulties.

Living Waters Church was founded in the shanty town on the outskirts of Olinda just over twenty years ago. Poverty is extreme, and the community was originally form of scavengers who picked-over the huge rubbish dump. The closure of the rubbish dump has made things worse. Simea and Ian started in a small way, showing that by following Christ the families living amidst all this could improve their lot.

A church building was donated and is in constant use, with children's groups, after-school "reinforcement classes", crèches, craft-workers groups, bible classes and access to health professionals. The church even has a farm outside the city. Part of this is farmed, part left as a nature reserve and the remainder used as a resource for the church. The congregation have the opportunity for some time in the countryside and they hold retreats there. The boys of My Father's House can camp there and "let off some steam" at weekends. All this work is run on an exceptionally slender budget, and is dependent on volunteers and donations.



Aqua Viva at their rural retreat; Photo Aqua Viva

The world is likely to hear a great deal about Brazil in 2014. Much of it will be about the football, but we are sure to also see the pristine forests, unique creatures, fabulous beaches and attractive buildings. You will be less likely to hear that Brazil is being swamped with illegal drugs. Brazil has a very long borders, with much of it running through the Amazon jungle. This makes for easy smuggling, particularly as three neighbouring countries grow cocaine. Increasingly the drug being smuggled is the highly addictive synthetic crack cocaine.

The drugs are trafficked by gangs of youths. They are vicious and highly territorial. Boys are recruited as runners from the age of 10, and are likely to be carrying weapons by the age of twelve. Once a boy is a member of a gang, leaving their neighbourhood means moving through the territory of another gang, who may well attack them. Skirmishes between gangs result in the deaths of around four young people a week, just from this area.

Sexual abuse of children, of both sexes, is another significant problem in Brazil. Abuse in the parental home is common, particularly where the parents are addicts. There is a significant amount of child prostitution too. As South-East Asia begins to make life difficult for 'sex-tourists', Brazil is increasingly the destination of choice.

The situation in Olinda seems insoluble, making it all the more remarkable that Ian and Simea, working with faith, are making such a difference to the people they care for.

St. Columba's Religious Training Centre, Hunterpur, Sialkot, Pakistan

Several members of the SECMA Central Committee have expressed an abiding concern for the Christians of Pakistan and so SECMA has sought a project which will help them for several years.

We were delighted when the St. Columba's Religious Training Centre was recommended to us. The Centre was built to be an orphanage with its own school in the established Christian village of Hunterpur, which is now a suburb of industrial Sialkot. The school was nationalised in the 1970's but the buildings found new purpose as a hostel for girls from rural areas seeking secondary education.

The area was named after the first Church of Scotland Missionaries there, a Rev'd Hunter. After just a few months work he and his wife and child perished in the First Indian war of Independence in 1857. However, their legacy and the church they founded have lasted to the present day. Curiously, many Christian foundations in the area still retain their dedications to Christian Saints.

We were fortunate to find Church of Scotland missionary Catherine Nicol still resident at St Columba's, despite having retired some time ago. She makes a great correspondent, as long as the electricity is working!

SECMA had thought it would be appropriate to sponsor one or two of the girls through secondary school or teacher training. However Catherine Nicol had a better idea, and asked SECMA to consider funding the replacement of "extremely tatty" furniture in the dining rooms. These are the chairs and tables that are used for meals and homework. Replacing for this furniture, although expensive, means that everyone benefits. The total bill runs to £2,500, and the grant will be paid in instalments and will be completed in late 2014 .

Although education is a basic human right, it is poorly funded in Pakistan, with just 2.7% of the GNP being spent on it (compared with 5.5% in the UK). In rural Pakistan literacy rates are low, and in some areas only 29% of men and 12% of women can read. In some ultra-orthodox Muslim areas of the Baluchistan Province and the North West Frontier Province, education has always been reserved strictly for boys. For a while, as a result of Taleban influence, these areas seemed to be spreading and girls schools were starting to close, although this does now seem to have reversed.

When Catherine Nicol first wrote to SECMA she said:-

"We are grateful for any offers of help. People here on the whole do not see the point of educating girls. They are to get married and have children!!!!"

Indeed, sometimes it appears that it is only the difficulty of raising a dowry that prevents the father of many daughters from marrying them all off as soon as they reach 16 years of age. Other families have little option but to send girls from the age of 10 into domestic service in the towns, relying on their wages to support the family.

These attitudes can be changed when they see the benefits that result from having a grown-up daughter, educated, qualified, earning respect and financial independence as a nurse or teacher.

On the other hand, St Columba's has equal difficulty with some fathers (or nearest male relatives) who will only accept an education focussed on academic achievement, typically wanting the girl to become a doctor. He may refuse to consider that a vocational course may suit this particular daughter rather better. You will notice that mothers are not involved in making these decisions. Traditionally in Pakistan, a woman's sphere of influence is strictly inside the home.

Understandably, places at St Columba's are highly sought after. They have to limit the places to just 300, or the buildings become overcrowded. They take mainly girls who are orphaned, or "half orphaned" and thus disadvantaged. The man making the decisions may be an uncle or other relative.

The girls go mainly into teaching or nursing, curiously enough the two main options open to women in the UK not so very long ago.

St. Columba's also acts as a women's refuge, offering temporary assistance in the event of family crisis. There is little alternative for women who need to temporarily leave marriages, other than returning in disgrace to the parental home. The Centre offers some education to any children with them, and women work in exchange for board and lodging until the situation resolves. Sometimes St. Columba's also takes in, on a permanent basis, the elderly and less-able who have been rejected by their own families.

Shelterbox

2014 in many areas of the world and for many people will be remembered for the destruction of the home. Typhoon Haiyan destroyed homes and infrastructure in outlying parts of the Philippines, an earthquake in Baluchistan devastated nearly all the mud-brick houses (although the West heard little about it, as it is a militarised part of Pakistan) and many ordinary people have lost their homes in the civil war in Syria.

As a small charity, SECMA cannot hope to be an emergency aid agency. However, faced with misery and devastation on such a scale, the Central Committee decided to make three donations of £500 each to a British charity called Shelterbox, enabling Shelterbos to send an extra box to each area, and provide an extra family with shelter.

Each box (a sturdy plastic box about the size of a trunk) contains a large, hurricane proof tent (designed in Port Glasgow, Scotland by Vango), a water-carrier and water-filter,

along with sleeping bags, mats, cooking pots and basic tools. After all, how can you gather firewood without a saw? The box that all this equipment comes in becomes storage for the families possessions, keeping things dry and off the ground. It is strong enough to be a seat, and even works as a cot for a new baby. In cold areas the boxes even include a small stove to provide heating and hot water. School age children are given a school pack, containing pencils and exercise books and activities to entertain them until schools can be set up.



Contents of Shelter Box;
Photo by kind permission
of Shelterbox

News from old projects

The Raphael Centre, Grahamstown, South Africa

A deputation of members from SECMA were very fortunate to be able to meet Annalie van Niekirk during her brief visit to the UK last autumn.

Annalie gave a presentation about the situation in Grahamstown, South Africa where the Raphael Centre has been helping people with HIV.

Firstly Annalie was able to explain some of the history of this small town. Although the town has a "Picture postcard" appearance, dominated by the Anglican cathedral, if you look a little further up the surrounding hills you will see the township (slums) crowding around the town.

The land around Grahamstown is infertile and is difficult to farm, except on an industrial scale. However, even the large farms are closing and laying off their workers. It is more profitable for them to pool their land and convert themselves into a safari park. There is very little other work available in the area for the displaced people.

The first instinct of the Raphael Centre was to give whatever help was needed to those with HIV, chiefly food parcels. In some ways, this has produced dependence on the Centre, and there were always more and more people who needed help.

Second thoughts are now prevailing, and the Centre has started to change its focus from support to HIV prevention. Part of their approach is engaging the men of the community in safer behaviour. Raphael have a worker who manages to do just that; despite being young and female. She is able to talk to the men, using humour to get the safe-sex message across.

A second approach is through the current generations of children and teenagers. The way to HIV prevention lies, just as in the UK, though education and empowerment. A woman with her own income is less likely to be forced into early marriage, better able to negotiate safe sexual practices and more adverse to taking risks.

For the children of the slums around Grahamstown, this key to this starts with early years intervention, producing confident children who are ready to make the best of their opportunities at the state schools. The Raphael Centre aims to work with vulnerable children of all age groups, giving them confidence, hope and encouraging them to have ambitions .

Those at the meeting were particularly saddened by a picture painted by an eight-year old girl of herself as a police-woman. The chances of achieving her dream are not very high, and one of the largest obstacles in her way is likely to be simply finding the school fees.

The Edinburgh High School for Girls, Encongolweni, Malawi

The Edinburgh High School for girls finally opened in 2013, thanks to the work of the Chesney Trust. SECMA contributed a second classroom's worth of desks and chair, allowing them to expand the school.



Photo; ChesneyTrust

Visit to Diocese of Calcutta

The Diocese of Calcutta is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. Scots clergy, missionaries, teachers, nurses, doctors and administrators founded institutions and set an example which continues to inspire, and is emulated today in the highest standards of Christian service and witness, drawing students from all over India to study at Diocesan schools and colleges.

The group of visitors consisted of a mixed range of laity and clergy from the newly linked Diocese of St Andrews, visiting in January 2013. We were treated with great honour and welcomed by the Bishop, the Right Reverend Ashoke Biswas and his team to some of the many schools, colleges and churches founded by Scots. We recognised names on plaques, such as that of the Rev'd Canon Kenyon Wright who ministered at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Calcutta. (One of his successors is currently studying for a doctorate at New College, Edinburgh, and would welcome invitations to preach. Please contact the St Andrews Diocesan Office.)

We stayed at Monica House, which is situated within the compound of St James Church. This is a graceful 19th century Anglican gothic church built for the Anglo Indian community, with carriage porch and spacious grounds containing accommodation for the families employed to look after the church and its guests. A wonderful reception was held at St John's Diocesan School, where we were welcomed by Diocesan officials and entertained by some of the pupils before sitting down to enjoy a generous banquet.

The following day a training session for clergy and laity was held at La Martiniere School for Girls; further visits on subsequent days to Sr. Florence Nursing College, the Arunima Hospice and the Oxford Mission engaged and inspired. The Arunima Hospice is the only Hospice in Calcutta for those infected with HIV, and we were entertained by the dancing and the artwork of the orphaned children who are given a loving home at the Hospice. Meeting patients in later stages of HIV moved us to tears, and the enthusiasm and professionalism of student nurses and tutors at the nursing college heartened us all. The Diocese continues to respond practically and prayerfully to human need, and we felt committed to help in their mission.

We spent a day at Bishops College in Calcutta, worshipping in the gracious Chapel, dining with students, touring the library and listening to lectures on interfaith studies. Serampore College, founded by Baptist minister William Carey was the

venue for another day. Students from many Christian denominations study together, including the Syrian Orthodox Mar Thoma Church, and courses on India's other faiths form a major part of the curriculum.



Scottish Churches College

Scottish Churches College in Calcutta impressed us with the number of high calibre women teachers amongst its staff - few women are currently accepted as ordinands in the Church of North India, and we were delighted that our leader, the Rev'd Canon Val Nellist, was invited to preach at the Sunday morning service in Darjeeling, our next destination.

We stayed in a lodge on the campus of St Paul's School, a prestigious Scots-founded public school for boys set at the highest point of Darjeeling. The boys were on holiday, because it is cold until late February when they return, and Victorian schools have no central heating! The school Principal, who also serves as Chaplain, entertained us with the greatest care, and our guide was an English teacher, a member of the Lepcha tribe who escorted us on walks and visits to the first fair trade tea estate, the zoo and the Himalayan Institute, introducing us to the culture of the area before taking his leave at Kalimpong, where Dr Foning from the Scottish Universities Mission Institution took over as our host. Another 19th century foundation, SUMI is seeking to renew links with its founding Scottish Universities - if any reader can offer help, please get in touch!

Kalimpong is on the Silk Road and was renowned as a centre for education because of the quality of its Scots-founded schools.

Boarding pupils from the all over Northern India studied here, and although pupils and staff were on holiday, we visited the large campus of Dr Graham's Homes above Kalimpong, and inspected the construction of a new building that was to become a Safe Home and Vocational Training Centre for Trafficked girls and women - sadly, all too common in the outlying villages where unemployment is high and fathers are lured to sell their daughters to work in domestic service, which often turns out to be sex slavery in India's large cities.

I hope that this will become one of SECMA's funding projects, and will keep you in touch with developments.

Vanessa Stark, Convener

Medical Elective in Kiwoko Hospital, Luwero, Uganda

I travelled to Kiwoko hospital in Uganda for eight weeks, to undertake my medical elective. An elective can be completed at any hospital, anywhere in the world, but I chose Kiwoko hospital because it is a place that I know well, and have many connections to. I had already visited twice before, both times as part of a team running children's clubs. This time would be very different.

Kiwoko hospital was set up in 1989, in the aftermath of the Ugandan civil war. A doctor from Bangor, Northern Ireland (my home-town) left home, together with his wife and three children, and, funded by the Christian Mission Society Ireland (CMSI), began the hospital in the form of a clinic under a tree. The hospital has expanded hugely since then. It now boasts six wards, separate HIV wards, physiotherapy, antenatal departments, a large laboratory and an outpatients department (OPD). They even have two very well stocked operating theatres.

Since I was there last, there has been considerable change with the development of a nursing and laboratory training school. However, the hospital has never lost its strongly Christian ethic. Each working day starts with three-quarters of an hour of worship, prayer and talks, and they frequently send groups out to evangelise in the local area, as well as the not-so-local area! Nurses will pray with and for their patients, and unlike many hospitals in Uganda, no patient is ever turned away. There is a special fund for those who cannot afford the hospital fees.

I rotated through several wards during my time there, but I spent the largest amounts of time in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), paediatrics and maternity.

One of the aspects I found most enjoyable was working with the

community team to deliver antenatal classes, immunisations, and advice on sanitation and HIV care to those in the surrounding area.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Kiwoko, although it was certainly very challenging at times. Watching people, especially children, suffer because of lack of drugs, equipment or staff is very difficult, and all the more so when you can't step in and make a difference.

I have learnt a lot from my elective, medically, but more importantly, my faith in God has deepened and grown, hopefully it won't shrink back afterwards. Seeing the hospital staff and local people daily praising the Lord for all he has blessed them with is incredibly humbling. Everything is brought before God, the 'I'll do it myself' society back home could not be further from this one.

Thank you so much for your support, I appreciate it a great deal.

Emma Lindell



Pharmacy—many shelves empty



Emma weighing a baby



Special Care Baby Unit: Photographs, Emma Lindell

Diocesan Reports

Aberdeen and Orkney

I wish to thank all in the diocese for their generous support of SECMA. Today I am meeting the craft group at St. Ninian's. Although small in number, their contributions are not. I would like to thank Jacqui Hogarth (now of Montrose) for introducing the SECMA piggy bank at their craft meetings; and a very fine pig it is too.

I have some spare magazines to hand. Should anyone wish to have spare copies to pass around, my contact details are on the back page.

Our condolences to Rev'd Jane Ross and her husband Graeme on the loss of Graeme's father, Archie, who passed away peacefully at home in January.

Annette Everard

Argyll and the Isles

I record with sadness the sudden death in the Autumn of Mrs Elspeth Malcolm, Congregational Correspondent in Duror. All her work for SECMA was very much appreciated. We now welcome Mrs Beth Connolly who has volunteered to take her place, and also three other new volunteers: **Mrs Anne Pascoe**, who took over from Mrs Andrena Ferguson-Flatt in Lochgilphead; **Mrs Lesley Davidson** who "stepped in" when Mrs Pauline Dougan resigned in Kinlochleven; and **Mrs Eileen MacDonald** who has kindly filled the vacancy on Skye.

Ceri McNelly, daughter of our Provost in Oban Cathedral, the Very Rev'd Nicki McNelly, was awarded a Volunteer Grant by SECMA towards her 10 week "gap year" time in Central America with Raleigh International. Her report will be seen in the Autumn magazine.

As we approach the Commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War later this year, perhaps we should reflect on the work SECMA was doing then and what it is doing now. The differences as well as the similarities, such as the provision of Shelter Boxes after disasters and in areas of war and conflict, which sadly often involve fellow Christians

Joy Blakeney

Brechin

Maybe because I was unable to be there, I omitted to mention in the last report (Autumn 2013) that the Summer Event was held in August at St Andrew's, Brechin. Our provincial Convener, Vanessa Stark, spoke about her visit to Calcutta and Darjeeling and this was much enjoyed. My apologies to Vanessa!

The annual visit of the Ferryport Fiddlers was at St. Margaret's, Dundee and we were pleased to welcome some younger musicians as well as those who have played before. It is good to see the development and diversity of their skills. We are grateful for the funds raised on this occasion. On that note, we are preparing for the lunch in February but more of that next time! More of our Congregational correspondents were able to join us at our planning meeting in December and among them we welcomed Theresia Florence from Holy Trinity, Monifieth and Harry Buik who is the new correspondent from St. Ninian's Dundee. By the time this magazine is published the Brechin diocesan website should have a few lines about SECMA so we hope more local folk will know about the work of the Association and be encouraged to support us. As usual the support of all the branches and groups is much appreciated.

Rosemary Eddy

Edinburgh

The main Diocesan event since our last report was the annual Coffee Morning and sale, which was held on 5th October at Christ Church Morningside. It is our main fund raising event and this year we raised a total of £522.90 from the sale and a further £210 from donations handed in the day, which was a great result. We offer a big thank you to all who organised stalls, helped on the day, and attended the event, and especially for the generous donations. Thank you also to the team from Christ Church who prepared and served the coffee.

Our Annual Links afternoon this year is planned for **Tuesday 17th June**.

We are really grateful for the continued faithful support and commitment of our long standing member congregations and their representatives and thank everyone for submitting their annual returns so promptly and efficiently.

Cecilia Stephens and Janet Gooddy

Glasgow and Galloway

I would like to pass on my thanks on behalf of SECMA for the continuing support of churches and individual members of the Glasgow and Galloway Diocese. Monies have been raised from coffee mornings, bring and buy sales, fellowship lunches, candle and mission box collections, sales of work as well as individual donations. I would particularly like to thank the churches who have felt able to increase their donations.

Margaret Mungavin has also asked me to say that the £500 given to each of the Ahli Arab hospital, the Orthodox School for Girls and the Princess Basma hospital for Disabled Children, all of which are in Palestine, will be delivered personally by a Palestinian friend of hers who is going out there soon. All the above are so grateful for our help and we must continue to pray for the people in the Middle East, especially the children who are caught up in the dreadful situation.

Margaret Mungavin and Julia Izatt

Moray, Ross and Caithness

I had a very constructive meeting with Bishop Mark in December about mission in general, and SECMA in particular in the diocese. Because of my limitations with regard to transport around the diocese, and also due to family commitments, we are seeking someone who will take on the role of linking and co-ordinating with all the charges in this vast area. I am able to maintain the role of representative, as there is much less difficulty in getting to Edinburgh than there is to Kinlochbervie or Poolewe! We are hoping to arrange a diocesan gathering in the summer - so watch this space!

Peter Mosley

St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

The St. Kessog's Fellowship in Auchterarder really enjoyed their talk from Vanessa Stark, SECMA Convener, on the diocesan visit to Calcutta. We were lucky to have the use of a TV and DVD player, and so we could really appreciate the photographs of this fascinating country.

I have been assailed by a bout of ill health and limited mobility since Christmas, so you won't have seen me around as much as usual, but I hope to be out and about soon.

9 *Dorothy Iball*

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would like to contact SECMA.

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-new contacts overseas

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Honorary Treasurer

We are seeking an Honorary Treasurer to join our Board of
Trustees.

The post involves three morning meetings per year in Edinburgh (near
Haymarket), preparation of accounts in compliance with OSCR and
making payments to our projects overseas.

You would have experience as a fully qualified accountant or
would have held a similar position.

A full job description can be obtained from and informal

enquiries directed to:-

The SECMA Provincial Secretary,

Mrs Hilary Blyth, Tue-Thu, 10am - 2pm

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**A group of members (for instance a church congregation) may join
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SECMA gives small travel grants to Christian volunteers
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(both young and the "somewhat older") who have
visited the Middle east, Africa, Eastern Europe and South
America to take part in

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VSO

Working in orphanages

Working in hospitals

The application process involves a short application
form, two references and a short, informal interview
arranged as far as possible to your convenience.

**To start the process, contact the SECMA office in the
first place.**