



**Chap-Aid**  
**Charity Association of the Chaplaincy of Aquitaine**

**Association Loi 1901 N° 20060046**

**CHAP-AID UPDATE to Members**  
**(February 2010)**

**Dear Members of Chap-Aid,**

**Following your generous response to the appeal for the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake which shattered their lives, we felt we should write to you to update you on what we have done.**

You will know that we try to keep around 1000€ – 1500€ in hand for emergencies in our Chap-Aid general account. This enables us to respond quickly to emergencies like the hail storm in Stepanavan last summer and, now, the Haitian disaster. We do so in the belief that you, our members, would want us to respond in that way.

We normally follow this with an appeal for funds around the chaplaincy. If that appeal raises more than we originally sent then we send the excess (once we have replaced the donation sent up-front) to the disaster relief.

Regarding this latest appeal for Haiti,

- 1 We sent 750€ up-front to Shelterbox France
- 2 The special collections around the chaplaincy have already raised in excess of 1500€ and, from what we know has yet to be handed in, we should achieve a final total in excess of 2000€.
- 3 We agreed therefore at our last Council meeting to send another 750€ immediately to Shelterbox to purchase a second 'box' for Haiti.
- 4 In the next week or so, when we have received the balance of collections from the congregations, we hope to send around 600€ to Christian Aid, via the Diocese of Europe special Haiti appeal.

That will mean, therefore, that we will have collected and sent about 2100€ to Haiti and replenished our general account (in readiness for the next inevitable disaster, alas!) to its earlier level.

So a very big “Thank you” to all of you who have contributed so generously.

**On a second matter, you will recall that we shall be holding the AGM for Chap–Aid on the same day as the Chaplaincy AGM, near Limeuil, on the 27th March.**

We shall be electing / appointing a new council on that occasion. So before then local committees / congregations need to be proposing their representatives for Chap–Aid Council. In addition we need to elect a Chairman, Communications Secretary and Treasurer.

The current holders of those posts are ready to stand again as follows:

Chairman: Roger Cheale  
Communications Secretary: Madeleine Holmes  
Treasurer: Brian Hogarth

Paul Vrolijk is, of course, ex officio, President and Gill Strachan his representative/deputy. (Gill also acts as minutes secretary to the Council).

If anyone else would like to put themselves forward for these positions, would they please do so, with the names of proposer and seconder, and send them to me at [cheale@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cheale@wanadoo.fr) before the 13th March.

**Thirdly, regarding the choices of charities to support in 2010 and 2011.**

We agreed at our 2009 AGM, that the whole Chaplaincy would continue to support Emmaüs (the French charity for the homeless) during 2010.

The present Council would like to propose that we continue that support into 2011 as well. You will have opportunity to comment and vote on that at the AGM.

In addition, during 2010, we will want to continue to support our Bishop’s Lent and Advent Appeals. Details of the Lent Appeal will be circulated in the near future.

In the past most local sectors / congregations have chosen a further one or two charities to support. If your sector decides to do so please make sure that the details of the chosen charities are given to your local Chap–Aid rep or sent to me using the recently agreed pro–forma.

The Council needs to ratify that the chosen charity's aims are compatible with ours BEFORE any fund-raising occurs. We will also need full address, charity number, bank details, etc. The form for submitting a charity can be downloaded from the Chap-Aid section of the Chaplaincy website.

It would be good to have a complete list of chosen charities for 2010 by the time of the AGM.

We would encourage you to look at our website page where you can read more about Chap-Aid.

**<http://www.chapaq.org/chapaid.html>**

Thank you for your patience in reading all this!

And thank you again for your generosity over the Haiti disaster.

Yours on behalf of the Chap-Aid Council,

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