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Dear Supporters, 19th June 2015

Sylvia's Visit in July

For most of her 33 years in India, Sylvia has been reluctant to leave staff, patients, pupils and community for any length of time. In recent years, the trustees have encouraged her to visit more regularly. Despite her remarkable stamina, Sylvia, who was 77 on 21 January, needs and deserves a rest (although she will not admit it herself!).

In the UK, Sylvia gives impetus to our efforts to support her magnificent work. Her diary for July is a busy one and includes many visits, talks, meetings and discussions. There will even be time for a short holiday with friends, away from the daily pressures of her unremitting 7 days a week work in Tiruvannamalai. Her absence also gives her staff valuable opportunities to take on more responsibility themselves and to prepare for the future. Finally, Sylvia's visit gives the trustees another opportunity to discuss with her what needs to be done to secure her legacy by succession planning and by strengthening governance in India.

An extract from Sylvia's July Diary: Monday 13th July: Roundhay Rotary 7.30 pm. Tues 14th: St Paul's PS am. Immaculate Heart PS pm. Weds 15th: St Edwards PS Oldham am. Cardinal Newman High School Oldham pm. Thurs 16th: St Urban's PS am. 12.30 pm. Trustees & SWAG – see below. Fri 17th: Bishop of Leeds am. St Margaret Clitheroe, Haxby 7.30 pm. Sun 19th: St Edward's Oldham 11.30 am. Fri 24th: At Home. 5.00 pm: See below.

Special Invitations to Supporters:

Thursday 16 July: Open meeting with Sylvia 12.30pm for 1.00 pm start. Holy Name Church Hall, Otley Old Road, Leeds LS16 6HW. All supporters welcome. Light refreshments. RSVP.

Friday 24 July: At home with Sylvia. You would also be very welcome to join Sylvia and other supporters at my home, for an early evening reception between 5.00pm and about 7.30pm Light refreshments will be served and there will be no formalities other than perhaps Sylvia saying a few words and answering questions. You are already more than generous and so this is a small personal thank you and is not a fund-raising event. RSVP.

It is important, however, to have numbers so if you are able to come along to either or both of these special supporters' events, please let me know by phone, e-mail or letter as early as possible.

With every good wish,

Tony Allinson (Chairman)