

**WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND**

April 2006.

Change of name.

**AN EXPLANATION.**

WILL AID was started by me in 1988 following Bob Geldof's example with Band Aid and Live Aid. As everyone presumably knows, they were set up specifically for famine relief and development work overseas. So it was with WILL AID and none of them was to benefit those living in the UK.

It was I who came up with the name WILL AID and the charities I chose in 1988 were Action Aid, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save The Children and the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. Over the many WILL AID events since then, there have been various changes in the charities involved but, until recently, they have all been ones which ensured that the money raised (now in the region of £5million) was used only for the poorer countries overseas.

However, for the last WILL AID event in 2004, without my consent, the consortium introduced charities which use their money to benefit people in this country. That was entirely contrary to the whole purpose and principles of WILL AID. I should add that the WILL AID name was registered in England a few years ago by the consortium of charities then operating WILL AID to which I consented provided its original principles were adhered to. That has been betrayed.

I therefore set up a company registered in Scotland called SOLICITORS WILL AID SCOTLAND so that the ethos of WILL AID could be maintained. As you may know, I have for the last six months or more been working on a Scottish WILL AID event to happen next month – May 2006 – involving five Scottish charities who will be true to the WILL AID principles. They are Blythswood Care, Emmanuel Health Care, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Scottish International Relief and Signpost International.

This has brought complaints from the consortium in the south and, in mid-March 2006, I received a letter from London Solicitors, Nabarro Nathanson threatening court proceedings unless I changed the company name and gave up using the name WILL AID. I consider it absolutely disgraceful that a group of charities, namely Actionaid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Help The Aged, NSPCC, Save The Children UK, SCIAF ( Scotland ), Sight Savers International and Trocaire ( N. Ireland ) should apparently be willing to spend its charitable monies on legal expenses in an attempt to defeat the worthy efforts of another group of charities who are so desperate to help some of the world's poorest people.

However, the practical reality so far as I and the Scottish charities are concerned, especially with May fast approaching, was not to get involved in time-wasting and extremely heavy legal expenses in lengthy meetings, legal discussions and court actions no matter the rights and wrongs.

It has therefore been decided to change the name under which we will operate this year to:-

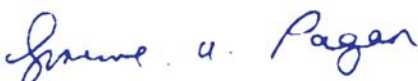
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With the support I have had from Scottish solicitors so far, I think I can be confident that that support will continue. Indeed, I suspect that many will be as disgusted as I have been by the threat of legal action from the south and that the support for this separate Scottish venture may increase as a result.

On behalf of the Scottish charities now involved, I give this assurance that all the money raised from WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND, subject only to essential printing and other such costs, will be spent entirely on the relief of suffering in some of the world's poorer countries.

I apologise for the length of this circular but I thought that, if you wanted to know the background to what has been happening, you had the right to be told.

Best wishes  
Yours sincerely,



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