

## The Roy Hession Book Trust

The Charity is all about the Lord Jesus Christ - and sharing HIS message to the entire world .....



### Summer 2021 Newsletter

ROY HESSION  
BOOK TRUST

Dear Praying Partners in the work of Hession Trust:

Wow, it's the summer. But here in southern England, it's been raining a lot recently. Hopefully it will improve soon? At the **Roy Hession Book Trust**, we continue to print and distribute many of the *Roy Hession* and *George Verwer* books around the world.

Our good friends in the USA, **CLC USA**, have the English language versions, and the RHBT continues to talk to various publishers about printing these books in their own local languages.

Do please pray for the **two Amharic editions**, which currently are at the press in **Ethiopia**, and are about to be published.

Please remember **George Verwer** who recently spent time at the *London Bridge Hospital*, where he spent 10 days recovering from triple heart bypass surgery. George would value your continuing prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Gerry Davey**, following the recent homecall of his dear wife, **Jean**; one of the founding Trustees of the RHB Trust.

The article is from **David Greenlee** of *OM International*.

### JEAN HALL DAVEY: 9 August 1935 - 1 June 2021

*Norma Jean Hall* was born and grew up in Turner, Kansas, USA. Her loving family fostered Christian values, even though her parents were not Christians during her childhood.

In 1958, after university and a year teaching, Jean began studies at *Moody Bible Institute*. Jean then went to Mexico in 1958, 1959, and 1960.

In December 1960, Betty Snavelly and she sailed to Spain, joining George and Drena Verwer and Mike and Diane McKinley on the first OM team in Madrid.

In the summer of 1963, nearly two thousand joined the outreach. Jean led a women's team to three of the most fanatically Catholic provinces of northern Spain,

then under the Franco dictatorship. Police arrested them thirteen times and finally deported them. Undeterred, Jean and a colleague drove along to the next border post and re-entered Spain to continue. Jean loved the adventure of it all!



Gerry and Jean Davey, George and Drena Verwer (April 2021)

Later that year, while working in Bolton, England, as George Verwer's secretary, she and Gerry Davey were granted 'social permission', eventually marrying in Kansas, USA in December 1964.

In 1967, Bromley, England became home. Over the next eighteen years, Gerry developed and directed *Send the Light*, the English-language Christian literature branch of OM. Gerry was later seconded from OM to be General Secretary of the *East European Literature Advisory Committee*.

The Daveys mentored local colleagues across the region, helping them establish indigenous Christian publishing houses in ten countries. While Jean's official role was providing administrative support, her real joy, as she accompanied Gerry on numerous trips, was in building friendships, fellowship and trust with many people in these fascinating countries.

In her own view, her most important ministry was to: *'Support my husband and raise my children God gave us, guiding them to love and follow Jesus and to work as a team'*.

Jean never drew attention to herself, and humbly walked through her seventy years of Christian ministry with an attitude of service.

If you would like to remember **Jean Davey**, please use the **CAF Bank account details for RHBT** (at the back of this newsletter) - Thank you.

For your encouragement, we receive many letters and cards regarding **our books**, including the following:

**LINDA writes:** 'Quite some time ago you sent me a couple of Roy Hession's books. I am reading one now, and from the start it touched my life. Just now I was reading it - and its contents drove me to tears. Praise God! Good tears. A gift from our Father. So, to be brief George, I want you to be encouraged and to say thank you for sending us this book'.

**DAN AND SUE says,** 'Our youngest daughter started reading a Roy Hession book you sent us last year and she said it has changed her life, so she is now a big fan. She is a teaching assistant at Kingham School near Oxford which is a Christian boarding school with lots of internationals, which she loves.

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### **ONE OF OUR LATEST SHIPMENTS: TO SOUTH SUDAN**



**GEORGE VERWER** says, 'This large shipment from India to Juba in South Sudan has arrived. This was two full pallets that went via Mombasa to be shipped to Juba. It's taken months and was very complicated. Over 100 emails on my part, esp. as this has never been done before! **To see these photos after working on this for many months brings great joy.** The hunger for Bibles and Christian books is huge in South Sudan, and I want to thank you for standing with us in this ministry'.



### **FROM A LETTER TO GEORGE VERWER:**

**MARIA from Italy** writes, 'I read your last book (*MORE DROPS...*) and **my heart is full of gratitude**. It touched my heart in different parts, but especially about "don't fight against the darkness but **CARRY THE LIGHT**". I shared with my daughter and my sons: we must be light, because the light send away the darkness. We don't fight politicians, culture, gender theory and anything else about sin, but we must carry the light because **only the God's light can drive out the darkness**. George - I commit myself to carry the light until my last day for God's Glory'.

**HANS VAN BAAREN, OM Europe Area Leader:** 'It is a great reminder how God has used many different books to transform people's hearts. I agree that we live in a time with many competing priorities but if we desire to give proportional attention to different demands on us, **reading books has to be part of these priorities**. Thanks for this powerful reminder!

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### **THE REVISED ROY HESSION BOOK TRUST WEBSITE**

All of the RHBT Newsletters are also now available via the news page.

If there are other ideas you have, which you would like us to include in the website, then please email us via the contact page.

See: [www.royhessionbooktrust.org](http://www.royhessionbooktrust.org)

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**If you wish to give to RHBT, then our Bank Account and Stewardship Services details are listed here:**

**CAF BANK, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ, UK.**

Sort Code: **40-52-40**

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