

Journeying with Jesus.

In all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:6

Beginning the Journey – When I was appointed President of the MWI almost two years ago I didn't know what would really be expected of me. I knew about some of the meetings that I would be attending and the aims of the movement, as I had personally been involved for a while, and was the third generation of my family to be a member. The one thing I was sure of was not to fear the unknown, but to put my trust in my all-knowing God. Some of my friends were concerned about me taking up the post as I do not drive. My answer to that was, "If the Lord wants me to go anywhere He will make a way for me." He did, as I travelled the length and breadth of the island and did three mission trips I only had one delay which was on a long haul flight. Anthony Robbins, the American author and life coach quotes, "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."

On the Journey - Life is a journey that isn't always easy. When things get tough stand fast and remember you are chosen by God and greatly loved by Him. However, as Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Life is a journey, enjoy the ride." That is exactly what I did. I enjoyed every day in office. The secret to being happy is not to dwell in the past, not to worry about the future, focus on the present. I met wonderful people, visited some places I had only ever seen on signposts, or as bus destinations. Everywhere I went I was greeted warmly and shown excellent hospitality. I had the pleasure of representing the Methodist Ladies at conferences and meetings of other denominations. The two years has been a great learning curve.

Journeying on – As I write this last piece I want to thank the General Officers of MWI, the ladies and everyone who prayed for and encouraged me each step on the journey. It has been a joy, an honour and privilege to serve you. As I hand over to Joan Strong from Glengormley I know you will welcome her, and keep her covered in prayer. I believe God has more plans for me, just as He did thirty years ago, when I was healed from what was considered terminal cancer. What a great God we have? So meanwhile it will be back to all the things that were put on the long finger for another day.

"One more step along the world I go from the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you." Daniel Shiells.

Love and blessings

Elizabeth.

June engagements to date

2nd Kilwarlin

12th - 17th Methodist Conference, Cork.

28th MWI Fundraiser Cairnshill.