

*Christian Friendship Fellowship's early years, as recorded, in various letters, by Pastor David R. Lowe, its founder, first director and, in later years, its first and only president.*

“ It has occurred to me that my original letter to the Charity Commissioners, presenting to them something of my vision for the C.F.F. ministry, contained a specific statement of my original objectives which I believe was in accordance with charity law.... In that letter, dated 27 August 1976, I made it plain that I planned to start a non-profit making, inter-denominational ministry for bringing single and otherwise unattached Christians together for mutual benefit. This charitable organisation was to help overcome ‘the problems of loneliness and isolation, with their frequent disastrous consequences’. This is still the essential basic purpose of the C.F.F. after 15 years. ”

*Letter dated 22 June 1991*

“ The C.F.F. was dedicated by me personally ten years ago to serve fellow Christians on their own, whom I knew from years of pastoral ministry, to be lonely. This awareness had been intensified by several years' service with the Samaritans, in which I discovered that loneliness was one of the major causes of depression and kindred ills.

I believe that God put into my mind the simple idea, that to bring lonely people together to enrich each others' lives was the best possible remedy to this basic problem.



*A holiday in Volosko, Yugoslavia*

I set about it in a very small way locally to try and help lonely Christians to meet with each other in a spirit of sharing and caring. As the weeks went by very gradually the circle of those involved began to grow. After a few months letters of appreciation began to come in by almost every post. As the years have come and gone the numbers have expanded at an increasing rate, first in hundreds then in thousands.

Holidays and Houseparties for Christians on their own were then introduced as a venture of faith. From the outset the warmth and bonds of love that were generated at these events by the interchange of experience and testimonies exchanged, was truly amazing in its clear benefit to those participating. Many hundreds of such events have been organised and promoted in all parts of the country.

From this development a spontaneous new progression took place through the initiative and shared vision of one