



SHEVET UK TEAM REACHES THE SUMMIT



Shevet at the Summit Team, left to right: Kath, Jane, Sam, Clive, Andy, Sally and Jake



Despite the steady rain and the swirling mist that accompanied them all the way to the top, a very delighted and relieved team of seven celebrated accomplishing their mission of reaching the top of Ben Nevis by standing around the summit marker, holding up two Shevet Achim UK balloons and smiling for the camera – and then immediately tucking into a very welcome snack lunch of soggy sandwiches, fruit and energy bars! The relief that each felt was palpable. Legs were aching, backs were stiff and clothes wet through, but the seven were jubilant! They had reached their goal : ‘Shevet at the Summit’. Each member of the team had organised their own sponsorship for the event amongst friends, family, work colleagues, neighbours and other acquaintances.

One of the team had noticed their daily Scripture reading on the morning of the climb had started with the verse from Psalm 119 ‘You are my portion, O Lord’ and included a verse from Psalm 73, ‘My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.’ How



very apt and encouraging those verses were as weary feet trod the rough path that wound its way haphazard-fashion to the top of the mountain, sometimes over boulders, sometimes over shale, sometimes in a straight line and sometimes zig-zag fashion, but always disappearing into a misty and murky elusive distance. The team was united in enthusiasm and purpose, and each member encouraged the others, especially when the sheer effort of carrying on seemed at times just a bit too much! The two youngest, Jake and Sam, were especially careful to look out for the older members of the team and their encouragement and concern was deeply appreciated and valued.

What an answer to prayer it was to successfully complete the challenge, united in purpose to raise funds for the babies and children assisted by Shevet Achim. A special moment was experienced at breakfast where five of the team were staying, when a fellow guest heard about the sponsored climb and spontaneously gave a donation. What generosity and kindness – and encouragement!

The climb to the summit took 4 ½ hours. The climb down took almost as long for some of the team; others completed it in 3 hours. The terrain is quite simply very 'challenging'!! The weather was kinder on the way down and the cloud lifted at times to reveal some stunning and beautiful views of the outstanding Scottish Highlands.



At the end of the climb when our feet were safely and firmly on a level path at the foot of the mountain, we noticed a double rainbow - a fitting reminder at the end of the day of God's promises and faithfulness.



*A very big thank you to all who generously donated towards 'Shevet at the Summit'.
Your encouragement and support are greatly appreciated by all who took part.
It spurred us on all the way to the top and back!*