

ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees for the year ending 30th September 2021

The pandemic which initially spread in the city of Wuhan, China, at the end of 2019 continues to impact the world. From the end of September 2020 and throughout 2021, despite the disruptions and curtailments caused by Covid-19, Silk Road Ministries International representatives, Rev William, and Mrs Jeanne Campbell have continued to serve and facilitate the Hope House Organization (HHO) Cambodia, and the various ministries in Myanmar. They have been in regular contact with the directors of both countries, giving them much needed council and encouragement as these local leaders and their staff have faced unprecedented difficulties, and enormous challenges.

Myanmar. On 1st February 2021, the military junta staged a coup against the democratically elected Government of Myanmar, the National League for Democracy (NLD), led by Aung San Suu Kyi and other elected leaders, who were all arrested. Ever since then, armed troops have patrolled the streets, enforced night-time curfews, and fought fierce battles with protesters. The military leaders alleged that the landslide election victory obtained in November 2020 by the NLD, was marred by fraud.

The Covid-19 pandemic did not strike Myanmar with much force until 2021, but when it did it brought many deaths to a nation totally unprepared for its devastating effects. The loss of thousands of lives, among whom have been at least 200 Chin church pastors, has left the small Christian communities vulnerable and fearful. Many churches have been left pastor-less and the congregations without the guidance and care of a pastoral leader, so essential in such dire times as these. One of the former Calvary Theological and Missions Academy (CTMA) part-time lecturers, Rev James San Thawn Thang, was among those who died. James was just 43 years of age and has left behind a widow and three children. The task of training students in the Bible colleges to replace those who have died, becomes even more imperative.

Unfortunately, the pastors have been unable to hold regular church services throughout Myanmar since the end of March 2021. However, an ongoing aspect of their pastoral ministry is visiting church members to encourage them, pray with them, and help them with their various needs. Funds have been donated to help homeless students, medical needs, urgent food requests, oxygen supplies, as well as help to members of small churches. SRM has helped with emergency relief funds whenever necessary and will continue to do so as funds are made available.

In July 2021 Ronald Cung, principal of CTMA, shared the news that his wife, Caroline, had been diagnosed with breast cancer and she was successfully operated on in August 2021. A surgeon, based at a nearby hospital performed the operation, which was an absolute miracle as many doctors were no longer working at the government hospitals. Caroline has also had the standard chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is now having her ongoing five-year course of follow-up appointments.

Cambodia. The Hope House school in Kompong Speu province, has a daily average of almost 300 students and there are more children who have registered to start at the Hope House school in 2022. The school remained open for the entire 2021 school year, under the wise leadership of Yem Sarorn, Director of the Hope House Organization (HHO).

As principal of the Hope House school, Yem Sarorn manages and oversees the necessary daily school health checks and is extremely vigilant. The teaching staff help with temperature checks, class management, social distancing and sanitisation which are of paramount importance. They manage these very effectively, efficiently, and thoroughly which has helped the school to remain open during the surge of Covid-19 cases in 2021, when most of the schools were closed.

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The work at the school, and on the farmland, is both encouraging and challenging, but occasional changes are inevitable. During the past year Channy, the farm manager, and his family moved to live in Phnom Penh to work at his brother's school. There have been several new staff appointed to work on the Hope House farm and Principal Sarorn has been training them. His reports, both verbal and written, tell of the development on the farmland and the slow but steady progress being made towards the sustainability of the work and ministries of the Hope House Organization. .

A Kubota tractor was purchased in February 2021 which was the special project promoted in 2019. The new farm manager has five years of experience in driving Kubota tractors and as soon as he was employed, he immediately went to work ploughing the land in preparation for the planting season. The tractor has been a great asset in the development of crop irrigation and cultivation.

The annual fish harvests from the two ponds on the farmland yielded over 1500 Red Nile Tilapia, enough fish to feed the Hope House school children for four months! The Hope House farm now has a goat herd of more than 50 goats which is a much more manageable number. Funds from the sale of the goats have helped towards the school budget. The chicken project is now beyond the pilot stage and the farm staff have managed to raise over 60 chickens; bird flu does occasionally lessen the numbers. The geese are doing their work effectively as security guards, raising the alarm when intruders threaten the livestock!

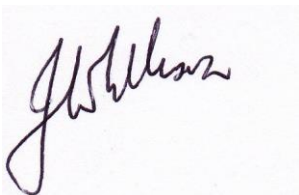
The Covid-19 restrictions issued by the Government of Cambodia resulted in the suspension of the Hope House school medical clinics. Hopefully these will recommence when restrictions are finally lifted. In the meantime, approximately 250 pounds sterling continues to be spent every month in providing medicines for the follow-up patients from previous clinics. The medical work, under the skilled leadership of Dr Tom Johnson, has saved countless lives in these remote rural communities.

On the morning of 22nd May 2021, we received the news that our dear friend and SRM trustee, Isa Salisbury, had died and was now with her Saviour. She was a founding member of SRM in 1997 and its first female trustee. She was so enthusiastic about the work and ministries in Cambodia and Myanmar.

Due to the ongoing lockdowns associated with the Covid-19 virus, the Campbells were yet again unable to undertake their annual deputation schedule in the U.K. Thankfully, as in 2020, churches and individuals sent donations directly to SRM International, St Helens, Merseyside. This has enabled SRM International to continue funding its work and ministries, as stated in this report.

I continue to serve as a trustee and as the SRM International secretary / administrator / treasurer in a voluntary capacity, from my home office in Rainhill, Merseyside.

Respectfully Submitted.



Jeffrey Ellison

Secretary / Administrator / Treasurer / SRM International Trustees

UK Trustees: Mr Paul Buchanan, Mr Jeffrey Ellison, Mrs Zeta Towers, Mrs Margaret Ellison

SILK ROAD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Statement of Accounts

Year Ended 30 September 2021

Silk Road Ministries International
Receipts & Payments Account
Year Ended 30 September 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

2021

**Total
Funds
£**

Receipts

Special Projects

Cambodia Hope House School	43,676
Myanmar Projects	14,983
Sponsorship	25,300

Other

Support	34,117
Income tax Recoverable	1,483
Bank Interest	4

Total Receipts

119,563

Expenditure

International Exec Secretary's Expenses	
-Salary & NIC	12,000
-Office Rent	12,000
-Travelling	0
-Telephone, postage & stationery	0
-Insurance	2,146

Special Projects

Cambodia Hope House School	55,109
Myanmar Projects	5,709

Other

Subscriptions	0
Telephone, postage & stationery	331
Bank Charges	219

Total Payments

87,514

Net (Payments) / Receipts

32,049

Balance brought forward

62,500

Reserves as at 30 September 2021

94,549

2020

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26,888
12,349
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Silk Road Ministries International
Statement of Assets
As at 30 September 2021

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2021

2021
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£

Cash Funds

Bank balances	
-Current Account	55,089
-Deposit Account	39,460
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Silk Road Ministries International

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Silk Road Ministries International for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Silk Road Ministries International you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Silk Road Ministries International accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of Silk Road Ministries International as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Myanmar Projects		14,983.24		14,983.24			
Sponsorship		25,300.00		25,300.00			
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Other							
Support		34,116.87		34,116.87			44p diff w/o to support
Income tax Recoverable		1,482.35		1,482.35			
Bank Interest		3.77		3.77			
Total Receipts							
Expenditure							
International Exec Secretary's Expenses				0.00			
-Salary & NIC		12,000.00		12,000.00			
-Office Rent		12,000.00		12,000.00			
-Travelling				0.00			
-Telephone, postage & stationery				0.00			
-Insurance		2,145.65		2,145.65			
Special Projects							
Cambodia Hope House School		31,709.00		31,709.00			
Myanmar Projects		29,108.70		29,108.70			
Streams in the Desert				0.00			
Other							
Subscriptions				0.00			
Telephone, postage & stationery		330.54		330.54			
Bank Charges		218.79		218.79			
-Current Account	43,042.70	12,157.21	111.00			55,088.91	
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